# TIANNENG POWER INTERNATIONAL LIMITED 天能動力國際有限公司

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# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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## **Independent Non-Executive Directors**

Mr. Huang Dongliang Mr. Zhang Yong Mr. Xiao Gang Dr. Guo Yuantao *(Appointed with effect from 29 August 2024)* 

## **Audit Committee Members**

Mr. Huang Dongliang *(Chairman)* Mr. Zhang Yong Mr. Xiao Gang

# **Remuneration Committee Members**

Mr. Xiao Gang *(Chairman)* Mr. Huang Dongliang Mr. Zhang Aogen

# **Nomination Committee Members**

Dr. Zhang Tianren *(Chairman)* Mr. Huang Dongliang Mr. Xiao Gang Dr. Guo Yuantao *(Appointed with effect from 29 August 2024)* 

# **Company Secretary**

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The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited Stock Code: 00819

# **Company's Website**

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# **Financial Highlights**

## (Amounts are expressed in thousand of RMB except per share data) Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income (Note 1)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Revenue	76,668,813	83,890,973	74,598,641	85,615,917	53,525,039
Profit/(loss) before taxation	1,892,013	2,563,485	2,738,841	1,836,942	2,949,728
Taxation	(594,106)	(727,780)	(659,163)	(285,730)	(445,153)
Profit/(loss) for the year	1,297,907	1,835,705	2,079,678	1,551,212	2,504,575
Non-controlling interests	155,502	13,869	283,293	251,260	27,654
Profit/(loss) attributable to owners					
of the Company	1,142,405	1,821,836	1,796,385	1,299,952	2,476,921
Earnings/(loss) per share (RMB/share)					
– Basic	1.01	1.62	1.60	1.15	2.20
– Diluted	1.01	1.59	1.57	1.13	2.15

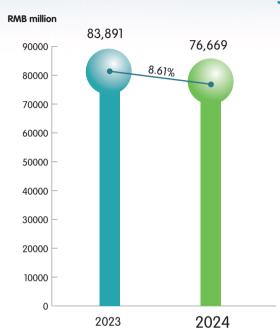
# **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (Note 2)**

	Year ended 31 December				
	<b>2024</b> 2023 2022 2021 20				
Total assets	55,280,555	46,750,952	40,135,923	32,738,944	23,200,435
Total liabilities	36,371,632	28,306,329	22,969,749	17,362,012	13,741,146
Net assets/Total equity	18,908,923	18,444,623	17,166,174	15,376,932	9,459,289

Notes:

- 1. The results for the year ended 31 December 2020 are set out on page 62 of the Annual Report 2020 of the Company. The results for the year ended 31 December 2021 are set out on page 72 of the Annual Report 2021 of the Company. The results for the year ended 31 December 2022 are set out on page 73 of the Annual Report 2022 of the Company. The results for 2023 are set out on page 73 of the 2023 Annual Report of the Company. The results for 2024 are set out on page 81 of the 2024 Annual Report of the Company. All such information is extracted from the financial statements prepared under HKFRS Accounting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- 2. The consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020 is set out on page 63 of the Annual Report 2020 of the Company. The consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021 is set out on page 73 of the Annual Report 2021 of the Company. The consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022 are set out on page 74 of the Annual Report 2022 of the Company. The consolidated statement of financial position is set out on page 74 of the 2023 Annual Report of the Company. The consolidated statement of financial position is set out on page 74 of the 2023 Annual Report of the Company. The consolidated statement of financial position is set out on page 82 of the Annual Report 2024 of the Company. All such information is extracted from the financial statements prepared under HKFRS Accounting Standards.

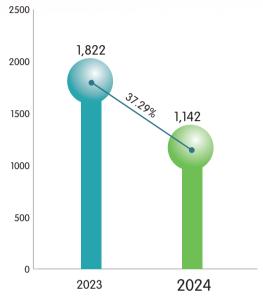
## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



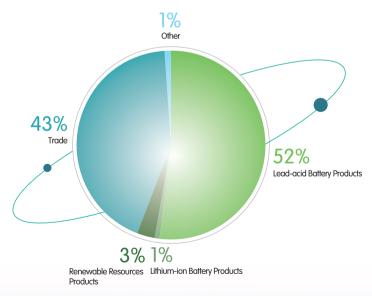
## **SALES TURNOVER**

# PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

**RMB** million



# SEGMENT TURNOVER



\* Lead-acid battery products are mainly applied in bicycle (tricycle) battery, four-wheeler battery, tubular battery, starter and start-stop batteries for automobiles, energy storage battery and standby battery.

# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



# Leading the Future with Reform and Innovation, Embarking on a New Chapter of Global Development

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the board of directors of Tianneng Power International Limited ("**Tianneng**" or the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, collectively referred to as the "**Group**"), I would like to present the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024 (the "**Year**") to all shareholders of the Company (the "**Shareholders**").

## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

In 2024, we stood together, overcoming pressure and striving forward, collectively addressing the complex and everchanging external environment and challenges. Tianneng has always adhered to the vision of "promoting recycling of resources and sustainable development to build an efficient energy system", maintaining unwavering strategic confidence. With a pragmatic and proactive attitude, we have accumulated strength amidst hardships and sought breakthroughs through reform and innovation. In the tide of change, we seized development opportunities, firmly committed to the high-quality and long-term growth of the enterprise, continuously created value for society and Shareholders, and demonstrated a robust growth momentum.

Amidst the tides of industry transformation, we seize the momentum to drive ecological renewal and reshape the landscape. Facing environmental fluctuations and market challenges, Tianneng has advanced the upgrade of its core business with steady pace, reinforcing its leading position in the lead-acid battery sector. We have explored diverse application scenarios, accelerated the implementation of energy storage projects to enhance energy management efficiency. We optimized the battery recycling and reuse system, strengthened the synergistic effects within the industrial chain to foster the healthy development of a circular economy. We ventured into cutting-edge technologies like solid-state batteries to prepare for the technological advancements in the future markets including motive battery and energy storage systems ("**ESS**"). Through technological innovation and global market expansion, we have further solidified the foundation for high-quality development, taking an important step towards our goal of building a world-class new energy enterprise.

In the pursuit of excellence, we continue to innovate, leading the way in technological breakthroughs. Tianneng is committed to driving development through technology and shaping the future through innovation, comprehensively enhancing core competitiveness. We are deeply engaged in the technological advancement of lead-acid batteries, focusing on breakthroughs in new energy battery technologies, accelerating the research and development ("**R&D**") and application progress of solid-state batteries, hydrogen fuel cells, and sodium-ion batteries to provide leading resolutions in response to evolving market demands. Through intelligent upgrades and digital empowerment, we optimise production processes, improve product performance and quality, and continue to lead industry standards. Empowered by technology for strategic upgrades, driven by innovation for future development, Tianneng is steadily advancing towards the grand goal of becoming a world-class new energy enterprise.

In the process of globalization, we accelerate our expansion, unlocking new opportunities in the market. Tianneng firmly implements a globalization strategy, expanding into new market spaces with an international perspective. The Group is accelerating the introduction of its technological advancements and product upgrades in motive lead-acid batteries, ESS and new energy technologies to the global market. By providing customized solutions that empower customer value creation, we are driving the Company towards a world-class leading brand in new energy sector. We continue to expand our overseas sales network, focusing on customer needs and deepening the development of service systems in key markets. Leveraging strategic hubs to radiate across global markets, and supported by a global operational system and an ecosystem of collaborative networks, we are comprehensively solidifying the foundation for international cooperation, thereby opening up new pathways for sustainable development.

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### Profit Attributable to Shareholders and Dividends during the Year

For the year ended 31 December 2024, the Company's consolidated turnover was approximately RMB76,669 million, representing a decrease of approximately 8.61% as compared to that of the previous year. Profit attributable to owners of the Company was approximately RMB1,142 million, representing a decrease of approximately 37.29% as compared to that of the previous year. Basic earnings per share were approximately RMB1.01. The Company proposed to declare a cash dividend of HK17 cents per ordinary share (the "**Share(s)**") held by its Shareholders. The proposal shall be subject to consideration and approval by Shareholders at the annual general meeting to be held on 16 May 2025.

Navigating through turbulent waves with composure and advancing forward undeterred by wind and rain, Tianneng looks ahead to 2025. Facing the new circumstances, we will leverage technological innovation as the core driving force, continuously strengthening the advantages of our main industries. We will promote breakthroughs in key aspects of technology and industry upgrades, further solidifying our leading position in the new energy sector. Facing new development opportunities, we will actively explore new scenarios, investigate innovative business models, and drive the comprehensive development of circular economy, and new energy battery businesses etc., laying a solid foundation for building a diversified growth framework for the future. We will collaborate with partners across the global industrial chain, integrate high-quality international resources, and accelerate our overseas market deployment. Guided by the principles of open cooperation and mutual development, we aim to build the Tianneng brand into a globally competitive force. At the same time, we will be committed to providing our partners with a broader development platform, unleashing team potential and collaboratively creating a shared, win-win corporate ecosystem.

#### **Appreciation**

At the beginning of the new year, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude, on behalf of the Group to our customers, business partners, investors, and Shareholders who have consistently supported us. Your trust and support have been the driving force behind our continuous progress. At the same time, we also sincerely appreciate all employees for their diligence and selfless contribution; it is their steadfastness and efforts that have propelled each achievement the Group has made over the past year. Looking forward, we will advance with even more resolute conviction and an uplifting spirit, striving towards a new journey of sustainable and high-quality development, continuously creating deeper value for society and yielding more substantial returns for Shareholders.

## **Zhang Tianren**

Chairman Hong Kong , 27 March 2025

## **COMPANY PROFILE**

Tianneng Power International Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, collectively referred to as the "**Group**" or "**Tianneng**"), founded in 1986, is a leading company in the new energy battery industry and light electric vehicle battery industry in the People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**" or "**China**"). In 2007, the Company was listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**") (Stock Code: 00819.HK). With nearly 40 years of development, the Group currently focuses on lead-acid batteries as its core business, specifically catering to motive batteries for light electric vehicle market and expanding its application in different fields such as starter and start-stop systems for automobiles and uninterruptible power supply ("**UPS**") for communication bases. The Group is also committed to conducting research and development ("**R&D**"), production and sales of lithium-ion ("**Li-ion**") batteries, hydrogen fuel cells, sodium-ion batteries and solid-state batteries to encompass the application fields of special industrial vehicles and energy storage systems ("**ESS**") through a diverse range of battery technology products. Meanwhile, the Group reinforces the circular economy by focusing on its core business. By implementing a dual-track system for lead recycling and lithium recycling, it ensures the efficient reuse of resources, thereby establishing a new energy industry ecological matrix.



## **OPERATION REVIEW**

For the reporting period ended 31 December 2024 (the "**Reporting Period**"), the Group, with its core value of "Innovation for Change", actively implemented strategies of "industry, technology and capital" against the backdrop of the global energy transformation and shifting market dynamics. It persistently cultivates its traditional strengths while expediting the progress of new energy and green development, thereby fostering the steady development of its various businesses. In response to the changes in the global economy and challenges brought about by the external environment, Tianneng has demonstrated robust resilience and adaptability by solidifying its core business, intensifying innovation endeavors, and improving operational efficiency. During the year, the Group further capitalized on its expertise in the lead-acid battery lifecycle industry chain to continue to develop the market for electric light vehicles, ESS for telecommunications, UPS, and automotive starter and start-stop batteries, while broadening the utilization of Li-ion batteries in industrial and commercial energy storage and special industrial vehicles. Through the integration of the multiple technologies of "lead, lithium, hydrogen, and sodium", the Group aims to accelerate cross-system innovation and closed-loop construction of the battery recycling industry, as well as hasten the expansion into international markets, thereby accelerating the construction of a low-carbon and recycling development business system.

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During the Reporting Period, the Group continued to strengthen the integration and optimization of the entire life cycle industry chain of lead-acid batteries, with the deep integration of all aspects including R&D, production, and recycling, to ensure the continuous improvement of product quality and enhancement of market competitiveness. In the face of uncertainties stemming from fluctuating raw material prices and policy adjustments, the Group actively adapted to evolving market demands and promptly adjusted the direction of technological R&D. The Group has not only completed the comprehensive upgrading of multiple champion-level lead-acid battery products but also launched a series of new motive batteries. By aligning technological innovations with current trends, the Group has boosted the market adaptability of its products and further expanded the range of applications within its business, thereby reinforcing its competitive advantages across diverse markets.



At the same time, the Group has proactively explored diversified markets for battery products employing various technologies. The Group has continued to lead the advancement of lead-carbon battery technology and optimised key technologies of Li-ion batteries. By merging technological innovation, product diversification and scenario-based solutions, the Group also explored the application of battery products in fields such as UPS for communication bases and special industrial vehicles. Moreover, we have expedited R&D and production of hydrogen fuel cells, sodium-ion batteries, solid-state batteries and other technologies, achieving significant breakthroughs in several aspects. We have promoted a range of energy storage projects for production and grid connection, and successfully delivered China's first "Network-Source-Storage-Vehicle" synergistic energy supply and storage system. The Group has introduced several innovative products into the market, including the battery management system and liquid-cooled ESS, thereby expanding its endeavors in energy storage technology. With the successful delivery of multiple projects, the Group's new energy battery sector has gained valuable experience in technology integration and diverse applications, laying a solid foundation for future projects' development.

As a prominent enterprise in the recycling industry, the Group is dedicated to ensuring the harmless disposal of waste batteries by standardizing the recycling procedures and enhancing environmental standards. This year, we have ramped up the development of recycling and disposal capacity for waste batteries, increasing the annual disposal capacity of lead-acid batteries to approximately 1.2 million tonnes and the annual disposal capacity of Li-ion batteries to more than 70,000 tonnes. The recycling and disposal technology of waste batteries has been further upgraded and widely used in new production lines, which provides a solid foundation for the green development of lead-acid and Li-ion batteries. In the field of lead-acid battery recycling, the Group has innovated in the use of mixed materials to replace conventional iron oxide scale, leading to a substantial boost in production capacity and reduced costs. Technological enhancements have further improved the synergy between lead-acid battery recycling and production, improving resource utilization efficiency. In terms of Li-ion battery recycling, the Group has implemented innovative technology in each disposal process within the new production lines. The Group builds a complete technical system of performance testing of retired Li-ion batteries, crushing and sorting, pyrolysis enrichment of cathode materials, deep reduction, efficient separation and high-value utilization for material, which has greatly enhanced the recycling rate. The Group attaches great importance to the social responsibility of battery recycling. Driven by policy support and technological progress, we will further strengthen our influence on sustainable development and environmental protection in the future.

In 2024, the Group accelerated its globalization strategy, streamlined the organizational structure by merging the international business division, and achieved market breakthroughs by key project construction and stepping into the international market. These efforts have accumulated rich experience for future rapid growth and global development. During the Reporting Period, the Group has achieved notable advancements in its business expansion within key markets such as Vietnam, Indonesia and Cambodia. With the launch of the first batch of batteries from the Vietnamese factory, the opening of the representative office in Indonesia and the unveiling of the brand culture hall in Cambodia, Tianneng has further strengthened its presence in the Southeast Asian market. Given the swiftly growing overseas demand for light electric vehicles, the Group's overseas business holds immense potential for growth. We will continue to strengthen cooperation with the upstream and downstream of the local industrial chain counterparts, improve product market adaptability and technological innovation, refine production and supply chain management, and actively establish a global distribution and after-sales service network to better facilitate the realization of our globalization strategy.



## INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION

During the Reporting Period, the Group's manufacturing business contributed revenue of approximately RMB43,559 million. The industry development and operating conditions for each main business are as follows:

### (1) High-end eco-friendly batteries

High-end eco-friendly batteries are a series of sealed maintenance-free lead-acid battery products created by the Group relying on its R&D and technology innovations, which are widely used in light electric vehicle, lead-carbon for ESS, special industrial vehicle, starter and start-stop system for automobiles and UPS for communication bases. During the Reporting Period, the high-end eco-friendly batteries business of the Group recorded an operating income of approximately RMB39,854 million.

## Motive lead-acid batteries

As one of the core products of the Group, the motive lead-acid batteries are widely used in the field of light electric vehicles (such as two-wheeled electric vehicles and three-wheeled electric vehicles) and are the business segment contributing the most revenue and profit. During the Reporting Period, the Group's motive lead-acid battery business has recorded an operating income of approximately RMB37,181 million.

Lead-acid batteries have the advantages of low cost and stable performance. Lead-acid batteries, serving as the primary power source for light electric vehicles, are experiencing a steady rise in demand that aligns with the evolving market dynamics of light electric vehicles in China. On 24 August 2024, 5 departments, including the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC, issued the "Implementation Plan for Promoting the Trade-ins of Electric Bicycles" (推動電動 自行車以舊換新實施方案), offering subsidies to electric bicycles for trade-ins, and suggested increasing subsidies for consumers who return old electric bicycles equipped with Li-ion batteries and purchase electric bicycles with lead batteries. In January 2025, 5 departments, including the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the PRC, unveiled the newly revised "Safety Technical Specification for Electric Bicycle" (電動自行車安全技術規範), relaxing the vehicle weight limit of lead-acid battery models from 55kg to 63kg. A series of preferential subsidy policies and industry norms and standards introduced by the government have created a more favorable environment for the development of lead-acid battery businesses.



During the Reporting Period, the Group focused on technological innovation as the driving force and structural optimization as the central theme. By aligning efforts across the three aspects of production, products and market, the Group made excellent progress, solidifying the foundation for high-quality development of the lead-acid battery business. In terms of production, the Group fully executed the objectives of "optimal planning, optimal structure, optimal inventory, and overall assurance." By advancing smart manufacturing technologies across the entire base and implementing technological transformation for equipment, the production efficiency and supply warranty capacity have been steadily improved, the cost control has been continuously reinforced, the potential for cost reduction has been deeply explored, and the cost competitiveness of products has been significantly strengthened. During the Reporting Period, the Group proactively promoted smart manufacturing and green factory construction. The "Smart Manufacturing Plan Management System in the Lead Industry" (鉛產業智能製造計劃管理 系統) independently developed by the Group has received recognition from the China National Intellectual Property Administration. This acknowledgment underscores Tianneng's technological strength and innovative ability in the field of smart manufacturing. Furthermore, by leveraging 5G technology, the Internet of Things and AI applications, the Group has successfully achieved the digital transformation of its production lines and management systems. Puyang Factory, Tianneng's first 5G factory, has taken the lead in achieving intelligent production and green standardisation, which has significantly improved the production efficiency, capacity and quality of the whole factory.

As for products, the Group aims at "maintaining the stability of conventional products, ensuring that product upgrades are both stable and speedy, and that products derived from scientific research are both standard and excellent." The Group has fully utilised the synergy of its R&D team to further enhance the performance of its products, resulting in a significant increase in the cycle life and low-temperature performance of the batteries, thus ensuring the continued competitiveness of its products. During the Reporting Period, newly released lead-acid batteries for motorcycles, such as the Crown Series and high-end motive lead-acid battery, such as the True Black Gold Series, achieved new sales breakthroughs. The Cloud Power Series batteries, which utilizes high-specific-capacity composite materials, has commenced large-scale deliveries. The Group has collaborated with motorcycle companies to develop high-performance motorcycles. These products feature the Group's nano-lead carbon motive batteries, which leverage high-density cluster technology and are designed with a matrix cluster structure, demonstrating exceptional performance in power, range and charging rate.



In the market segment, the Group has successfully achieved full integration of traditional channels with Tab Mobility (泰博出行), online marketing and digital marketing. With an extensive offline sales network comprising over 3,000 distributors spanning more than 400,000 end-user stores in China, we have advanced the integration of new models and innovations, empowered marketing efforts by digital strategies, and provided enhanced support to partners through refined operations and management practices. It has achieved efficient coordination of "people, goods, market and services," and improved the competitiveness of the channel. During the Reporting Period, the Group facilitated the promotion of its digital marketing model, upgraded the Tianneng Innovation Cloud Business Model, and built tens of new online and offline integrated service experience centres, which improved channel quality and further enhanced its competitiveness. At the same time, the product structure has been further optimized with a significant improvement in operating quality.

As the global trend of green transportation becomes more pronounced, a wide market for light electric vehicles is emerging in international markets. In response to the rising overseas demand for new energy solutions, the Group has proactively advanced its international strategy to broaden its presence in overseas markets. During the Reporting Period, Tianneng's overseas revenue increased significantly across business segments such as motive batteries, UPS and ESS. The Group has been gradually localising its production and sales operation in Vietnam, with the first assembly factory put into operation. The self-built production base project, boasting an annual production capacity of 2.5GWh, has smoothly transitioned into the construction phase. Tianneng's international R&D team has made remarkable achievements in product localization by launching lead-acid battery products tailored for hightemperature regions such as Southeast Asia, which has extended the overall lifespan, effectively compensating for the localization efforts in lead-acid battery products. Taking the base in Vietnam as its starting point, the Group has aradually upgraded from "selling out" to "going out", including new offices established in various countries across Southeast Asia, Europe, the Americas, and other regions; active participation in international exhibitions such as Future Mobility Asia and the 2024 Saudi Solar & Storage Exhibition; and the successful entering of contracts with tens of Tianneng brand overseas collaborators. As a green planet and a zero-carbon future require enhanced global collaboration of higher quality, the Group will expedite its in-depth penetration into the global market to achieve enhanced development within a new pattern of mutually beneficial cooperation.



#### Lead-carbon ESS batteries

Lead-carbon batteries have become an essential player in electrochemical energy storage. They possess distinct advantages regarding safety, production and recycling processes, and cycle life. Their application prospects are broad in the scenarios that requires the highest standards of safety, such as big data centres, new energy power stations and communication bases. During the Reporting Period, the lead-carbon ESS battery business of the Group recorded an operating income of approximately RMB218 million.

The Group's high-performance lead-carbon batteries excel in the field of new energy and energy conservation, showcasing remarkable technical advantages. Lead-carbon battery products are safe, reliable, non-flammable and adaptable to a variety of complex applications, ensuring exceptional quality assurance. Features a modular integrated design, liquid-cooled stacking battery packs, and a station-type layout with a flexible external connection for easy installation and maintenance to meet diverse needs. Furthermore, the battery system incorporates a high-performance integrated design with flexible and adjustable configurations, making it well-suited for a wide range of applications. Adhering to the green and low-carbon concept, Tianneng's lead-carbon batteries are recyclable in terms of cathode and anode materials and electrolyte. Its mature technology facilitates the development of a circular economy and realises the benefits of environmental protection throughout the whole lifecycle. These advantages underscore the outstanding performance of the Group's lead-carbon batteries in terms of safety, flexibility, environmental sustainability and reliability, delivering qualified energy storage solutions to industry.

During the Reporting Period, the Group launched the OPzV-1000 valve regulated gel solid-state lead-carbon battery, which can be widely used in power plants, nuclear power plants, communication bases, railway transport and new energy ESS to meet the needs of DC power supply for multiple situations. The gel electrolyte design of the products offers excellent high-temperature performance and deep discharge recovery capabilities, effectively addressing the common difficulties such as "low energy efficiency, short lifespan, and long charging time." It exceeds the expected requirements of "high energy efficiency, prolonged energy storage, and maintenance-free" for energy storage power stations, enabling customers to access safe, steady, and efficient power solutions. For downstream applications, the lead-carbon energy storage battery management system ("BMS") and energy management system ("EMS") independently developed by Tianneng were successfully applied, leading to substantial enhancements in production efficiency and cost control capabilities at the production bases. Tianneng has consistently been dedicated to upstream and downstream collaborative innovation in the industrial chain, aiming to achieve a revolutionary advancement in lead-carbon battery technology. It promotes diversified and sustainable development in energy storage while offering new solutions for energy storage. The Group will fully leverage the technical advantages and application value of lead-carbon batteries in the field of energy storage. Through a digital intelligent control system, it will integrate various elements such as distributed energy, user-side energy storage, and adjustable loads to enhance local electricity supply reliability and improve grid flexibility and regulation capabilities.

#### Other high-end eco-friendly batteries

Due to their excellent characteristics, lead-acid batteries are also widely applied in other fields, including the starter and start-stop system for automobiles and UPS for data centres and telecommunication bases. During the Reporting Period, other high-end eco-friendly battery business of the Group recorded an operating income of approximately RMB2,455 million.

In the field of automotive batteries, Tianneng focuses on R&D of new technologies, application of new materials and development of new products. The Group has successfully created EFB+ new energy auxiliary batteries, tailored for mainstream new energy vehicles in the market. The Group has independently developed marine batteries, which have filled the gap in the field of ship's starter batteries and expanded the scope of automotive battery applications. During the Reporting Period, the air conditioning battery was launched successfully. Its performance was upgraded iteratively, and its reserve capacity and low-temperature discharge capacity surpassed the market average, which attracted extensive attention from downstream customers. With years of technological accumulation and ongoing investments in R&D, Tianneng has garnered market recognition for its absorbent glass mat ("AGM") batteries, known for their high starting current, deep cycle capabilities, and extended service life. During the Reporting Period, Tianneng's automative battery division acquired over 100 new distributors in the secondary market, demonstrating the continuous improvement of its product competitiveness. In terms of the primary market, Tianneng has established a close cooperative relationship with Lincoln Motor Sales Service (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., successfully installed auxiliary automative battery in 2024, and paving the way for new development opportunities within the Group's automotive battery business.

In the field of special industrial vehicles motive batteries, the Group has completed the development of a gel maintenance-free tubular battery for high-altitude working platforms, thus expanding the product mix in the field of industrial batteries; developed explosion-proof forklift truck batteries suitable for use in explosive gas and dust environments, securing professional certificates for explosion-proof successfully; completed the development of special lead-acid batteries for coal mines, passing the safety labelling review and achieved product performance that is comparable to international standards. These advancements have significantly enhanced the competitiveness of industrial and special vehicle batteries in terms of technology and products.



#### (2) New energy batteries

The Group's new energy batteries businesses are mainly R&D, production and sales of next-generation battery products such as Li-ion batteries, hydrogen fuel cells, sodium-ion batteries and solid-state batteries.

#### **Li-ion batteries**

During the Reporting Period, the Group's Li-ion batteries businesses recorded an operating income of approximately RMB478 million. The Group primarily applies its Li-ion batteries in the ESS sector and motive battery sector. The ESS sector mainly takes the product supply, project design and construction for ESS battery cells as development direction, which possesses EPC general contracting and service delivery capabilities. Within the ESS application fields including power side, grid side, and user side, the Group offers system solutions for various technologies. The motive battery sector mainly focuses on application scenarios such as light electric vehicles, low-speed electric vehicles and special industrial vehicles, providing diversified energy solutions to downstream partners.

During the Reporting Period, for the ESS sector, the Group released multiple ESS series products and intelligent ESS. Its wide temperature adaptability, safety, and recycling times have been significantly enhanced, allowing the new system to unleash greater value and providing stable and reliable power support for various application scenarios. In terms of technological R&D, preparations for the mass production of the Group's self-developed energy storage BMS have been completed and are scheduled to be put into production lines in 2025 to serve as supplies for the ESS cabinets and large ESS systems. Meanwhile, the prototype of the first low-speed motive battery BMS protection board independently developed by Tianneng has finished development, and mass production is expected to be achieved in 2025. The introduction of such innovative technologies will fully empower the ESS sector and low-speed motive battery business, enhance the competitive edges of its products and lay a solid foundation for the Company's high-quality development in the future.



For market expansion, the Group actively promoted the entering of strategic cooperation framework agreements with several well-known institutions of ESS construction in the country. These agreements cover various aspects including the supply of ESS cells and system integration, independent ESS power stations as well as wind and solar power station projects. By deepening a comprehensive, multi-level cooperation, the Group strives to jointly promote the implementation of ESS projects and assist the new ESS industries to speed up development and technological innovation. During the Reporting Period, Tianneng officially commenced the 37.5MW/100.5MWh Li-ion battery ESS power station project located in the He County, Anhui Province. The project primarily serves the purpose of peak load shifting, electricity storage and power management, creating Tianneng's first self-developed 100MW lithium battery user-side ESS project.

In the field of low-speed motive lithium batteries, the Group achieved breakthroughs from its continuous technological innovation and strategic upgrade. During the Reporting Period, Tianneng launched several strategicgraded new product matrices, all of which are equipped with the independently developed low-speed vehicle-grade LFP high-energy safety lithium-ion technology, prominently extending the normal cycle life. This product is applicable in scenarios such as three-wheeled electric vehicles, low-speed vehicles, forklifts and construction machinery vehicles, and empowers the increment of user value through the dual-wheeled drive model of "technology+service". Moreover, the Group introduced innovative service standards which combine brand, channel and service into a three-in-one guarantee system, aiming to build an ecosystem for our nationwide partners to develop in the long run.

During the Reporting Period, two solid-state battery cells products successfully designed and prepared by the Group have passed the safety performance tests such as penetration and overcharging, and their performance is at an industry-leading level. This battery has advantages like long lifespan, fast charging speed and high safety, and can be used in high-speed electric motorcycles and low-altitude aircraft. This year, the Group launched solid-state battery products suitable for high-performance electric motorcycles, which utilize a self-developed solidification technology and combine various types of composite anode and cathode materials for the batteries to achieve high energy density and stable circulation. In addition, the Group is actively advancing the commercialization of solid-state battery applications in emerging fields such as inorganic machines and robotics through customised solutions and collaborative development models to achieve order breakthroughs.



#### Hydrogen fuel cells

On 18 March 2024, the "Guiding Opinions on Energy Work in 2024" (2024年能源工作指導意見) issued by the National Energy Administration emphasized the need to formulate policies to foster the high quality development of hydrogen energy industry, promote technological innovation and industry growth, launch pilot demonstrations of hydrogen energy, focus on the development of renewable energy for hydrogen production and broaden application scenarios. On 8 November 2024, the Energy Law of the PRC (中華人民共和國能源法) incorporated hydrogen energy into the energy management system for the first time. This not only further promotes the transformation and upgrade of the energy industry, but also places a strong foundation for the future development of hydrogen energy.

The Group actively responded to the national call and dedicated itself to establish closed-loop application scenarios of the hydrogen energy industry and accelerate the realization of the "Dual Carbon" targets. Tianneng has mastered key technologies such as system, stacks, bipolar plates, membrane electrodes and key materials, and introduced new innovations in technology R&D. Throughout the year, the Group applied for 50 patents, including 30 patents for inventions and participated in the formulation of 7 industry standards, achieving prominent technological results. Membrane electrode products have been successfully applied to scenarios such as construction machinery and power stations, marking a significant step towards the industrialization of core components following system products. Two self-developed hydrogen fuel battery systems and one graphite plate stack are ready for vehicle installation. In this year, the Group's hydrogen fuel battery system was successfully delivered to the city bus and loader clients in Changxing County, Zhejiang Province and Shuyang City, Jiangsu Province and other places, making a positive contribution to local zero-carbon transportation and urban carbon reduction.

Tianneng attained significant results in terms of technological R&D and market application in the hydrogen energy field. During the Reporting Period, Tianneng's hydrogen fuel cells received the "National Work Safety Standardization Certificate Level 3 Certification" and "IATF16949 Quality Management Certificate". Owing to its groundbreaking achievements in the hydrogen energy field, Tianneng was awarded the "Annual Best Innovation Project Award for Achieving Dual-Carbon Goals" (踐行雙碳目標年度最佳創新項目獎) at the China Energy Development and Innovation Forum. Also, the Group's hydrogen fuel cell system was shortlisted into the Zhejiang Province Outstanding Industrial New Products (New Technology) List 2024" (浙江省優秀工業新產品(新技術)名單) and nominated for the "Zhejiang Province Science and Technology Award" (浙江省科學技術獎).



#### **Sodium-ion batteries**

As an emerging battery technology, sodium-ion batteries are still at an improvement stage in terms of development and application verification. However, the advantages of low-temperature performance and fast charging capacity provided by their characteristics, combined with resource advantages like abundant sodium reserve and low cost, have made these batteries an essential cornerstone for stabilizing battery supply and with significant market potential. In November 2024, the "Action Plan for the High-Quality Development of New Energy Storage Manufacturing Industry (Draft for Opinion)" (新型儲能製造業高品質發展行動方案(徵求意見稿)) issued by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China proposed to continuously enhance the supply capacity of high-safety, high-reliability, high-efficiency, long-life and economically feasible new ESS products, and to promote engineering and application technology research of sodium batteries and flow batteries, thereby pointing the direction for the high quality development of the sodium-ion battery industry. Tianneng has demonstrated technological innovations and industrial breakthroughs in the field of sodium-ion batteries. By targeting the small power and ESS sectors, the Group successfully developed a high-performance layered sodium oxide soft pack battery. Furthermore, Tianneng also successfully launched the first generation of polyanionic sodium ESS cells with high energy density and a laboratory-tested cycle life of more than 10,000 times, enriching Tianneng's product reserve in the ESS sector and providing the market with new options.

Tianneng's sodium-ion batteries have demonstrated significant results in terms of brand promotion and main business empowerment. The "High Safety, Low-Cost Sodium-ion ESS Battery R&D" (「高安全、低成本鈉離子儲能電池研發」) project was successfully selected for the 2025 "Vanguard" (「尖兵」) technology research initiative of Zhejiang Province, which creates a strong basis for the Company's sodium-ion batteries to have competitive advantages in ESS scenarios in the future. The sodium battery technology team of Tianneng delivered their report on the China International Battery Fair (CIBF) and various industry summits and showcased the cutting-edge progress and new product achievements of Tianneng's sodium batteries. The team also assisted in the product launch of Tenna (天鈉) T2 (motive battery for two-wheeled vehicle) and Sodium Storage (鈉儲) No. 1 (NFPP polyanionic sodium ESS battery cell) and received multiple honors, thereby greatly enhancing the market value of the brand.



#### (3) Recycling industry

The Group focuses on the battery industry and is committed to building a battery recycling closed-loop industry chain integrating production, recycling, smelting and reproduction. Two recycling economy ecosystems of lead-acid batteries and Li-ion batteries have been deployed so as to implement the extended producer responsibility system.

#### **Recycling lead-acid batteries**

As one of the world's largest lead-acid battery manufacturers and lead recycling companies, the Group is the first to implement full life cycle management of batteries in the industry. During the Reporting Period, the Group's lead-acid battery recycling business recorded an external operating income of RMB2,148 million.

The Group has accumulated over 15 years of experience in the lead-acid battery recycling sector and obtained qualifications of recycling pilots in 15 provinces across China. It has set up battery recycling pilot companies in multiple provinces and cities. Using the nationwide marketing network, the Group has constructed a recycling network for waste batteries and established a standardised and effective recycling system. Tianneng constructed four green circular economy industrial parks in Zhejiang, Anhui, Jiangsu, and Henan Province, with the annual capacity of disposing of 1.2 million tonnes of waste lead-acid batteries and a recycling rate of more than 99% for all materials.

Tianneng achieved multiple innovations in the recycling, disposal and technology of lead-acid battery. It established a collaboration platform for lead resources that effectively connects the three major sectors of recycling, disposal and trade, injecting strong momentum to every sector of the lead-acid battery recycling business. In terms of recycling, the Group established an innovative recycling model in the operation centers across the country, which improved recycling capabilities, expanded the coverage of its recycling channels and improved the transparency and efficiency of the recycling process through a digital management system. In terms of disposal, the Group set up operations and management centers and utilize technological means such as big data analysis to integrate internal resources and optimize management capability and cost control, thereby increasing production quality and production efficiency. In terms of technology, Tianneng has achieved a significant increase in production and reduction in costs of the side-blown furnace with innovative materials. Furthermore, the pioneered refining lead and tellurium removal technology has effectively promoted the R&D of high-performance lead-based alloy.

During the Reporting Period, the Group's waste lead-acid battery recycling project undertaken by the circular economy industrial park in Changxing County, Huzhou City, Zhejiang Province, received the honorary title of the first "National Circular Economy Standardization Demonstration Project" (國家循環經濟標準化示範項目) in Zhejiang Province. This project, by transforming a typical model into a national standard, has provided guidance for industry promotion and development. Moreover, the Economy and Information Technology Department of Zhejiang Province issued a "Notice on Publishing the List of Upstream and Downstream Joint Ventures across the Industrial Chain in Zhejiang Province" (關於公佈浙江省產業鏈上下游企業共同體名單的通知) during the Reporting Period, in which a joint venture in respect of the motive resource recycling led by Zhejiang Tianneng Power Supply Material Co., Ltd. (浙江天能電源材料有限公司), a subsidiary of the Group, has been successfully selected.



### **Recycling Li-ion batteries**

The Group's Li-ion battery recycling business is mainly from motive batteries, consumer batteries and ESS batteries. The main outputs are cobalt sulfate, nickel sulfate, manganese sulfate and lithium carbonate. During the Reporting Period, the Group's Li-ion battery recycling business recorded an operating income of approximately RMB573 million.

In February 2024, General Office of the State Council of China issued the "Opinions on Accelerating the Construction of a Waste Recycling System" (關於加快構建廢棄物循環利用體系的意見), which promotes technological innovation in the industry and standardized development of the market by improving the standard system and strengthening supervision. In March 2024, the National Development and Reform Commission issued the "Measures for the Specialized Management of Investments in Energy Saving and Carbon Reduction within the Central Budget" (節能降碳中央預算內投資專項管理辦法), which instructed the governments at all levels to provide support to the circular economy of the new energy Li-ion battery recycling sector. As one of the leading enterprises in the Li-ion battery recycling business, Tianneng possesses advanced technologies and a sophisticated management system. Adhering to China's development concept of energy conservation and carbon reduction, Tianneng contributes itself to the development of China's circular economy.

During the Reporting Period, the Group achieved major breakthroughs in the sector of technology. The Group constructed a complete technical system for capacity testing, crushing and sorting, pyrolysis enrichment of cathode materials, deep reduction, effective separation and high-value utilization for material. Such technical system greatly boosted the recycling rate of high-value metals, making the recycling rate of cobalt, nickel, and manganese reach over 98.5%. The Group's new production capacity located in Binhai County, Jiangsu Province, has applied innovative technologies in various technical aspects, including intelligent sorting technology for safe disassembly without discharge, directional pyrolysis for disassembled materials, co-processing technology for Ternary Lithium Battery ("**NCM**") & Lithium Iron Phosphate ("**LFP**") and cryogenic lithium extraction technology. Among them, the "Key Technology and Application for High-Value Recycling and Clean Utilization of Retired NCM Batteries" (退役三元動力 電池高值化循環清潔利用關鍵技術及應用) was awarded the third prize of Science and Technology Progress Award of Zhejiang Province.

The Group has developed the capacity to dispose and recycle more than 70,000 tonnes of waste Li-ion batteries annually. During the Reporting Period, construction of the 60,000-ton of NCM Li-ion batteries annual disposal capacity in the base located in Binhai County, Jiangsu Province has been completed and gradually put into production. Meanwhile, the Group has also built an annual disposal capacity of 3,000 tonnes for waste LFP batteries at the base in Binhai County, which can produce battery-grade lithium carbonate and iron phosphate. The experimental results of the hydrometallurgy method for lithium iron phosphate have demonstrated reliable recovery rates and stability. The new production lines fully utilize intelligent control, the stability of manufacturing equipment are continuously improving, resulting in a significant increase in production capacity.

In terms of recycling, the Group created a closed-loop ecology that encompasses battery manufacturing, sales, recycling, echelon utilization, and reuse, creating a three-dimensional Li-ion battery recycling network which is covered across China, and achieving large-scale systematic operations through the in-depth network channels in various regions. At present, the Group has signed cooperation agreements with multiple new energy vehicle enterprises for the targeted recycling of retired batteries and formed strategic cooperations with dozens of vehicle dismantling plants, 4S store clusters and insurance companies to lock in the residual value of batteries in advance and promote the echelon utilization and recycling of batteries.



# Outlook

Looking forward, the Group will continue to uphold the philosophy of innovation driven and sustainable development and strive to become a global leading green energy enterprise. We will focus our efforts on promoting technological innovations and industrial upgrade, actively exploring the applications of new technologies, accelerating the construction of an intelligent energy ecosystem and improving the closed-loop green industrial system for the entire life cycle of "lead and lithium", so as to contribute to achieve the global "Dual Carbon" goals.

In terms of technological innovation, Tianneng will concentrate on the breakthroughs and applications of new energy technologies. In the future, Tianneng will deepen technological research on the sectors of lead-acid batteries, Li-ion batteries, hydrogen fuel cells, sodium-ion batteries, solid-state batteries, increase battery performance and reduce production cost. Meanwhile, Tianneng will actively promote upgrades in battery recycling technology to achieve efficient reuse of resources and create a complete closed loop of the battery industry.

In terms of manufacturing, Tianneng will continue to implement green and intelligent manufacturing, increase production efficiency and reduce carbon emissions. By promoting the construction of intelligent factories and digital management system, Tianneng will achieve data monitoring and optimization of the entire manufacturing process and create a green, efficient and sustainable manufacturing model. At the same time, Tianneng will deeply engage in the construction of new energy industrial zones to promote the development of a green economy and achieve the unity of economic, social and environmental benefits.

In terms of market expansion, Tianneng will actively expand into domestic and foreign markets, and enhance brand recognition. In the future, Tianneng will deepen strategic cooperations with reputable domestic and foreign enterprises to create mutual benefits in the market. Also, Tianneng will further strengthen its international layout to enhance the Company's international competitiveness.

In the face of new challenges and opportunities, the Group will move towards a new stage of globalization and highquality development at a firm pace. We will focus on technological innovation and industrial upgrade, deeply exploring the potential of our main business. Simultaneously, we will actively expand new scenarios and markets. It is our firm belief that Tianneng will maintain a leading position in the fiercely competitive industry environment. In the meantime, the Group will continue to optimize its operation model and resources allocation to scale up operating efficiency and profitability in general. We are determined to create sustainable long-term value through stable business growth and strategic implementation and achieve steady growth in shareholders' returns.

# **Management Analysis**

## **Gross profit**

The Group's gross profit decreased by approximately 17.64% to approximately RMB4,912 million in 2024 from approximately RMB5,965 million in 2023, mainly due to the decrease in gross profit of the Lead-acid and Li-ion battery business. The overall gross profit margin decreased by 0.70 percentage points to 6.41% in 2024 from 7.11% in 2023. Among them, the gross profit margin of the manufacturing business was 11.33% in 2024, representing a decrease of 1.42 percentage points as compared to 2023.

## Other income

Other income of the Group increased by approximately 10.73% from approximately RMB1,897 million in 2023 to approximately RMB2,101 million in 2024. The increase was mainly attributable to the increase in government grants. Government grants increased from approximately RMB1,219 million in 2023 to approximately RMB1,476 million in 2024. The increase was mainly attributable to the extra deduction of VAT input and increase in tax refunds received. Interest income decreased from approximately RMB568 million in 2023 to approximately RMB485 million in 2024. The decrease was mainly attributable to the decrease in interest rate of deposit.

## Distribution and selling expenses

Distribution and selling expenses of the Group decreased by approximately 9.19% from approximately RMB1,424 million in 2023 to approximately RMB1,293 million in 2024. The decrease in selling and distribution costs was mainly due to the decrease in transportation fees and staff remuneration.

## Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses decreased by approximately 6.33% from approximately RMB1,357 million in 2023 to approximately RMB1,271 million in 2024. Such decrease was mainly due to the decrease in staff remuneration and office expenses.

## Finance costs

Finance costs increased by approximately 13.20% from approximately RMB483 million in 2023 to approximately RMB547 million in 2024, which was mainly due to the increase in loan size during the Reporting Period.

#### **Taxation**

Income tax charges of the Group decreased by approximately 18.37% from approximately RMB728 million in 2023 to approximately RMB594 million in 2024, which was mainly due to the decrease in taxable profit during the Reporting Period.

## **Liquidity and Financial Resources**

The net cash from operating activities for the Reporting Period was approximately RMB549 million (2023: approximately RMB2,330 million). The decrease was mainly attributable to increase in inventories of the Group.

As at 31 December 2024, the cash and cash equivalents and pledged/restricted bank deposits of the Group was approximately RMB21,410 million (31 December 2023: approximately RMB15,435 million). As at 31 December 2024, the Group obtained undrawn banks facilities of approximately RMB19,645 million (31 December 2023: approximately RMB21,756 million). In cash and cash equivalents and pledged/restricted bank deposits, approximately RMB21,264 million, RMB8 million, RMB129 million, RMB9 million, RMB10,000 and RMB51,000 were denominated in Renminbi, Hong Kong Dollars, US Dollars, VND, Euros and Singapore dollars, respectively. As the bank balances of currencies other than RMB accounted for approximately 0.68% of the total balances, the Group's relevant exchange risk is low.

As at 31 December 2024, the net current assets of the Group were approximately RMB3,945 million (31 December 2023: net current assets of approximately RMB6,054 million). The decrease was primarily attributable to the increase in borrowings. As at 31 December 2024, the interest bearing loans of the Group with maturity of within one year amounted to approximately RMB12,726 million (31 December 2023: approximately RMB6,248 million). The interest-bearing loans of the Group with maturity of more than one year amounted to approximately RMB5,823 million (31 December 2023: approximately RMB5,823 million (31 December 2023: approximately RMB5,823 million (31 December 2023: approximately RMB5,823 million). Loans were amounted to approximately RMB18,549 million (31 December 2023: approximately RMB8,255 million). The interest-bearing loans carried fixed and variable interest rates ranging from 2.22% to 5.5% (2023: 2.5% to 5.85%) per annum. As at 31 December 2024, the Group had no loans denominated in U.S. dollar and Hong Kong dollar (31 December 2023: approximately RMB826 million).

The objective of the Company's financial policy is to maintain healthy capital structure to minimize the capital cost through prudent financial management. During the Reporting Period, the Group continued to further make use of long-term loans in order to optimize its loan structure.

## **Financial Position**

#### **Assets**

As at 31 December 2024, the total assets of the Group were approximately RMB55,281 million, representing an increase of 18.24% as compared to approximately RMB46,751 million as at 31 December 2023. Among them, non-current assets increased by approximately 26.72% to approximately RMB22,063 million and current assets increased by approximately RMB33,218 million. The major reason for the increase of non-current assets was due to the capital expenditure on production plants and equipment upgrade. The increase in current assets was mainly attributable to the increase in inventories and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

## **Liabilities**

As at 31 December 2024, the total liabilities of the Group were approximately RMB36,372 million, representing an increase of approximately 28.49% as compared to approximately RMB28,306 million as at 31 December 2023. Among them, noncurrent liabilities increased by approximately 41.41% to approximately RMB7,099 million, mainly due to the increase in long-term interest-bearing borrowings; current liabilities increased by approximately 25.71% to approximately RMB29,272 million, mainly due to the increase in bills payable and short-term borrowings.

# Analysis by Key Financial KPIs

### **Profitability:**

	2024	2023
Return on equity	6.95%	10.31%
Gross profit margin	6.41%	7.11%
<ul> <li>Sales of batteries and battery related sales</li> </ul>	11.33%	12.75%
– Trading	-0.07%	-0.21%
Net profit margin	1.69%	2.19%

Due to the decline in gross profit margin of Li-ion batteries in 2024, the overall gross profit margin has declined compared to 2023.

### Liquidity:

	2024	2023
Current ratio	1.13	1.26
Quick ratio	0.85	0.97

Both the ratios above in 2024 decreased when compared with those in 2023, mainly due to increment of current assets lower than to that of the current liabilities.

#### **Operating Cycle:**

	2024	2023
Inventory turnover days	38	32
Account receivables turnover days	8	7
Account payables turnover days	12	12
Bills and account receivables turnover days	19	18
Bills and account payables turnover days	45	41

The inventory turnover days increased by 6 days to 38 days in 2024 due to the increase in production capacity and inventory in 2024. Account receivables turnover days increased by 1 day from 2023 to 8 days in 2024 due to the increase in the proportion of primary customers with long credit terms. The accounts payable turnover days in 2024 remained the same as 2023. The increase in bills receivables and accounts receivable turnover days by 1 day to 19 days was mainly due to the increase in bills receivables. The bills payable and accounts payable turnover days increased by 4 days to 45 days primarily due to the higher proportion of payments made using notes by the Company.

#### **Capital:**

	2024	2023
Net debt ratio	-22.46%	-2.03%
Interest coverage ratio (note)	6.50	8.11

Note: EBITDA divided by total interest expenses.

As the interest-bearing debt ("**Debt**") and the cash and bank balance as at 31 December 2024 were approximately RMB18,549 million and approximately RMB21,410 million, respectively, the net debt was approximately RMB-2,861 million. There was adequate total capital during the Reporting Period. The interest coverage ratio is 6.50 times, and the ability to make interest payments still remain strong.

## **Return of Shareholders:**

	2024	2023
Earning per share (Basic) (RMB)	1.01	1.62
Dividend per share (HK cents/share)	17	43

Note: representing the dividend proposed by the Company's board of directors (the "**Board**") for 2024, which is subject to approval at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

# **Capital Expenditure**

The capital expenditure in 2024 was approximately RMB2,503 million (2023: approximately RMB3,722 million). A majority of the expenditure was incurred in the lithium-ion battery segments, lead-carbon ESS construction, lead-acid intelligent manufacturing and enhancement segments, and construction investment in the forthcoming recycling segments.

# **Capital Commitments**

The amount contracted for but not stated in the consolidated financial statements in respect of the acquisition of property, plant and equipment as at 31 December 2024 was approximately RMB1,592 million (31 December 2023: approximately RMB2,753 million).

# **Gearing Ratio**

The Group's gearing ratio (which is based on the amount of total interest-bearing loans divided by total assets multiplied by 100%) as at 31 December 2024 was approximately 33.55% (31 December 2023: approximately 19.42%).

# **Exposure to Exchange Rate Fluctuation**

As the Group's operations were mainly conducted in China and the majority of businesses were transacted in Renminbi, the Group has set up policies to strike a balance between uncertainty and the risk of opportunity loss due to the growing significance of its exposures to fluctuations in foreign currencies. Foreign currency forward contracts can be used to eliminate the currency exposures. During the Reporting Period, the Group has entered into certain foreign currency forward contracts and closely monitored the movement of foreign currency rates. The Board is of the view that the Company's operating cash flow and liquidity are not subject to significant foreign exchange rate risk.

# **Contingent Liabilities**

The Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2024 (31 December 2023: Nil).

# **Pledge of Assets**

As at 31 December 2024, the bank facilities of the Group were secured by bank deposits, bills receivables, property, plant and equipment and prepaid lease payments. The aggregate net book value of the assets pledged amounted to approximately RMB14,039 million (31 December 2023: approximately RMB7,932 million).

## **Employee and Remuneration Policies**

As at 31 December 2024, the Group employed a total of 20,676 employees (31 December 2023: 25,776 employees). Staff costs excluding directors' emoluments of the Group for the Reporting Period amounted to approximately RMB2,906 million (2023: approximately RMB3,280 million). The costs included basic salaries and benefits as well as staff benefits such as discretionary bonus, medical and insurance plans, pension scheme (including the schemes under the statutory requirement of the government such as pension insurance in China and mandatory provident fund in Hong Kong), unemployment insurance plans and share option scheme, etc. Competitive remuneration packages were offered to the employees. The Company has adopted incentive programs (including share option scheme) to encourage employee performance and provided a range of training programs for the development of its staff.

Please refer to the paragraphs headed "Emolument Policy" in the "Directors' Report" section of this annual report for the mechanism for determining the emolument payable to the Directors.

## **Significant Investments Held**

There were no other significant investments held by the Group as at 31 December 2024.

### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

As at 31 December 2024, the Group's financial assets at fair value through profit or loss mainly included unlisted financial products purchased from commercial banks. The following table summarizes the Group's financial assets at fair value through profit or loss as at 31 December 2024:

Issuer	Product Category	Principal activities	Investment cost/ nominal value (RMB'000)	Fair value as at 31 December 2024 (RMB'000)	Interest/dividend received (RMB'000)	Percentage of total assets of the Company as at 31 December 2024
China Merchants Bank	Wealth management product	Banking services	186,000.00	186,000.00	-	0.34%
Ping An Bank	Wealth management product	Banking services	300,000.00	300,000.00	-	0.54%
Minsheng Bank	Wealth management product	Banking services	100,000.00	100,000.00	-	0.18%
CITIC Bank	Wealth management product	Banking services	100.00	100.00	-	0.00%
Industrial Bank	Structured deposit	Bankina services	300,000.00	300,000.00	-	0.54%
Huaxia Bank	Structured deposit	Banking services	300,000.00	300,000.00	_	0.54%
Zheshang Bank	Structured deposit	Banking services	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	0.09%
Bank of Communications	Structured deposit	Banking services	150,000.00	150,000.00	-	0.27%
Guotai Junan Futures	Futures	Futures and derivatives	-	343.70	-	0.00%
CCB Futures Co., Ltd.	Futures	Futures and derivatives	-	50.25	-	0.00%
CITIC Futures Co., Ltd.	Futures	Futures and derivatives	-	211.57	-	0.00%
Listed company	Equity securities listed in China		41,179.33	73,354	950.93	0.13%
Listed company	Equity securities listed in Hong Kong		46,923.88	44,376	-	0.08%
Changxing Meishan Fumei Equity Investment Partnership (Limited	Equity investments	Equity investments	3,000.00	6,000	-	0.01%
Partnership)						

## **Material Acquisition and Disposal**

On 5 May 2023, a Capital Increase Agreement and a Shareholder Agreement were entered into by Zhejiang Tianneng New Materials Co., Ltd. 浙江天能新材料有限公司 (**"Tianneng New Materials**", an indirect non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company), 15 outside investors who are independent third parties and 3 investors who are controlled by the Company (collectively, the **"Investors"**), Tianneng Holding Group Co., Ltd. 天能控股集團有限公司 (**"Tianneng Holding**", an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company), Zhejiang Tianneng Commercial Management Co., Ltd. 浙江天能商業管理有限公司 (**"Tianneng Commercial"**, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) and Tianchang Holding Co., Ltd. 天暢控股有限公司. Pursuant to the Capital Increase Agreement, the Investors agreed to subscribe for the new registered capital of Tianneng New Materials in the amount of RMB39,216,000 (representing approximately 28.57% of the registered capital of Tianneng New Materials as enlarged by the capital increase) with a cash consideration of RMB1,000,000,000. Tianneng New Materials has received all the cash consideration in September 2023.

### Deemed Acquisition of Interests in a Connected Subsidiary

Since 2023, significant changes in the macroeconomic environment and industry dynamics, coupled with fluctuations in product and raw material prices, have materially impacted the original qualified listing plan of Tianneng New Material. In light of these developments and to ensure the long-term sustainable growth of Tianneng New Materials, the Company has decided, after thorough evaluation and deliberation, to abandon the arrangement for achieving a qualified listing by 31 December 2026. The investors have exercised their Put Option to sell their entire equity interests in Tianneng New Material, representing approximately 28.57% of the registered capital of Tianneng New Material in aggregate.

The acquisition of the Investors' interest in Tianneng New Material (the "Acquisition") was be carried out by Tianneng Holding in accordance with the terms and conditions in relation to the Put Option as stipulated in the Shareholders Agreement (except for adjustments to the completion timeline and procedures mutually agreed by the parties), including the acquisition price to be paid to each Investor, which shall be the respective part of the total subscription price paid by the relevant Investors, plus interest calculated at an annualized rate of 8% (simple interest) on such total subscription price, accrued during the period the Investor hold the equity interests in Tianneng New Material (from the date of payment of the relevant part of the total subscription price to the date of payment of the acquisition price), minus the cash dividends received by that the Investors over the years.

As of the 26 December 2024, Tianneng Holding has acquired the entire equity interests in Tianneng New Materials previously held by the Investors, representing approximately 28.57% of the registered capital of Tianneng New Materials. The total acquisition price of RMB1,072,302,000 was determined in accordance with the terms and conditions related to the Put Option as set out in the Shareholders Agreement. Following the completion of the Acquisition and the relevant changes in business registration on 26 December 2024, Tianneng New Material continues to be a non-wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and is owned as to 65%, 10% and 25% by Tianneng Holding, Tianneng Commercial and Tianchang Holding, respectively. The financial results of Tianneng New Materials will continue to be consolidated in the consolidated financial statements of the Company. For details, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 29 October 2024 and 27 December 2024.

The Directors confirmed that the Company has complied with the applicable requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules with regard to those related party transactions which constituted connection transaction and continuing connected transactions (which are subject to disclosure and/or independent Shareholders' approval requirements). Save for the aforementioned, other related party transactions as set out in note 46 to the financial statements did not constitute connected transaction/continuing connected transaction under the Listing Rules.

Save as disclosed above, the Group has no material acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures during the Reporting Period.

# Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Shares

Please refer to the paragraph headed "Share Capital and Issue of Securities" as set out in the "Directors' Report" section of this annual report for the purchase, sale and redemption of the Company's shares in this year.

# **Principal Risks and Uncertainties**

Many economic experts closely monitor whether the global and Chinese economy growth will slow down in the coming years. The Group's traditional business such as the sale of e-bike battery may be under uncertainties if the consumer market downturn exists. It is the reason that the Group started industry chain transformation and upgrade a few years ago, aiming to diversify the risk of over reliance on any single business segment.

In the past few years, labour cost in China continuously increased and the production-oriented entities in China were facing increasing pressure of higher production cost. The Group will make use of more resources in establishing production automation system in order to reduce manpower needed per production unit. At the same time, the employee incentive scheme will be used as the other way to improve manpower efficiency.

Please refer to notes 4 and 42 to the consolidated financial statements for other risks and uncertainties.

# **Future Development**

For the Group's future plans and development, please refer to the paragraph headed "Outlook" in the "Management Discussion and Analysis" section of this annual report.

# **Proposed Final Dividend**

The Board has proposed the payment of a final dividend of HK\$17 cents per share (2023: HK\$43 cents per share). The financial statements do not reflect the dividend payable. The proposed final dividend is subject to approval by the Company's shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to be held on Friday, 16 May 2025. If the resolution for the proposed final dividend is passed at the annual general meeting, the proposed final dividend is expected to be paid on or before Friday, 13 June 2025.

# **Closure of Register of Members**

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 13 May 2025 to Friday, 16 May 2025 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares of the Company will be registered and the record date for the annual general meeting of the Company of this year will be Friday, 16 May 2025. In order to qualify for attending the annual general meeting of the Company of this year, all share certificates, together with duly completed transfer forms, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 12 May 2025.

Further, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 23 May 2025 to Monday, 26 May 2025 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of the shares of the Company will be registered and the record date will be Monday, 26 May 2025. In order to establish entitlements to the proposed final dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 22 May 2025. Subject to the approval of the shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Company to be held on Friday, 16 May 2025, the proposed final dividend is expected to be paid on or before Friday, 13 June 2025.

# **PROFILES OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

## **Executive Directors**



# **Dr. ZHANG Tianren** 張天任博士

Aged 62, is the chairman (the "Chairman") of the board of directors (the "Board"), president and founder of the Group. He is also a chairman of the nomination committee of the Company (the "Nomination Committee"). Dr. ZHANG is responsible for our overall management and formulation of the business strategies. Dr. ZHANG graduated from Zhejiang University with a master degree of management, and was an honorary doctorate of the International American University (美國加州國際大學) and a visiting professor of the Zhejiang Sci-tech University. Dr. ZHANG has 39 years of experience in technological R&D and management of rechargeable battery industry in China. Dr. ZHANG was the factory manager of Zhejiang Changxing Storage Battery Factory during the period between 1989 and 2002, and has been the chairman and the general manager of Zhejiang Tianneng Battery Co., Ltd. ("Tianneng Battery") since 2003. Dr. ZHANG is currently the chairman of Tianneng Battery Group Co., Ltd.\* ("Tianneng Share"), which is a listed company on the Science and Technology Innovation Board of the Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 688819.SH).

In addition to his key position in the Group, Dr. ZHANG was also a member of the 12th, 13th and 14th National People's Congress, an executive committee member of All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce and vice chairman of Zhejiang Federation of Industry and Commerce. Besides, he was a vice president of China Electrical Equipment Industry Association, vice council chairman of China Battery Industry Association, a member of China EV100, vice president of the National Technology and Equipment Industry Association (全國工商聯科技裝備業商會副會長), president of Battery Industry Association of Zhejiang Province and etc.

Dr. ZHANG was awarded as one of the World Outstanding Chinese at 11th World Outstanding Chinese Award, 1st New Technological Merchants in Zhejiang, 2009 Outstanding Zhejiang Merchants, Top Ten Influential Persons of the PRC Electric Appliance Industry 2009, the Person of the Year in the Chinese Market Economy Award 2011, 2012 Bauhinia Cup Outstanding Entrepreneur, the 2012 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year, 2014 Honorary Zhejiang Merchant and Distinguished Zhejiang Merchant (二零一四年光榮浙商、傑出浙商), 8th Outstanding Entrepreneur of China and 2016 Global New Energy Business Leader. Dr. ZHANG is the younger brother of Mr. ZHANG Aogen.



## **Mr. ZHANG Aogen** 張敖根先生

Aged 67, is the executive Director and vice-president of the Group. He is also a member of the remuneration committee of the Company (the "**Remuneration Committee**"). Mr. ZHANG is responsible for our foreign trade and overseas investment functions. He joined Zhejiang Changxing Storage Battery Factory as a deputy factory manager in 1988 and was appointed as a deputy general manager of Tianneng Battery in 2003. Mr. ZHANG attended the seminar of business management for senior president in Zhejiang University from September 2007 to December 2008. Mr. ZHANG is currently a director of Tianneng Share, which is a listed company on the Science and Technology Innovation Board of the Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 688819.SH). Mr. ZHANG is a senior economist and has experience in sales management, procurement management as well as trade and investment. Mr. ZHANG is also an elder brother of Dr. ZHANG Tianren, chairman of the Board.

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#### Mr. SHI Borong 史伯榮先生

Aged 71, is the executive Director and vice president of the Group. Mr. SHI joined Zhejiang Changxing Storage Battery Factory in 1989 and was promoted as deputy factory manager of Zhejiang Changxing Storage Battery Factory in 1990. He acted as deputy general manager of Tianneng Battery in 2003 and was appointed as the standing deputy general manager of Tianneng Battery in 2010. In September 2013, Mr. SHI was appointed as the chairman of Tianneng Battery (Anhui) Co., Ltd. and Anhui Zhongneng Power Supply Co., Ltd. Mr. SHI attended the seminar of business management for senior president in Zhejiang University from August 2007 to September 2008. Mr. SHI is a senior economist and has 35 years of management experience in rechargeable battery enterprises.



## **Mr. ZHANG Kaihong** 張開紅先生

Aged 67, is the executive Director, vice president and the chief expert of technical center of the Group. Mr. ZHANG joined Zhejiang Changxing Storage Battery Factory in 1988 and acted as deputy factory manager of Zhejiang Changxing Storage Battery Factory in 1992. Mr. ZHANG was also appointed as deputy general manager of Tianneng Battery in 2003 and as general manager of Tianneng Battery (Wuhu) Co., Ltd. (**"Tianneng Wuhu**") in 2006. From February 2014, Mr. ZHANG was appointed as a vice-president of national level technology centre of the Group. Mr. ZHANG attended the seminar of business management for senior president in Zhejiang University from August 2007 to September 2008. Mr. ZHANG is a senior engineer with 38 years of experience in research and development, quality control and corporate management of rechargeable battery products.



## **Mr. ZHOU Jianzhong** 周建中先生

Aged 54, is the executive Director and vice president of the Group. Mr. ZHOU is responsible for promoting the development of strategic and emerging industries of the Group as well as assisting the president in operations and management. Mr. ZHOU joined the Group in 1996 and has been the head of market management section of Tianneng Battery, standing deputy general manager of Zhejiang Changxing Tianneng Power Supply Co., Ltd. ("Tianneng Power Supply")), standing deputy general manager of Tianneng Battery, standing deputy general manager of Zhejiang Tianneng Energy Technology Co., Ltd. ("Tianneng Energy Technology"), general manager of Zhejiang Tianneng Power Energy Limited ("Tianneng Power Energy") and general manager of Zhejiang Tianneng Electrical Resources Limited ("Tianneng Electrical Resources"). He was appointed as vice-president of the Group in 2011. Mr. ZHOU attended the seminar of business management for senior president in Zhejiang University from September 2007 to December 2008, and attended the training program for general managers in China Europe International Business School from July 2017 to March 2018. Mr. ZHOU is currently a director of Tianneng Share, which is a listed company on the Science and Technology Innovation Board of the Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 688819.SH). He is a senior economist with 30 years of experience in the sales and management of rechargeable batteries and corporate management.

# **Independent Non-Executive Directors**



### Mr. HUANG Dongliang 黃董良先生

Aged 69, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director in February 2007. He is also the chairman of the audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") and a member of each of the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee. Mr. HUANG graduated from Zhongnan Finance University in 1988 with a bachelor degree majored in economics. Mr. HUANG obtained the qualifications of professor, senior accountant and registered tax agent in China. Mr. HUANG is a certified public accountant registered under the Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. HUANG was an independent director of Zhejiang Medicine Co., Ltd. (浙江醫藥股份有限公司) which is a listed company on Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 600216.SH), until his retirement in June 2021. Mr. HUANG was an independent director of Lander Sports Development Co., Ltd. (萊茵達體育發展股份有限公司), which is a listed company on Shenzhen Stock Exchange in China (stock code: 000558.SZ), until his retirement in May 2018.



### **Mr. ZHANG Yong** 張涌先生

Aged 49, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director in August 2018. He is also a member of the Audit Committee. Mr. ZHANG graduated from Fudan University, majoring in international finance and obtained a doctoral degree in economics. Mr. ZHANG is currently the deputy director of Shanghai Institution for Finance & Development, a researcher of the Comprehensive Research Institute of Shanghai Free Trade Zone of Fudan University (復旦 大學上海自貿區綜合研究院), a part-time professor of Nanjing University, a part-time tutor for postgraduate students of Shanghai University of Finance and Economics and a visiting professor of Shanghai Lixin University of Accounting and Finance (上海立信會計金融學院). Mr. ZHANG had been an independent director of Xinzhi Group Co., Ltd. (formerly known as "Changying Xinzhi Technology Co., Ltd.") which is a listed company on the Main Board of the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (stock code: 002664.SZ) from October 2019 to November 2022. He had been an independent director of Haima Automobile Co., Itd. which is a listed company on the Main Board of the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (stock code: 000572.SZ) from May 2021 to February 2024. He had been an independent director of Shanghai Taihe Water Technology Development Co., Ltd. which is a listed company on the Main Board of the Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 605081.SH) from April 2021 to July 2023. He has been an independent director of Shanghai Lingang Holdings CO., LTD. which is a listed company on the Main Board of the Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 600848.SH) since September 2021. He has been an independent director of Tengda Construction Group Co.,Ltd. which is a listed company on the Main Board of the Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 600512.SH) since November 2022.

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# Mr. XIAO Gang

肖鋼先生

Aged 63, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director in March 2022. He is also a chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of each of the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee. Mr. XIAO graduated from the Department of Chemistry of Danmarks Tekniske Universitet (丹麥技術大學) and the winner of the Chinese Government Friendship Award (中國政府友誼獎). He was accredited as a National Distinguished Expert (國家特聘專家), a fellow of The Royal Society of Chemistry (英國皇家化學會) and an expert of the China Council for International Investment Promotion (中國國際投資促進會).



## **Dr. GUO Yuantao** 郭圓濤博士

Aged 51, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director in August 2024. She is also a member of the Nomination Committee. Dr. GUO graduated from Nankai University with a major in International Economics and obtained a bachelor's degree in economics in 1995, and graduated from Peking University with a master's degree in economics in 1998. Dr. Guo further obtained a master's degree in philosophy from the Centre of Development Studies of the University of Cambridge in 1999, and a doctorate degree in philosophy from the Judge Business School of the University of Cambridge in 2007. Dr. Guo was accredited as a permanent member of the China Independent Non-Executive Directors Association (中國獨立非執行董事協會) in December 2023. Dr. Guo has over 20 years of equity research experience in various international investment banks with both sector exposure and macro exposure. From 2011 to 2017, Dr. Guo successively served as the Head of Asia Consumer/Internet/Media Equity Research and Managing Director of Jefferies Hong Kong Limited. From 2017 to 2023, Dr. Guo successively served as the Chief Strategist and Economist, Head of Equity Research and Managing Director of China Merchants Securities (HK) Co., Limited. Since June 2024, Dr. Guo has served as an independent non-executive director of China Biotech Services Holdings Limited, the shares of which are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (stock code: 8037.HK). Dr. Guo also had extensive international exposure from working as an analyst in the equity research teams of HSBC (Hong Kong), Goldman Sachs (Gaohua, Beijing) and Goldman Sachs (Singapore).

# **Senior Management**



## **Mr. ZHAO Haimin** 趙海敏先生

Aged 60, is the vice-president of the Group. Mr. ZHAO is responsible for managing the research centre as well as the information technology commission of the Group. Mr. ZHAO joined us in 2004 as an assistant to the general manager and deputy general manager, etc. of Tianneng Battery. Mr. ZHAO was responsible for after-sales services, human resources and sales management of the Group, during which he organized and implemented the first tracking system of laser printing for quality and aftersale informationalization and the introduction of overseas high-end talents under the national "Thousand Talents Program" (國家千人) in respect of the field of new energy. Mr. ZHAO graduated from Bengbu Industrial Technology Institute (蚌埠工業技術學校), majoring in textile. Later, he attended a vocational school and a university for corporate management and was enrolled in the MBA programme in China University of Geosciences in 2009. Mr. ZHAO is a professorate senior engineer. He has extensive knowledge in non-woven fabrics and battery separators. Prior to joining us, Mr. ZHAO was an assistant to the general manager in Huzhou KINGSAFE Group Co., Ltd. (湖州金三發 集團) and was responsible for the management of technology, production and sales.



# Ms. WANG Jing

王靜女士

Aged 61, is our financial controller. Ms. WANG is responsible for the financial management of the Group. She joined the Group in 2004 as the manager of financial department of Tianneng Battery and was appointed as our financial controller in 2009. She has more than 41 years of financial management experience. Ms. WANG graduated from Hangzhou Institute of Electrical Engineering in Industrial Accounting in July 1988 and attended the advanced seminar of modern management (CFO) in Zhejiang Institute of Finance & Economics from June 2008 to June 2009. Prior to joining us, Ms. WANG worked in Zhejiang Leomax Cement Company Limited (浙江三獅水泥股份有限公司), Huzhou Kingsafe Group (湖州金三發集團) and Huzhou Tianheng United CPA Firm (湖州天衡聯合會計師事務所) and was responsible for the financial management and audit.



## Ms. HUI Wai Man, Shirley 許惠敏女士

Aged 57, is the company secretary of the Company (the "Company Secretary"). Ms. HUI is responsible for the company secretarial affairs of the Group. She joined the Group in September 2009. She is a certified public accountant in Hong Kong, a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Chartered Governance Institute (formerly known as the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators) as well as a fellow member of the Hong Kong Chartered Governance institute (formerly known as the Hong Kong Chartered Governance institute (formerly known as the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Governance institute (formerly known as the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries). She is a member of the Society of Chinese Accountants and Managements and the Hong Kong Securities Institute. Ms. HUI has over 35 years of professional experience in public accounting and corporate financing.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Company is committed to ensuring high standards of corporate governance. The Board of Directors of the Company (the "**Board**") believes that good corporate governance practices are increasingly important for maintaining and promoting investors' confidence.

# **Corporate Governance Code**

The Company has adopted and met the code provisions in Part 2 of the Corporate Governance Code (the "**Code**") as contained in Appendix C1 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Listing Rules**") that is applicable to the corporate governance report for the Reporting Period, except for the code provision C.2.1 in Part 2 of the Code as set out below.

Dr. Zhang Tianren is both the chairman and CEO of the Company who is responsible for managing the Group's business. The Board considers that vesting the roles of chairman and CEO in the same person facilitates the execution of the Company's business strategies and maximizes the effectiveness of its operation. With the present Board structure and scope of business, the Board considers that there is no imminent need to separate the roles into two individuals. However, the Board will continue to review the effectiveness of the Group's corporate governance structure to assess whether the separation of the position of the chairman and CEO is necessary.

# **Board of Directors**

### Composition

During the year ended 31 December 2024, Dr. Guo Yuantao was appointed as an independent non-executive Director with effect from 29 August 2024. As at 31 December 2024 and up to the date of this report, the Board comprised nine members. Dr. Zhang Tianren is an executive Director, the Chairman and CEO of the Company. Mr. Zhang Aogen, Mr. Zhang Kaihong, Mr. Shi Borong and Mr. Zhou Jianzhong are the executive Directors of the Company while Mr. Huang Dongliang, Mr. Zhang Yong, Mr. Xiao Gang and Dr. Guo Yuantao are the independent non-executive Directors of the Company. In compliance with Rule 3.10 of the Listing Rules, the Company had four independent non-executive Directors, one of them, namely Mr. Huang Dongliang has appropriate professional accounting experience and expertise.

All Directors have distinguished themselves in their field of expertise, and have exhibited high standards of personal and professional ethics and integrity. The biographical details of each Director are disclosed on pages 38 to 41 of this annual report.

Each independent non-executive Director has confirmed that he/she is independent of the Company and the Company also considers each of them to be independent under the guidelines set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

Apart from Mr. Zhang Aogen being an elder brother of Dr. Zhang Tianren, the Chairman of the Board, there is no other relationship (including financial, business, family or other material relationship) among members of the Board. All of them are able to make free and independent judgment.

The Board has established mechanisms to ensure that independent views are available to the Board, including providing the Directors with sufficient resources to perform their duties, and Directors shall seek, at the Company's expense, independent professional advice to perform their responsibilities if necessary.

The Board shall at all times comprise at least three independent non-executive Directors that represent at least one-third of the Board, such that there is always a strong element of independence on the Board which can effectively exercise independent judgement.

All the Directors, including the independent non-executive Directors, are given equal opportunity and channels to communicate and express their views to the Board and have separate and independent access to the management of the Group in order to make informed decisions. The Chairman of the Board will hold meetings with the independent non-executive Directors without the involvement of other Directors at least annually to discuss any issues and concerns.

If any Director or his/her associate has a conflict of interest in a matter to be considered by the Board and the Board has determined that such conflict of interest to be material, such matter will be dealt with by a physical Board meeting rather than by written resolutions. Such Director will be required to declare his/her interests before the meeting and abstain from voting on the relevant resolutions.

The Board has reviewed and considered that the mechanisms have been duly implemented and are effective in ensuring that independent views and input are available to the Board during the year ended 31 December 2024.

# **Function**

The Board, led by the Chairman, is responsible for formulation and approval of the Group's development, business strategies and policies, approval of business plans, recommendation of dividend and supervision of management. While the management of the Company was given sufficient autonomy by the Board to handle the daily ordinary course of administration and management, when the Board delegates aspects of its management and administration functions to the management, it has given clear directions as to the powers of the management, in particular, with respect to the circumstances where the management shall report back and obtain prior approval from the Board before making decisions or entering into any commitments on behalf of the Company.

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There is a formal schedule of matters specifically reserved to and delegated by the Board. The Board had given clear directions to the management of the Company that certain matters (including the following) must be reserved to the Board:

- Publication of final, interim and quarterly results (if any) of the Company;
- Dividend distribution or other distributions;
- Treasury policy, accounting policy and remuneration policy;
- Review on internal control system and risk management;
- Changes to major corporate structure of the Group or Board composition requiring notification by announcement;
- Notifiable transaction and non-exempted connected transaction/continuing connected transaction;
- Proposed transaction requiring Shareholders' approval;
- Capital re-structuring and issue of new securities;
- Joint-venture with third party involving capital commitment from the Group of over 5% in the relevant size test of the Company; and
- Financial assistance to the Directors.

In addition, the Board carries out the function of reviewing the corporate governance practice and disclosure system as follows:

- Review the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance;
- Review and monitor the training and continuous professional development of Directors and senior management;
- Review and monitor the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- Review and monitor the code of conduct and compliance manual (if any) applicable to employees and Directors; and
- Review the Company's compliance with the Code and disclosure in the Corporate Governance Report.

The Company held four Board meetings and one general meeting during the year ended 31 December 2024. The attendance of individual Directors at these meetings was as follows:

Name	Attendance/ Number of board meetings held	Attendance/ Number of general meetings held	
Executive Directors			
Dr. Zhang Tianren	4/4	1/1	
Mr. Zhang Aogen	4/4	1/1	
Mr. Zhang Kaihong	4/4	1/1	
Mr. Shi Borong	4/4	1/1	
Mr. Zhou Jianzhong	4/4	1/1	
Independent Non-executive Directors:			
Mr. Huang Dongliang	4/4	1/1	
Mr. Zhang Yong	4/4	1/1	
Mr. Xiao Gang	4/4	1/1	
Dr. Guo Yuantao (appointed with effect from 29 August 2024)	2/2	N/A	

The term of appointment (renewable) of the independent non-executive Directors is as follows:

Mr. Huang Dongliang	11 June 2024 to 10 June 2025
Mr. Zhang Yong	8 August 2024 to 7 August 2025
Mr. Xiao Gang	15 March 2024 to 14 March 2025
Dr. Guo Yuantao (appointed with effect from 29 August 2024)	29 August 2024 to 28 August 2025

The Company has taken out appropriate insurance coverage for the Directors in respect of legal actions taken against Directors and officers of the Group. The Board reviews the extent of the insurance coverage every year.

#### **Responsibilities**

In the course of discharging their duties, the Directors act in good faith, with due diligence and care, and in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders. Their responsibilities include:

- holding regular Board meetings focusing on business strategy, operational issues and financial performance;
- monitoring the quality, timeliness, relevance and reliability of internal and external reporting;
- monitoring and managing the potential conflicts of interest of management, Board members and Shareholders, including misuse of corporate assets and abuse in connected transactions; and
- ensuring readily available processes are in place to maintain the overall integrity of the Company, including financial statements and internal control systems.

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

#### **Diversity**

With a view to achieve a sustainable and balanced development, the Company sees increasing diversity at the Board level as an essential element in supporting the attainment of its strategic objectives and its sustainable development. In designing the Board's composition, Board diversity has been considered from a number of aspects, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service. All Board appointments will be based on meritocracy, and candidates will be considered against objective criteria, having due regard for the benefits of diversity on the Board. Selection of candidates will be based on a range of diversity perspectives and measurable objectives, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service. The ultimate decision will be based on merit and contribution that the selected candidates will bring to the Board. According to Rule 13.92 of the Listing Rules, the above Board diversity policy of the Company has been approved by the Board and adopted by the Nomination Committee (as defined below) on 30 August 2013 and amended with effect from 1 January 2019. The Group's diversity policy is in compliance with the Listing Rules.

The nomination committee of the Company (the "Nomination Committee") holds meeting at least once a year to review the diversity of the Board, discusses the measurable objectives, including gender, knowledge, appropriate professional qualifications, relevant business background and experience, skills, relevant management expertise, independence of Directors, etc. and gives recommendation to the Board. During the Year, the Nomination Committee took the view that the measurable objectives were achieved to a large extent. It paid particular attention to the cultural and educational background, professional and technical experience, and skills of the members of Board and also reviewed the composition of executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors so as to ensure appropriate independence within the Board.

In order to achieve gender diversity in the composition of the Board, the Board will continue to maintain at least one female representation on the Board. The Company will ensure that sufficient resources are available for providing appropriate trainings and career development to develop a pipeline of potential successors to the Board and maintain gender diversity.

To achieve diversity at workforce level, the Group has put in place appropriate recruitment and selection practices such that a diverse range of candidates are considered and ensure that gender diversity is taken into account when recruiting staff members of mid to senior level. The Group has also established talent management and training programs to provide career development guidance and promotion opportunities to develop a broad and diverse pool of skilled and experienced employees. During the year under review, the Board was not aware of any mitigating factors or circumstances which make achieving gender diversity across the workforce (including senior management) more challenging or less relevant.

Details on the gender ratio of the Group together with relevant data can be found in the 2024 Environmental, Social and Governance Report of the Company.

#### **Directors' Training**

Pursuant to code provision C.1.4 of Part 2 of the Code, all Directors should participate in continuous professional development to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills. The Directors have been given relevant guidance materials to ensure that they are apprised of the latest changes in the commercial, legal and regulatory requirements in relation to the Company's businesses, and to refresh their knowledge and skills on the roles, functions and duties of a director of a listed company.

For the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, all Directors provided their records of training to the Company. All Directors, namely Dr. Zhang Tianren, Mr. Zhang Aogen, Mr. Zhang Kaihong, Mr. Shi Borong, Mr. Zhou Jianzhong, Mr. Huang Dongliang, Mr. Zhang Yong, Mr. Xiao Gang and Dr. Guo Yuantao (appointed with effect from 29 August 2024), participated in continuous professional development mainly by reading various materials regarding directors' responsibilities, prevention of breaching the Listing Rules and new disclosure requirement of the Listing Rules, etc.

Dr. Guo Yuantao, who has been appointed as an independent non-executive Director during the Reporting Period, has obtained the legal advice referred to in Rule 3.09D of the Listing Rules on 23 August 2024, and she has confirmed she understood her obligations as a director of the Company.

#### **Company Secretary's Training**

Pursuant to Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules, the Company Secretary must take no less than 15 hours of relevant professional training in each financial year. The Company Secretary provided her training records to the Company indicating that she had taken more than 15 hours of relevant professional development by means of attending in-house briefings and seminars and reading relevant guidance materials.

#### **Shareholders' Rights**

Set out below is a summary of certain rights of the Shareholders as required to be disclosed pursuant to the Code.

# Convening an extraordinary general meeting and procedures for putting forward proposals by Shareholders at general meeting

Each general meeting other than an annual general meeting shall be called an extraordinary general meeting. General meetings may be held in any part of the world as may be determined by the Board.

According to article 58 of the Company's amended and restated articles of association adopted on 8 June 2023 (the "Amended and Restated Articles of Association"), any one or more members holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the secretary of the Company, to require an extraordinary general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition; and such meeting shall be held within two months after the deposit of such requisition.

If within twenty-one days of such deposit the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting, the requisitionist(s) himself (themselves) may convene a physical meeting at only one location which will be the principal meeting place, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board shall be reimbursed to the requisitionist(s) by the Company.

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Any requisition to convene an extraordinary general meeting or proposal to be put forward at the general meeting can be addressed to the principal place of business of the Company in Hong Kong marked with the attention of the Company Secretary. The requisitionists must state in their request(s) the objects of the extraordinary general meeting to be convened, and such request must be signed by all the requisitionists. Upon receipt, the Company will verify the requisitionists' particulars and if the request is in order, the Company will convene the extraordinary general meeting in accordance with its Amended and Restated Articles of Association.

# **Enquiries from Shareholders to the Board**

In order to ensure effective communication between the Shareholders and the Board, the Company adopted the Shareholders communication procedures on 24 February 2012. According to the Shareholders communication procedures, the Board should be responsible for maintaining an on-going dialogue with the Shareholders and in particular, use annual general meetings or other general meetings to communicate with them and encourage their participation. The Chairman of the Board should attend the annual general meetings. He should also invite the independent non-executive Directors, chairman of each of the audit committee, remuneration committee, nomination committee and any other committees (as appropriate) of the Company to attend the annual general meetings. In their absence, the chairman should invite another member of the committees or failing this, his duly appointed delegate, to attend the annual general meetings. These persons should be available to answer questions at the annual general meetings.

The chairman of each independent Board committee (if any) should also be available to answer questions at any general meetings to approve a connected transaction or any other transaction that requires independent Shareholders' approval.

Shareholders and investors are welcome to visit the Company's website and raise enquiries through the Investor Relations Department of the Company and/or the Company's public relations representative (Porda Havas International Finance Communications (Group) Holdings Company Limited) whose contact details are available on the website.

# **Remuneration Committee**

The Company has established a remuneration committee (the "**Remuneration Committee**") with specific terms of reference which deal clearly with its duties and responsibilities. The Remuneration Committee comprises one executive Director, namely Mr. Zhang Aogen and two independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Huang Dongliang and Mr. Xiao Gang and is currently chaired by Mr. Xiao Gang.

The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee which were amended and adopted by the Board on 20 December 2022 follow the guidelines set out in the Code and it is mainly responsible for making recommendations to the Board on the Company's policy for the remuneration of Directors and senior management. The Remuneration Committee also makes recommendations to the Board on the remuneration packages of the Directors and senior management.

The Remuneration Committee shall meet at least once a year. Two committee meetings were held in 2024 to assess the performance of Directors and review and approve the remuneration of the Directors. The attendance of each member is set out as follows:

Name	Meeting(s) held	Meeting(s) attended
Mr. Huang Dongliang	2	2
Mr. Zhang Aogen	2	2
Mr. Xiao Gang <i>(Chairman)</i>	2	2

During the Remuneration Committee meetings, proposals for adjustment of the remuneration package for Directors and senior management (the "**Proposals**") were reviewed and approved by the Remuneration Committee and the Proposals were proposed to the Board for approval and approved by the Board.

# **Nomination Committee**

The Company has established the Nomination Committee with specific terms of reference which deal clearly with its duties and responsibilities. Dr. Guo Yuantao was appointed as a member of the Nomination Committee since her appointment as an independent non-executive Director with effect from 29 August 2024. The Nomination Committee comprises one executive Director, namely Dr. Zhang Tianren and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Huang Dongliang, Mr. Xiao Gang and Dr. Guo Yuantao and is currently chaired by Dr. Zhang Tianren.

The terms of reference of the Nomination Committee have been determined with reference to the Code. The Nomination Committee is responsible for identifying potential new Directors and recommending to the Board for consideration. A Director appointed by the Board is subject to re-election by the Shareholders at the first annual general meeting after his/ her appointment. Under the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Association, at each annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or if their number is not a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at an annual general meeting at least once every three years.

# **Appointment and Re-election of Directors**

The Board has established and adopted a written nomination policy (the "**Nomination Policy**") specifying the process and criteria for the selection and recommendation of candidates for directorship of the Company.

#### **Selection criteria**

The Nomination Committee shall, based on those criteria as set out in the Nomination Policy (such as reputation for integrity, qualifications and experience, time commitment and contribution to diversity of the Board according to the Board diversity policy, etc.), identify and recommend the proposed candidate to the Board for approval of an appointment. In the case of re-appointment of Director, the Nomination Committee would take into account factors such as contribution, attendance in meetings and level of participation from the retiring Directors. Where the candidate is appointed for the position of independent non-executive Director, the Nomination Committee will also assess his/her independence with reference to the requirements set out in the Listing Rules.

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#### **Nomination procedures**

In appointing a new Director, the Nomination Committee and/or the Board will first call a meeting of the Nomination Committee and invite nominations of candidates from Board members for its consideration prior to the meeting. The Nomination Committee may also put forward candidates who are not nominated by the Board. The Nomination Committee shall then make recommendations for the Board's consideration and approval. The information, including biography, independence (for nomination of non-executive or independent non-executive Directors only), proposed remuneration and other information as required under the applicable laws and regulations will be included in the circular to Shareholders (if applicable). A Shareholder may also serve to the principal place of business of the Company in Hong Kong a notice in writing for its intention to propose a resolution to elect a certain candidate as Director and a notice by the nomination of the Nomination Committee other than those candidates as set out in the circular (if applicable). The Board shall then consider and have the final decision on all matters relating to whether to have the recommended candidates to stand for election at a general meeting. The Nomination Committee shall ensure the transparency and fairness of the selection procedure.

New Directors, on appointment, will be given an induction package containing all key legal and Listing Rules' requirements as well as guidelines on the responsibilities and obligations to be observed by a Director. The package will also include the latest published financial reports of the Company and the documentation for the corporate governance practices adopted by the Board. The senior management will subsequently conduct such briefing as is necessary to give the new Directors more detailed information on the Group's operations, business and activities.

According to article 87 of the Amended and Restated Articles of Association, at each annual general meeting onethird of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three (3), then the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement at an annual general meeting at least once every three years. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election and shall continue to act as a Director throughout the meeting at which he retires. The Directors to retire by rotation shall include (so far as necessary to ascertain the number of Directors to retire by rotation) any Director who wishes to retire and not to offer himself for re-election. Any further Directors so to retire shall be those of the other Directors subject to retirement by rotation who have been longest in office since their last re-election or appointment and so that as between persons who became or were last re-elected as Directors on the same day, those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. Any Director appointed by the Board pursuant to article 86(3) shall not be taken into account in determining which particular Directors or the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation. The Directors shall have the power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy on the Board or as an addition to the existing Board. Any Director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office until the first general meeting of members after his appointment and be subject to re-election at such meeting and any Director appointed by the Board as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office only until the next annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election.

According to code provision B.2.2 of Part 2 of the Code, every Director, including those appointed for a specific term, should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. Potential new Directors are selected on the basis of their qualification, skills and experience which the Nomination Committee considers will make a positive contribution to the performance of the Board.

When making recommendations regarding the appointment of any proposed candidate to the Board or re-appointment of any existing member(s) of the Board, the Nomination Committee shall consider a variety of factors including without limitation the following in assessing the suitability of the proposed candidate:

- a. Reputation for integrity;
- b. Qualifications including professional qualifications, skills, knowledge and experience that are relevant to the Company's business and corporate strategy;
- c. Willingness to devote adequate time to discharge duties as a Board member and other directorships and significant commitments;
- d. Diversity in all aspects, including but not limited to gender, age (18 years or above), cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service; and
- e. Such other perspectives appropriate to the Company's business.

These factors are for reference only, and are not meant to be exhaustive and decisive. The Nomination Committee may consider other factors so as to ensure that the Board has a balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspectives appropriate to the requirements of the Company's business. The Nomination Committee has the discretion to nominate any person, as it considers appropriate.

The Nomination Committee shall meet at least once a year. One committee meeting was held in 2024 to review the composition of the Board, consider the independence of the independent non-executive Directors and the retirement of Directors. The attendance of each member is set out as follows:

Name	Meeting(s) held	Meeting(s) attended	
Dr. Zhang Tianren <i>(Chairman)</i>	1	1	
Mr. Huang Dongliang	1	1	
Mr. Xiao Gang	1	1	
Dr. Guo Yuantao (appointed with effect from 29 August 2024)	N/A	N/A	

# **Remuneration of the Senior Management**

The remuneration of the senior management of our Group for the year ended 31 December 2024 falls within the following band:

	Number of People
Nil to RMB1,000,000	4

# Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "**Model Code**") contained in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules. Having made specific enquiry, all Directors of the Company have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the year ended 31 December 2024.

# **Audit Committee**

The Company has established an audit committee (the "**Audit Committee**") in compliance with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules. The Audit Committee comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Huang Dongliang, Mr. Zhang Yong and Mr. Xiao Gang and is currently chaired by Mr. Huang Dongliang.

The primary duties of the Audit Committee (inter alia) are to review the financial reporting process and internal control system of the Group, and to make proposals to the Board as to appointment, renewal and resignation of the Company's independent external auditors and the related remuneration and appointment terms. The Audit Committee has reviewed the annual report with the management and the Company's independent external auditors and recommended its adoption by the Board.

The written terms of reference, which describe the authority and duties of the Audit Committee, are regularly reviewed to comply with provision D.3.3 of Part 2 of the Code. The Audit Committee held three meetings during the year ended 31 December 2024. The attendance of each member is set out as follows:

Name	Meeting(s) held	Meeting(s) attended
Mr. Huang Dongliang <i>(Chairman)</i>	3	3
Mr. Zhang Yong	3	3
Mr. Xiao Gang	3	3

The Audit Committee oversees the financial reporting process. In this process, the management of the Company is responsible for the preparation of the Group's financial statements including the selection of suitable accounting policies. Independent external auditors are responsible for auditing and attesting to the Group's financial statements and evaluating the Group's system of internal controls. The Audit Committee oversees the respective works of the management and the independent external auditors to monitor the processes and safeguards deployed by them. The Audit Committee reports to the Board on its findings after each of its meeting. With effect from 1 January 2022, the Audit Committee oversees the Group's risk management system.

The Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the Group's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 with the management and independent external auditors. The Audit Committee also received reports and met with the independent external auditors to discuss the general scope of their audit work and their assessment of the Group's internal controls.

Based on these reviews, discussions and the report of the independent external auditors, the Audit Committee recommended for the Board's approval of the consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2024 and the year ended 31 December 2024, with the Auditors' Report thereon.

The Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the Shareholders be asked to re-appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu ("**Deloitte**") as the Group's independent external auditor for the year ending 31 December 2025.

# **Independent External Auditor**

In 2022, ZHONGHUI ANDA CPA Limited ("**ZHONGHUI ANDA**") has resigned as the auditor of the Group with effect from 5 July 2022 taking into account the availability of its internal resources for the audit services for the Group's financial year ended 31 December 2022.

The Board, with the recommendation from the Audit Committee, has resolved to appoint Deloitte as the new auditor of the Group with effect from 8 July 2022 to fill the casual vacancy following the resignation of ZHONGHUI ANDA. For further details regarding the change of auditor of the Group, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 8 July 2022.

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the fees paid and payable to Deloitte in respect of audit and audit related services amounted to approximately RMB2.7300 million, while the fees paid and payable to Deloitte relating to non-audit services (interim review and tax related services) amounted to approximately RMB1.0715 million.

Save as disclosed above, there were no other change in auditor of the Company during the past three years.

# **Internal Control and Risk Management**

The Board is responsible for maintaining an adequate system of internal controls and risk management within the Group and reviewing their effectiveness at least annually, covering all material controls, including financial, operational and compliance controls as well as risk management functions of the year. The Board is committed to strengthening the Group's internal control system, and has established a series of internal control policies and procedures. The system of internal controls is designed to facilitate effective and efficient operations, to safeguard assets and to ensure the quality of internal and external reporting and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. It is also designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that material misstatement or loss can be avoided, and to manage and minimize, rather than eliminate risks of failure in operation systems and failure to achieve business objectives. The Group also has an internal audit function.

The Group strictly follows the requirements of the SFO and the Listing Rules and ensures that inside information is disclosed to the public as soon as reasonably practicable. Before inside information is fully disclosed to the public, such information is kept strictly confidential. The Group has further enhanced the procedures with the establishment of a continuous disclosure policy and provided relevant training to all relevant staff of the Group. The Board considered that the procedures and measures in relation to the handling and dissemination of inside information to be effective and adequate.

The Company engaged an international professional management consultancy firm, BT Corporate Governance Limited ("**BTCG**"), to assess and evaluate the risk and effectiveness of its system of internal controls up to 31 December 2024. The Audit Committee members, together with the senior management, have reviewed, considered and discussed all findings and recommendations of the internal control review relating to the internal control system that operates within the Group, and the Audit Committee and the senior management are satisfied that the internal control system of the Group is sound and adequate. Pursuant to the system improvement recommendations made by BTCG, the Group will continue to improve its internal management and control systems.

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The Board has also conducted an annual review on the effectiveness of the accounting and financial reporting function of the Company and takes the view that the Company possesses adequate resources and its staff are equipped with suitable qualifications and experience in this regard.

Completing the review this year, the Board considers that its risk management and internal control systems are effective and adequate. Going forward, the Company will conduct regular reviews of the Company's internal control and risk management systems and their effectiveness to ensure that the interest of the Shareholders is safeguarded.

# **Going Concern**

The Directors, having made appropriate enquiries, consider that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that, for this reason, it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

# **Communication with Shareholders**

The objective of Shareholder communication is to provide the Shareholders with detailed information about the Company so that they can exercise their rights as the Shareholders in an informed manner. The Company uses a range of communication tools to ensure the Shareholders are kept well informed. These include general meeting, annual report, various notices, announcements and circulars. Procedure for demanding voting by poll has been included in all circulars accompanying notice convening general meeting and the detailed procedures for conducting a poll has been read out by the Chairman at general meeting. The general meeting provides the Shareholders with a useful forum and encourages the Shareholders to attend the general meetings of the Company to raise comments and exchange views with the Board. The Chairman, Directors and independent external auditor, where appropriate, are available to answer questions at the meeting. The Board considers that the Company's communication with the Shareholders is effective during the year under review.

# **Directors' Responsibility in Preparing the Financial Statements**

The Directors acknowledge that it is their responsibilities to prepare the financial statements. The responsibilities of the independent external auditor with respect to financial reporting are set out in the Independent Auditor's Report on page 79 to page 80.

# **Constitutional Documents**

There are no significant changes in the Company's constitutional documents during the year ended 31 December 2024.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present the annual report and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

# **Principal Activities**

The Company acts as an investment holding company and provides corporate management services. The Group is principally engaged in the production of motive batteries in China. The activities of the principal subsidiaries are shown in note 46 to the consolidated financial statements.

# **Results and Appropriations**

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2024 are set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on page 81. The Directors propose to declare a final dividend of HK\$17 cents per Share (2023: HK\$43.00 cents).

# **Property, Plant and Equipment**

During the Year, construction in progress of approximately RMB1,233 million and RMB1,141 million were completed and transferred to buildings, plant and machinery, respectively. During the Year, the Group continued to expand its manufacturing facilities. The Group acquired buildings, plant and machinery for approximately RMB1,308 million. Details of these and other movements in the property, plant and equipment of the Group during the Year are set out in note 16 to the consolidated financial statements.

# **Business Review**

Details of the Company's business review are set out in the "Management Discussion and Analysis" section of this annual report, of which this Directors' Report forms a part.

# Share Capital and Issue of Securities

Details of the movement during the Year in the share capital of the Company are set out in note 36 to the consolidated financial statements.

During the Year, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

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## **Distributive Reserves**

As at 31 December 2024, the Company's reserve available for distribution amounted to approximately RMB910 million (2023: approximately RMB919 million). Under the Company Law (Revised) Chapter 25 of the Cayman Islands, the share premium of the Company is available for distribution or paying dividends to the Shareholders subject to the provisions of its memorandum or articles of association and provided that immediately following the distribution of dividends, the Company is able to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

## **Directors**

The directors of the Company during the Year and up to the date of this report were:

#### **Executive Directors:**

Dr. Zhang Tianren *(Chairman)* Mr. Zhang Aogen Mr. Zhang Kaihong Mr. Shi Borong Mr. Zhou Jianzhong

#### Independent non-executive Directors:

Mr. Huang Dongliang Mr. Zhang Yong Mr. Xiao Gang Dr. Guo Yuantao (appointed with effect from 29 August 2024)

The term of appointment (renewable) of the independent non-executive Directors is as follows:

Mr. Huang Dongliang	11 June 2024 to 10 June 2025
Mr. Zhang Yong	8 August 2024 to 7 August 2025
Mr. Xiao Gang	15 March 2024 to 14 March 2025
Dr. Guo Yuantao (appointed with effect from 29 August 2024)	29 August 2024 to 28 August 2025

In accordance with article 87 of the Amended and Restated Articles of Association, Mr. Huang Dongliang, Mr. Zhang Yong and Mr. Xiao Gang will retire from office and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting ("**AGM**").

In accordance with article 86(3) of the Amended and Restated Articles of Association, Dr. Guo Yuantao will retire from office and, being eligible, offer herself for re-election at the forthcoming AGM.

# **Directors' Service Contracts**

All of the executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors of the Company have entered into service contracts or letters of appointment with the Company. The term of appointment of each of Dr. Zhang Tianren, Mr. Zhang Aogen, Mr. Zhang Kaihong, Mr. Shi Borong and Mr. Huang Dongliang, is 3 years from 11 June 2007; the term of appointment of Mr. Zhou Jianzhong is 3 years from 27 March 2015; the term of appointment of Mr. Zhang Yong is 3 years from 8 August 2018; the term of appointment of Mr. Xiao Gang is 1 year from 15 March 2022 to 14 March 2023; and the term of appointment of Dr. Guo Yuantao is 1 year from 29 August 2024 to 28 August 2025. The term of appointment of each Director is renewable by mutual agreement of both parties unless terminated by not less than three months' prior notice in writing served by either party. All Directors are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the Company's AGM at least once every three years in accordance with article 87 of the Amended and Restated Articles of Association.

No Director proposed for re-election at the AGM has a service contract which is not terminable by the Group within one year without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation).

# **Permitted Indemnity**

The Company has taken out appropriate insurance coverage for the Directors in respect of legal actions taken against Directors and officers of the Group. The Board reviews the extent of the insurance coverage every year.

# Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures

As at 31 December 2024, the interests and the short positions of the Directors and the chief executive of the Company in the Shares, underlying Shares and the debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("**SFO**")), as recorded in the register maintained by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO or as notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code were as follows:

# Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures (Continued)

#### (a) Long positions

Ordinary Shares of HK\$0.1 each of the Company:

Name of Director	Capacity	Number of interested Shares held (note 1)	Aggregate approximate percentage of issued share capital of the Company (note 7)
Zhang Tianren	Interest of a controlled corporation (note 2)	411,355,650 (L)	36.53%
	Interest of spouse (note 2)	258,000 (L)	0.02%
Zhang Aogen	Interest of a controlled corporation (note 3)	13,641,022 (L)	1.21%
Zhang Kaihong	Interest of a controlled corporation (note 4)	18,884,174 (L)	1.68%
Shi Borong	Interest of a controlled corporation (note 5)	15,686,141 (L)	1.39%
Zhou Jianzhong	Interest of a controlled corporation (note 6)	2,362,815 (L)	0.21%
Huang Dongliang	Beneficial owner	240,000 (L)	0.02%

Notes:

1. The letter "L" denotes long position in the Shares of the Company.

2. The 411,355,650 Shares of the Company were held by Prime Leader Global Limited, which was wholly-owned by Dr. Zhang Tianren. 258,000 Shares were held by Ms. Yang Yaping, spouse of Dr. Zhang Tianren.

3. The 13,641,022 Shares of the Company were held by Top Benefits International Limited, which was wholly-owned by Mr. Zhang Aogen.

4. The 18,884,174 Shares of the Company were held by Plenty Gold Holdings Limited, which was wholly-owned by Mr. Zhang Kaihong.

5. The 15,686,141 Shares of the Company were held by Precise Asia Global Limited, which was wholly-owned by Mr. Shi Borong.

6. The 2,362,815 Shares of the Company were held by Centre Wealth Limited, which was wholly-owned by Mr. Zhou Jianzhong.

7. Shareholding percentage is based on 1,126,124,500 issued Shares of the Company as at 31 December 2024.

# Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures (Continued)

#### (a) Long positions (Continued)

Interest in an associated corporation, Zhejiang Tianneng New Materials Co., Ltd. (浙江天能新材料有限公司)

Name of Director	Capacity	Number of interested Shares held	Aggregate approximate percentage of issued share capital of the associated corporation
Zhang Tianren	Interest of a controlled corporation (Note (ii))	34,314,000 (L)	25%
Notes:			

(i) The letter "L" denotes long position in the shares of the associated corporation.

(ii) The 34,314,000 shares of the associated corporation were held by Tianchang Holding Co., Ltd. (天暢控股有限公司), which was owned as to 98% by Dr. Zhang Tianren.

#### (b) Other interests and short positions

Save as disclosed above, on 16 June 2014, the Company has granted 58,660,000 options to subscribe for Shares in accordance with the Company's share option scheme (the "**Scheme**") adopted pursuant to a resolution passed by the then Shareholders on 26 February 2007. Among the options, 2,215,000 options were granted to the associates of the Directors. The names of the grantees who are associates of the Directors were listed in the announcement of the Company dated 16 June 2014.

## **Retirement Benefits Scheme**

Details of the retirement benefits scheme of the Group are set out in note 39 to the consolidated financial statements.

## **Directors' Rights to Acquire Shares or Debentures**

Save as disclosed on pages 62 to 67, at no time during the Year was the Company, its parent company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors of the Company or any of their spouses or children under 18 years of age to acquire benefits by means of acquisition of shares in, or debt securities, including debentures, of the Company or any other body corporate.

# **Directors' Interest in Competitors**

As at the date of this report, within the knowledge of the Directors, no Director or any of his/her respective associates has any interest in a business which competes or may compete with the business of the Group.

# **Directors' Interests in Contracts of Significance**

No transaction, arrangement or contract of significance, to which the Company, or any of its subsidiaries was a party and in which a Director or any entity in connection with any Director had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the Year or at any time during the Year.

# **Management Contracts**

No contracts concerning the management and administration of the whole and any substantial part of the business of the Company were entered into or existed during the Year.

# **Substantial Shareholders**

As at 31 December 2024, the register of substantial Shareholders maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO shows that the following persons, other than a Director or chief executive of the Company, had notified the Company of relevant interests and short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company which would have to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO in the issued share capital of the Company:

Ordinary Shares of HK\$0.1 each of the Company:

		Number of	Approximate percentage of issued share capital of
Name of Shareholder	Capacity	Shares held	the Company
		(Note 1)	(Note 3)
Zhang Tianren	Interest of a controlled corporation (Note 2)	411,355,650 (L)	36.53%
	Interest of spouse (Note 2)	258,000(L)	0.02%
Yang Yaping	Beneficial owner (Note 2)	258,000(L)	0.02%
	Interest of spouse (Note 2)	411,355,650 (L)	36.53%
Prime Leader Global Limited	Beneficial owner (Note 2)	411,355,650 (L)	36.53%

Notes:

1. The letter "L" denotes long position in the Shares of the Company.

- 2. The 411,355,650 Shares were held by Prime Leader Global Limited, which was wholly-owned by Dr. Zhang Tianren. 258,000 Shares were held by Ms. Yang Yaping, spouse of Dr. Zhang Tianren. Ms. Yang Yaping, being the spouse of Dr. Zhang Tianren, is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Dr. Zhang Tianren.
- 3. Shareholding percentage is based on 1,126,124,500 issued Shares of the Company as at 31 December 2024.

# **Share Option Schemes**

A share option scheme (the "2007 Share Option Scheme") was adopted pursuant to a resolution passed by the Shareholders on 26 February 2007. An ordinary resolution was passed at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 16 May 2014 (the "2014 AGM") relating to the refreshment of scheme mandate limit of the Scheme as set out in the supplemental notice of the 2014 AGM. The 2007 Share Option Scheme expired on 10 June 2017. After its termination, no further options will be granted but the provisions of the 2007 Share Option Scheme shall in all other respects remain in full force and effect and options which were granted during the life of the 2007 Share Option Scheme may continue to be exercisable until their expiry on 16 June 2024 in accordance with their terms of issue.

The following is a summary of the terms of the 2007 Share Option Scheme:

#### (a) Purpose

To provide incentives or rewards to selected participants for their contribution to the Group.

#### (b) Participants

Full-time employee, Directors (including independent non-executive Directors) and part-time employees with weekly working hours of 10 hours and above, of the Group, substantial shareholders of each member of the Group, associates of the Directors and substantial shareholders of any member of the Group, trustee of any trust preapproved by the Board, and any advisor (professional or otherwise), consultant, distributor, supplier, agent, customer, joint venture partner, service provider to the Group whom the Board considers has contributed or contributes to the Group.

#### (c) Total number of shares available for issue

- (i) The limit on the number of Shares which may be issued upon the exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the 2007 Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company must not, in aggregate, exceed 30% of the Shares in issue from time to time.
- (ii) Subject to paragraph (i) above, the total number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all options to be granted under the 2007 Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company must not in aggregate, exceed 10% of the Shares in issue on 16 May 2014 (the "2007 Scheme Limit") unless approval of the Shareholders has been obtained. Options lapsed in accordance with the terms of the 2007 Share Option Scheme will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the 2007 Scheme Limit.
- (iii) Subject to paragraph (i) above, the Company may refresh the 2007 Scheme Limit at any time subject to prior Shareholders' approval provided that the limit as "refreshed" must not exceed 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of the aforesaid Shareholders' approval. Options previously granted under the 2007 Share Option Scheme and other share option schemes (including those outstanding, cancelled, lapsed in accordance with the 2007 Share Option Scheme or other share option scheme or exercised options) will not be counted for the purpose for calculating the limit as renewed.

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- (iv) Subject to paragraph (i) above, the Company may also seek separate Shareholders' approval for granting options beyond the 2007 Scheme Limit to participants specifically identified by the Company.
- (v) As at the latest practicable date prior to the issue of this annual report, no further options could be granted under the 2007 Share Option Scheme and no Shares were available for issue under the 2007 Share Option Scheme.

#### (d) Maximum entitlement of each participant

The total number of Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the options granted to each participant (including both exercised and outstanding options) in any 12-month period must not exceed 1% of the relevant class of the Shares in issue from time to time. Any further grant of options to such participant beyond the limit must be subject to Shareholders' approval with such participant and his or her associates abstaining from voting.

#### (e) Option period

An option may be exercised at any time during the period to be determined and notified by the Board to each grantee and in any event such period of time shall not be more than ten years from the date on which the option is granted.

#### (f) Vesting period of the options granted

There is no general requirement that an option must be held for any minimum period before it can be exercised, but the Board may impose restrictions on the exercise of an option during the option period.

#### (g) Consideration on acceptance of the option

The grantee shall pay HK\$1.00 to the Company by way of consideration for the grant upon acceptance of the option.

#### (h) Basis of determining the exercise price of option granted

The subscription price will be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion and will be no less than the highest of:

- (i) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotations sheet issued by the Stock Exchange on the date of offer of the option;
- the average closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotation sheets issued by the Stock Exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the offer date; and
- (iii) the nominal value of a Share at the time of exercise of an option.

#### (i) Remaining life of the 2007 Share Option Scheme

The 2007 Share Option Scheme expired on 10 June 2017.

Details of the share options granted under the 2007 Share Option Scheme and the movement of the Company's share options during the reporting period are as follows:

Name of grantee	Date of grant of the options	Exercise period	Exercise price of the opfions (HCS)	Closing price of Company's Shares immediately before the date of grant (HCS)	Weighted average closing price of Company's Shares immediately before the date of exercise (HCS)	Number of option outstanding as at 1 January 2024	Number of options granted during the period	Number of options exercised during the period	Number of options cancelled during the period	Number of options lapsed in accordance with the terms of the options or the Scheme during the period	Number of options outstanding as at 31 December 2024	Approximate shareholding percentage of the underlying Shares for the options in the share capital of the Company
Huang Dongliang (Independent non-executive Director)	16/6/2014	16/6/2015 to 15/6/2024	2.90	2.89	-	90,000	-	-	-	(90,000)	-	-
Employees	16/6/2014	16/6/2015 to 15/6/2024	2.90	2.89	-	32,841,000	-	-	-	(32,841,000)	-	-
						32,931,000	-	-	-	(32,931,000)	-	-

The vesting period of all the outstanding share options is the period beginning on the date of grant and ending on the date immediately before commencement of the exercise period.

On 18 May 2018, the Company by ordinary resolution approved the adoption of a new share option scheme (the "**2018 Share Option Scheme**"). No options have yet been granted under the 2018 Share Option Scheme.

The following is a summary of the terms of the 2018 Share Option Scheme:

#### (a) Purpose

To reward the participants who have contributed to the Group.

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#### (b) Participants

As per existing terms of the 2018 Share Option Scheme, participants of the scheme may be any party falling within any one or more of the following items (i) to (v) whom the Board considers, in its sole discretion, has contributed or contributes to the Group:

- (i) all full-time employees, Directors (including independent non-executive Directors) and part-time employees with weekly working hours of 10 hours and above, of the Group;
- (ii) substantial shareholders of each member of the Group;
- (iii) associates of the directors and substantial shareholders of any member of the Group;
- (iv) trustee of any trust pre-approved by the Board; and
- (v) any advisor (professional or otherwise), consultant, distributor, supplier, agent, customer, joint venture partner, service provider to the Group.

#### (c) Total number of shares available for issue

- (i) The overall limit on the number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the 2018 Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company must not exceed 30% of the Shares in issue from time to time.
- (ii) Subject to sub-paragraph (i) above, the Shares which are the subject to options to be granted under the 2018 Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company must not, in aggregate, exceed 10% of the Shares in issue on 18 May 2018, the date of approval of the scheme by the Shareholders (the "2018 Scheme Limit") unless approval of the Shareholders has been obtained pursuant to sub-paragraphs (iii) and (iv). Options lapsed in accordance with the terms of the 2018 Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the 2018 Scheme Limit.
- (iii) Subject to sub-paragraph (i) above, the Company may refresh the 2018 Scheme Limit at any time subject to prior Shareholders' approval. However, the 2018 Scheme Limit as "refreshed" must not exceed 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of the aforesaid Shareholders' approval. Options previously granted under the 2018 Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes (including those outstanding, cancelled, lapsed in accordance with the 2018 Share Option Scheme or any other share option scheme or exercised options) will not be counted for the purpose for calculating the limit as "refreshed". A circular containing information and the disclaimer required under the Listing Rules must be sent to the Shareholders in connection with the meeting at which their approval will be sought.

- (iv) Subject to sub-paragraph (i) above, the Company may also seek separate Shareholders' approval for granting options beyond the 2018 Scheme Limit to participants specifically identified by the Company before the aforesaid Shareholders' meeting where such approval is sought.
- (v) As at the latest practicable date prior to the issue of this annual report, 112,654,650 Shares were available for issue under the 2018 Share Option Scheme, representing approximately 10% of the total issued share capital of the Company at that date.

#### (d) Maximum entitlement of each participant

The total number of Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the options granted to each participant (including both exercised and outstanding options) in any 12-month period must not exceed 1% of the relevant class of the Shares in issue from time to time. Any further grant of options to such participant beyond the limit must be subject to Shareholders' approval with such participant and his or her associates abstaining from voting.

#### (e) Option period

An option may be exercised at any time during a period to be determined and notified by the Board to each grantee and in any event such period of time shall not be more than ten years from the date on which the option is granted.

#### (f) Vesting period of the options granted

There is no general requirement that an option must be held for any minimum period before it can be exercised, but the Board may impose restrictions on the exercise of an option during the option period.

#### (g) Consideration on acceptance of the option

The grantee shall pay HK\$1.00 to the Company by way of consideration for the grant upon acceptance of the option.

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#### (h) Basis of determining the exercise price of option granted

The subscription price will be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion and will be no less than the highest of:

- the closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotations sheet issued by the Stock Exchange on the date of offer of the option;
- the average closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotation sheets issued by the Stock Exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the offer date; and
- (iii) the nominal value of a Share.

#### (i) Remaining life of the 2018 Share Option Scheme

The 2018 Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective for a period of ten years commencing on 18 May 2018, the effective date of the scheme, and will expire on 17 May 2028.

Further details of the 2007 Share Option Scheme and the 2018 Share Option Scheme are set out in Note 38 to the financial statements.

As at 31 December 2024, no further options could be granted under the 2007 Share Option Scheme. For the 2018 Share Option Scheme, 112,654,650 options were available for grant under the 2018 Scheme Limit at the beginning and the end of the reporting period. No option was granted under all schemes of the Company during the Reporting Period.

## Independent Non-Executive Directors

Mr. Huang Dongliang has signed a letter of appointment with the Company for an initial period of three years commencing 11 June 2007 and renewable annually thereafter until terminated by either party giving not less than three months' prior written notice to the other. The letter of appointment of Mr. Huang Dongliang with the Company expired on 10 June 2010. Thereafter, the term of office of Mr. Huang Dongliang has been renewed for a further term of one year in each year. Mr. Zhang Yong (appointed with effect from 8 August 2018) has signed a service agreement with the Company for an initial period of three years commencing 8 August 2018. Mr. Xiao Gang (appointed with effect from 15 March 2022) has signed a service agreement with the Company for an initial period of one year commencing 15 March 2022. Dr. Guo Yuantao (appointed with effect from 29 August 2024) has signed a service agreement with the Company for an initial period of one year commencing 29 August 2024. The Company has received, from each of the independent non-executive Directors, a confirmation of his/her independence. The Company considers that all of the independent non-executive Directors are independent.

# **Emolument Policy**

The Group's emolument policies are as follows:

- (i) the amount of remuneration is determined on a case by case basis depending on the Directors, or employees' relevant experience, responsibility, workload and the time devoted to the Group;
- (ii) non-cash benefits may be provided at the discretion of the Board to the relevant Directors or employees under their remuneration package; and
- (iii) the Directors or employees who are eligible participants under the share option scheme may be granted, at the discretion of the Board, options of the share option scheme adopted by the Company, as part of their remuneration package.

# **Dividend Policy**

The Company has adopted a dividend policy, pursuant to which the Company may distribute profit by way of (i) cash or (ii) shares as may be determined by the Board from time to time. The profit distribution policy of the Company is:

- (a) Profit distribution policy of the Company shall achieve continuity, stability and sustainability;
- (b) The Company targets a payout ratio with balance on distribution of profits and profits retained for business operation and future development;
- (c) Profit distribution of the Company shall take into account:
  - (i) the earnings per share of the Company;
  - (ii) the reasonable return in investment of the investors and the Shareholders in order to provide incentive for them to continue to support the Company in their long-term development;
  - (iii) the financial conditions and business plan of the Company; and
  - (iv) the market sentiment and circumstances.

# **Pre-Emptive Rights**

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's articles of association or the laws of the Cayman Islands, being the jurisdiction in which the Company was incorporated, which would oblige the Company to offer new Shares on a pro rata basis to the existing Shareholders.

# **Major Customers and Suppliers**

During the Year, the aggregate sales attributable to the Group's five largest customers amounted to 25.33% of the Group's turnover. The largest customer accounted for 8.18% of the Group's total turnover. During the Year, the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for 19.27% of the Group's total purchase and the largest supplier accounted for 5.64% of the Group's total purchase. At no time during the Year did a Director, an associate of a Director or a Shareholder of the Company (which to the knowledge of the Directors owns more than 5% of the Company's share capital) have an interest in any of the Group's five largest suppliers or customers.

# **Corporate Governance**

Details of the Company's corporate governance practices are set out in the "Corporate Governance Report" section of this annual report.

# **Environmental Protection**

Details of the Company's environmental policy and performance are published in the separate Environmental, Social and Governance Report which will be available at the Company's website and the website of the Stock Exchange at the same time as this annual report is published.

# **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee was established in accordance with the requirements of the Listing Rules for the purposes of reviewing and providing supervision over the Group's financial reporting process and internal controls. The Audit Committee currently comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Huang Dongliang (Chairman), Mr. Zhang Yong and Mr. Xiao Gang.

The Audit Committee meets regularly with the Company's senior management and the Company's auditors to consider the Company's financial reporting process, the effectiveness of internal controls, the audit process and risk management.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the annual results of the Group for the Reporting Period.

# **Donations**

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Group made charitable donations of approximately RMB6.2442 million (2023: RMB4.3670 million).

# **Sufficiency of Public Float**

From information publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors as at the latest practicable date prior to the issue of this annual report, at least 25% of the Company's total issued share capital is held by the public throughout the year ended 31 December 2024 as required under the Listing Rules.

## **Auditor**

A resolution will be submitted to the AGM to re-appoint Deloitte as the auditor of the Company.

On behalf of the Board

Zhang Aogen Director

Hong Kong, 27 March 2025

# **Continuing Connected Transactions**

# **Mutual Supply Agreement**

# Background

As set out in the announcement of the Company dated 29 December 2023, on 29 December 2023, the Company (for itself and on behalf of other member(s) of the Group) entered into the 2024-2026 Mutual Supply Agreement (the "2024-26 MSA") with Zhejiang Changtong Technology Company Limited\* (浙江暢通科技有限公司) ("Zhejiang Changtong") for (i) the purchase of certain components for production of lead storage batteries (including plastic and glass fiber components) by member(s) of the Group from Zhejiang Changtong and (ii) the sale of plastic particles (lead acid recycled products) and other materials from member(s) of the Group to Zhejiang Changtong during the three-year period commencing 1 January 2024 and expiring on 31 December 2026, both days inclusive.

As at the date of the 2024-26 MSA, Zhejiang Changtong was owned as to 90% by Ms. Zhang Mei'e, being the sister of Mr. Zhang Tianren (an executive Director, the chairman of the Board and a controlling shareholder of the Company) and Mr. Zhang Aogen (an executive Director) and 10% by Mr. Ni Danqing, Ms. Zhang Mei'e's spouse. As Ms. Zhang Mei'e and Mr. Ni Danqing are associates of Mr. Zhang Tianren and Mr. Zhang Aogen, Zhejiang Changtong is a connected person of the Company pursuant to Rule 14A.12(2) of the Listing Rules. Hence, the 2024-26 MSA and the transactions contemplated thereunder constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company.

# **Reasons for the transaction**

As Zhejiang Changtong has maintained business relationship with the Group during the past few years and is familiar with the Group's product specifications and quality requirements, it is able to respond quickly and in a cost effective manner to any new specifications that the Group may from time to time request. Furthermore, the 2024-26 MSA continues to allow the Group to source products needed for its ordinary and usual course of business at market price and terms and with assured stable quality, contributing towards the Group's efforts in cost control and improving efficiency, as well as allows the Group to sell products to Zhejiang Changtong on terms no less favourable to the Group than terms available to the independent third parties. In addition, the Directors consider that the 2024-26 MSA can set out a framework to regulate and streamline the on-going transactions between members of the Group and Zhejiang Changtong.

# Pricing basis and policy

The pricing of the products for sale and purchase will be determined in accordance with the following principles: (i) the volume and amount of purchases of products as specified in the purchase order(s) placed, and/or purchase contract(s) to be entered into between relevant member(s) of the Group and Zhejiang Changtong; (ii) the agreed price(s) will be determined with reference to the reasonable cost of supply in respect of similar products from independent third party suppliers plus a reasonable profit margin to cover the related costs and expenses incurred; (iii) agreed prices should be fair and reasonable in the ordinary and usual course of business, and on terms and conditions determined in accordance with normal commercial terms, or if there are insufficient comparable transactions to determine whether they are on normal commercial terms, on terms no less favourable to the Group than terms available to or from (as appropriate) any other independent third party; (iv) agreed prices should be comparable with prevailing market prices; and (v) agreed prices should be no less favourable than those offered to independent third party enterprises of the same industry as the Group or Zhejiang Changtong (as appropriate) at the material time, to the extent that those products are of comparable nature, quality, brand and specification.

# **Continuing Connected Transactions (Continued)**

# **Annual caps**

The annual caps of (i) the amounts to be paid to Zhejiang Changtong by the Group for the provision of the products and (ii) the amounts to be paid to the Group by Zhejiang Changtong for the provision of the products for the year ended 31 December 2024 are RMB320,000,000 and RMB5,000,000, respectively.

# Actual transaction values for the Year

The total transaction amount (i) paid to Zhejiang Changtong by the Group for the provision of the products and (ii) paid to the Group by Zhejiang Changtong for the provision of the products under the 2024-26 MSA for the Year were approximately RMB311,870,000 and RMB574,000, respectively.

# **Master Services Agreement**

# Background

As set out in the announcement of the Company dated 29 April 2022, on 29 April 2022, Tianneng Holding Group Co., Ltd.\* (天能控股集團有限公司) (**"Tianneng Holding"**), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and Zhejiang Changneng Commercial Management Company Limited\* (浙江暢能商業管理有限公司) (**"Zhejiang Changneng"**) entered into the master services agreement (the **"Master Services Agreement"**) in relation to the provision of labour and leasing services between the Group, and Zhejiang Changneng, its subsidiaries, associates and other controlled entities (collectively, the **"Zhejiang Changneng Group"**) for a term of three years commencing from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024.

Zhejiang Changneng is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tianchang Holding Co., Ltd.\* (天暢控股有限公司) ("**Tianchang Holding**"), which is in turn owned as to 98% by Dr. Zhang Tianren, who is the controlling shareholder and an executive Director of the Company and the remaining 2% by Dr. Zhang Tianren's son, Mr. Zhang Hao (張昊). Accordingly, Zhejiang Changneng is a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules.

Pursuant to the Master Services Agreement, the Zhejiang Changneng Group shall provide the labour services in respect of catering, property management and conference services to the Group and the Group shall provide leasing services in respect of certain properties and/or ancillary equipment and facilities to the Zhejiang Changneng Group, from time to time. The Group shall enter into separate agreements to set out the specific provisions of the labour services and the leasing of properties and ancillary equipment and facilities with the Zhejiang Changneng Group.

# **Continuing Connected Transactions (Continued)**

# **Reasons for the transaction**

In the course of its daily production and operation, the Group conducts continuing connected transactions with the Zhejiang Changneng Group in relation to the labour and leasing services. In order to better regulate such continuing connected transactions under the Listing Rules, the Company and Zhejiang Changneng entered into the Master Services Agreement.

# **Pricing policy**

The price for provision of labour and leasing services shall be determined in accordance with the following principles:

- the prices prescribed by the government of the PRC or any regulatory authority(ies) (if any) ("government prescribed prices") or the pricing guidelines or prices to be determined by the parties within the range as set by the government of the PRC or any regulatory authority(ies) (if any) ("government-guided prices");
- (ii) the market prices determined in accordance with the prevailing prices charged by independent third parties providing the same types of services on normal commercial terms, where none of the government prescribed prices or government-guided prices are available or applicable; and
- (iii) the agreed prices based on the actual or reasonable cost incurred thereof plus a reasonable profit (which is determined with reference to the nature and historical price of services, current market price (if applicable) of the similar services and the Group's forecasted demand and increase in the market price of such services in the remaining term), where none of the above pricing principles are available or applicable.
- (iv) Furthermore, all transactions contemplated under the Master Services Agreement shall be conducted at the price and/or payment terms which shall be fair and reasonable to the Group and no less favourable to the Group than those offered by the independent third parties, failing which the Group shall have the right to terminate and cancel such purchases with the Zhejiang Changneng Group.

# **Annual caps**

For the year ended 31 December 2024, the annual cap of the transaction amount for the provision of the labour services by the Zhejiang Changneng Group under the Master Services Agreements paid by the Group to the Zhiejiang Changneng Group was approximately RMB7,000,000; and the annual cap of the transaction amount for the provision of the leasing services by the Group under the Master Services Agreements paid by the Zhejiang Changneng Group was approximately RMB7,000,000; and the annual cap of the transaction amount for the provision of the leasing services by the Group under the Master Services Agreements paid by the Zhejiang Changneng Group to the Group was approximately RMB500,000.

# CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS/DISCLOSEABLE AND CONNECTED TRANSACTION

# **Continuing Connected Transactions (Continued)**

# Actual transaction values for the Year

For the year ended 31 December 2024, the actual total transaction amount under the Master Services Agreement was as follows:

- Actual amount paid by the Group to the Zhejiang Changneng Group for the provision of the labour services by the Zhejiang Changneng Group: approximately RMB1,725,000
- The Zhejiang Changneng Group has not provided leasing services to the Group.

The independent non-executive Directors have reviewed the above continuing connected transactions, and confirmed that they have been entered into:

- a) in the ordinary and usual course of businesses of the Group;
- b) on normal commercial terms; and
- c) in accordance with the relevant written agreements governing them on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Shareholders as a whole.

The auditor of the Company was engaged to perform works on the continuing connected transactions set out above in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 "Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The auditor has provided a letter to the Board confirming nothing has come to their attention that causes them to believe that the continuing connected transactions disclosed above:

- (1) have not been approved by the listed issuer's Board;
- (2) were not, in all material respects, in accordance with the pricing policies of the Group;
- (3) were not entered into, in all material respects, in accordance with the relevant agreements governing the transaction; and
- (4) have exceeded the cap.

# **Discloseable and Connected Transaction**

# Deemed Disposal of Interest in a Connected Subsidiary and Grant of the Put Option

On 5 May 2023, (i) Zhejiang Tianneng New Materials Co., Ltd.\* (浙江天能新材料有限公司) (**"Tianneng New Materials"**) (a connected subsidiary of the Company), (ii) 15 outside investors who are independent third parties and 3 investors who are controlled by the Company (collectively the **"Investors"**) and (iii) Tianneng Holding Group Co., Ltd.\* (天能控股集團有限公司) (**"Tianneng Holding"**) and Zhejiang Tianneng Commercial Management Co., Ltd.\* (浙江天能商業管理有限公司) (**"Tianneng Holding"**) and Zhejiang Tianneng Commercial Management Co., Ltd.\* (浙江天能商業管理有限公司) (**"Tianneng Commercial"**) (two indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company) and Tianchang Holding Co., Ltd.\* (天 暢控股有限公司) (**"Tianneng Holding"**) (a connected person of the Company who is an existing shareholder of Tianneng New Materials) (collectively the **"Tianneng Parties"**) entered into the capital increase agreement (the **"Capital Increase Agreement"**) whereby the Investors agreed to pay the total subscription price of RMB1,000,000,000 to subscribe for the new registered capital of RMB39,216,000 in Tianneng New Materials, representing approximately 28.57% of the registered capital of Tianneng New Materials as enlarged by the capital increase (the **"Capital Increase"**).

Upon completion of the Capital Increase, the Company's indirect shareholding in Tianneng New Materials decreased from 65% to approximately 49.27%. Notwithstanding the decrease in the Company's indirect shareholding interest in Tianneng New Materials, Tianneng New Materials continues to be a non-wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company since Tianneng New Materials continues to be controlled by the Company.

In connection with the Capital Increase Agreement, Tianneng New Materials, the Investors and the Tianneng Parties entered into the shareholders agreement (the "**Shareholders Agreement**") on 5 May 2023, which sets our the rights and obligations of the shareholders of Tianneng New Materials, the governance structure of Tianneng New Materials and the option granted to the Investors and exercisable by the Investors to sell at their discretion all or part of the equity interests held by the Investors in Tianneng New Materials to Tianneng New Materials and/or Tianneng Holding pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Shareholders Agreement (the "**Put Option**"). The Shareholders Agreement and the Capital Increase Agreement came into effect on the date which they were considered and approved at an extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 14 July 2023. For details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 5 May 2023, the circular of the Company dated 28 June 2023 and the announcement of the Company dated 14 July 2023.

Upon completion of the Capital Increase, Tianneng New Materials was owned by Tianneng Holding, Tianneng Commercial, Tianchang Holding and the Investors as to 36.43%, 10%, 25% and 28.57%, respectively.

<sup>\*</sup> For identification purpose only

# Deemed Acquisition of Interests in a Connected Subsidiary

Since 2023, significant changes in the macroeconomic environment and industry dynamics, coupled with fluctuations in product and raw material prices, have materially impacted the original qualified listing plan of Tianneng New Material. In light of these developments and to ensure the long-term sustainable growth of Tianneng New Materials, the Company has decided, after thorough evaluation and deliberation, to abandon the arrangement for achieving a qualified listing by 31 December 2026. The investors have exercised their Put Option to sell their entire equity interests in Tianneng New Material, representing approximately 28.57% of the registered capital of Tianneng New Material in aggregate.

The acquisition of the Investors' interest in Tianneng New Material (the "Acquisition") was be carried out by Tianneng Holding in accordance with the terms and conditions in relation to the Put Option as stipulated in the Shareholders Agreement (except for adjustments to the completion timeline and procedures mutually agreed by the parties), including the acquisition price to be paid to each Investor, which shall be the respective part of the total subscription price paid by the relevant Investors, plus interest calculated at an annualized rate of 8% (simple interest) on such total subscription price, accrued during the period the Investor hold the equity interests in Tianneng New Material (from the date of payment of the relevant part of the total subscription price to the date of payment of the acquisition price), minus the cash dividends received by that the Investors over the years.

As of the 26 December 2024, Tianneng Holding has acquired the entire equity interests in Tianneng New Materials previously held by the Investors, representing approximately 28.57% of the registered capital of Tianneng New Materials. The total acquisition price of RMB1,072,302,000 was determined in accordance with the terms and conditions related to the Put Option as set out in the Shareholders Agreement. Following the completion of the Acquisition and the relevant changes in business registration on 26 December 2024, Tianneng New Material continues to be a non-wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and is owned as to 65%, 10% and 25% by Tianneng Holding, Tianneng Commercial and Tianchang Holding, respectively. The financial results of Tianneng New Materials will continue to be consolidated in the consolidated financial statements of the Company. For details, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 29 October 2024 and 27 December 2024.

The Directors confirmed that the Company has complied with the applicable requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules with regard to those related party transactions which constituted connection transaction and continuing connected transactions (which are subject to disclosure and/or independent Shareholders' approval requirements). Save for the aforementioned, other related party transactions as set out in note 46 to the financial statements did not constitute connected transaction/continuing connected transaction under the Listing Rules.

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**





TO THE MEMBERS OF TIANNENG POWER INTERNATIONAL LIMITED 天能動力國際有限公司 (incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

# Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Tianneng Power International Limited (the "**Company**") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "**Group**") set out on pages 81 to 156, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2024, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with HKFRS Accounting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("**HKICPA**") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

# **Basis for Opinion**

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

# **Key Audit Matters**

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

# Key Audit Matters (Continued)

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
Cut-off of revenue recognition from contracts with customer	S
As stated in notes 5 and 6 to the consolidated financial statements, operating profit of the Group was substantially contributed by the manufacturing business segment, in which the sales of lead-acid battery products represented over 90% of revenue from the manufacturing business segment. The sales of lead-acid battery products are recognised at a point in time when the control of	<ul> <li>Our audit procedures in relation to cut-off of revenue recognition of sales of lead-acid battery products included:</li> <li>Understanding the business process of revenue recognition of sales of lead-acid battery products and evaluating the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of key controls relevant to the aut off of acuses process of revenue recognition.</li> </ul>
the goods is transferred to the customers based on the management's estimation on the date when the customers receive the goods. We identified the cut-off of revenue from sales of lead-acid battery products as a key audit matter because revenue is one of the key performance indicator of the Group which	<ul> <li>cut-off of revenue recognition;</li> <li>Reviewing the contracts for sales of lead-acid battery products, on a sample basis, to assess whether the Group's revenue recognition policy is in compliance with HKFRS 15 <i>Revenue from Contracts with Customers</i>;</li> </ul>
increase the risk of early recognition of revenue prior to transferring risk and reward to the customers.	<ul> <li>Testing, on a sample basis, the recorded revenue before the year end by examining the underlying supporting evidences related to the respective sales transactions and delivery arrangement, including the delivery terms, logistic information, to assess whether the sales transactions are recorded in the correct financial period; and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Interviewing the logistic suppliers, on a sample basis, to evaluate the reasonableness of the receipt date estimated by management.</li> </ul>

# **Other Information**

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

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

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

# Responsibilities of Directors and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRS Accounting Standards issued by the HKICPA and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud
  or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient
  and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from
  fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions,
  misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Plan and perform the group audit to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business units within the group as a basis for forming an opinion on the group financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and review of the audit work performed for purposes of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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

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

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Cheung, Wilfred.

**Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu** *Certified Public Accountants* Hong Kong 27 March 2025

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2024

		Year ended 31 D	ecember
		2024	2023
	NOTES	RMB'000	RMB'000
Revenue	5	76,668,813	83,890,973
Cost of sales	5	(71,756,466)	(77,926,315)
		(11,100,400)	(77,720,013)
Gross profit		4,912,347	5,964,658
Other income	7	2,100,727	1,897,109
Other gains and losses	8	61,989	(50,677)
Impairment losses under expected credit			
loss model, net of reversal	9	(38,271)	(55,439)
Distribution and selling expenses		(1,293,422)	(1,424,382)
Administrative expenses		(1,271,128)	(1,357,017)
Research and development costs		(2,033,214)	(1,927,152)
Share of results of associates		(485)	(835)
Finance costs	10	(546,530)	(482,780)
Profit before tax		1 000 012	0 540 495
Income tax expense	11	1,892,013 (594,106)	2,563,485 (727,780)
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Profit for the year	12	1,297,907	1,835,705
Other comprehensive (expense) income			
tem that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:			
Fair value loss on investments in equity instruments at fair			
value through other comprehensive			
income (" <b>FVTOCI</b> "), net of income tax		(69,131)	(6,067)
		(07,101)	(0,007)
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations		237	
Other comprehensive expense for the year, net of income tax		(68,894)	(6,067)
Total comprehensive income for the year		1,229,013	1,829,638
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Profit for the year attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		1,142,405	1,821,836
Non-controlling interests		155,502	13,869
		1,297,907	1,835,705
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		1 070 511	1 015 7 / 0
Owners of the Company		1,073,511	1,815,769
Non-controlling interests		155,502	13,869
		1,229,013	1,829,638
Earnings per share	15		
- Basic <i>(RMB)</i>		1.01	1.62
		1.01	1.02

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 December 2024

	As at 31 December		
		2024	2023
	NOTES	RMB'000	RMB'000
Non-current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	16	14,223,807	13,054,093
Right-of-use assets	17	1,338,989	1,350,61
Goodwill	17	499	49
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Interests in associates	18	315,515	318,60
Equity instruments at FVTOCI	19	246,553	355,65
Deferred tax assets	20	917,023	916,29
Deposits for acquisition of property, plant and equipment		252,118	380,43
Loan receivables	24	122,452	297,48
Pledged/restricted bank deposits	27	4,645,820	737,32
		22,062,776	17,410,99
Current Assets			
Inventories	21	8,283,938	6,807,51
Properties under development for sale/properties for sale	21	1,009,158	883,49
Bills, trade and other receivables	22	4,581,076	
		• •	5,031,60
Loan receivables	24	658,540	1,085,64
Amounts due from related parties	29	13,728	36,96
Debt instruments at FVTOCI	25	397,042	476,09
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (" <b>FVTPL</b> ")	26	1,510,436	320,82
Pledged/restricted bank deposits	27	7,624,484	5,242,21
Cash and cash equivalents	27	9,139,377	9,455,59
		33,217,779	29,339,95
Current Liabilities			
Bills, trade and other payables	28	13,292,894	12,997,63
Amounts due to related parties	29	114,969	239,46
Taxation liabilities		383,422	455,72
Borrowings	30	12,720,516	6,240,75
Lease liabilities	31	5,427	7,21
Provision	32	500,550	631,50
Contract liabilities	33	2,254,577	2,713,77
		29,272,355	23,286,07
Net Current Assets		3,945,424	6,053,88
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		26,008,200	23,464,88
Non-current Liabilities			
	20	00.7/0	00.00
Deferred tax liabilities	20	80,769	90,03
Borrowings	30	5,800,964	2,826,77
Lease liabilities	31	21,884	6,31
Deferred government grants	34	1,195,660	1,093,54
Redemption liabilities on ordinary shares of a subsidiary	35	-	1,003,59
		7,099,277	5,020,25

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 December 2024

	As at 31 December		
		2024	2023
	NOTES	RMB'000	RMB'000
Capital and Reserves			
Share capital	36	109,850	109,850
Share premium and reserves	37	16,050,716	15,750,030
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		16,160,566	15,859,880
Non-controlling interests		2,748,357	2,584,743
Total Equity		18,908,923	18,444,623

The consolidated financial statements on pages 81 to 156 were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 27 March 2025 and are signed on its behalf by:

Dr. Zhang Tianren DIRECTOR Mr. Zhang Aogen DIRECTOR

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 December 2024

					Attributabl	e to owners of th	e Company						
	Share capital RMB'000	Share premium RMB'000	Special reserve RMB'000 (note 37)	Capital reserve RMB'000	Share options reserve RMB'000	Investment revaluation reserve RMB'000	Translation reserve RMB'000	Statutory surplus reserve fund RMB'000 (note 37)	Discretionary surplus reserve fund RMB'000 (note 37)	Retained profits RMB'000	Subtotal RMB'000	Non- controlling interests RMB'000	<b>Total</b> RMB'000
At 1 January 2023	109,850	778,567	10,000	3,658,601	34,243	(170,678)	-	1,386,221	143,212	8,494,100	14,444,116	2,722,058	17,166,174
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,821,836	1,821,836	13,869	1,835,705
Other comprehensive expense for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(6,067)	-	-	-	-	(6,067)	-	(6,067)
Total comprehensive (expense) income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(6,067)	-	-	-	1,821,836	1,815,769	13,869	1,829,638
Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	134,928	-	(134,928)	-	-	-
Capital contribution from non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,469	1,469
Dividend recognised as distribution (note 14)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(400,005)	(400,005)	-	(400,005)
Dividend paid/payable to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(161,080)	(161,080)
Forfeiture of equity-settled share-based payment	-	-	-	-	(848)	-	-	-	-	848	-	-	-
Recognition of equity-settled share													
based payment (note 38)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,427	8,427
At 31 December 2023	109,850	778,567	10,000	3,658,601	33,395	(176,745)	-	1,521,149	143,212	9,781,851	15,859,880	2,584,743	18,444,623
Profit for the year			_			-	_			1,142,405	1,142,405	155,502	1,297,907
Other comprehensive expense for the year	_	_				(69,131)	237		_	1,172,705	(68,894)	133,302	(68,894)
						(07,131)	237	-			(00,074)		(00,074)
Total comprehensive (expense) income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(69,131)	237	-	-	1,142,405	1,073,511	155,502	1,229,013
Transfer						-		42.292		(42,292)	-		
Dividend recognised as distribution (note 14)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(440,832)	(440,832)	-	(440,832)
Dividend paid/payable to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(90,741)	(90,741)
Disposal of investments in equity instruments at FVTOCI		-	-	-	-	(20,039)	_	-	-	20,039	-	-	(70,741)
Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary (note)		-	-	(331,993)	-	-	-	-		-	(331,993)	121,993	(210,000)
Repurchase of shares of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(29,886)	(29,886)
Lapse of share options (note 38)	-	-	-	-	(33,395)	-	-	-	-	33,395	-	-	
Recognition of equity-settled share					(//					,			
based payment (note 38)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,746	6,746
At 31 December 2024	109,850	778,567	10,000	3,326,608	-	(265,915)	237	1,563,441	143,212	10,494,566	16,160,566	2,748,357	18,908,923

Note: On 25 January 2024, a Share Transfer Agreement was entered into by Saft Groupe SAS, Tianneng Battery Group Co., Ltd. 天能電池集團股份有限 公司 ("Tianneng Share", an indirect non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company), Zhejiang Changxing Tianneng Power Co., Ltd. 浙江長興天能 電源有限公司 (an indirect non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company) and Zhejiang Tianneng Energy Storage Technology Development Co., Ltd. 浙江天能儲能科技發展有限公司 (formerly known as Tianneng SAFT Energy Co., Ltd. 天能帥福得能源股份有限公司, "Tianneng SAFT", an indirect non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company). Pursuant to the Share Transfer Agreement, Tianneng Share agreed to acquire 40% equity interest in Tianneng SAFT from Saft Groupe SAS with a cash consideration of RMB210,000,000. The Group's interest in Tianneng SAFT increased from 60% to 100% accordingly upon the completion of the transaction. The increase of the Group's equity interests in Tianneng SAFT from 60% to 100% did not result in the change of the Group's control over Tianneng SAFT and is accordingly accounted for as an equity transaction. The surplus of approximately RMB331,993,000, representing the difference between the consideration of RMB210,000,000 and the amount of deficit of noncontrolling interests of approximately RMB121,993,000, was debited to the capital reserve.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Year ended 31 D	ecember	
	2024	2023	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Operating activities			
Profit before tax	1,892,013	2,563,485	
Adjustments for:		_,,	
Interest income	(484,960)	(568,330	
Amortisation of deferred government grants	(75,097)	(80,539	
Dividend income	(12,936)	(7,660	
Finance costs	546,530	482,780	
Share of results of associates	485	835	
Depreciation of property plant and equipment	1,076,997	821.672	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	39,413	45,567	
Loss on disposal/write-off of property, plant and equipment	46,643	55,173	
Impairment loss under ECL model, net of reversal	38,271	55,439	
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	266.086	55,457	
Recognition of allowance for inventories	122,203	338,604	
Share-based payments	6,746	8,427	
Gains on structured bank deposits	(34,963)	(19,287	
Fair value change of investments in listed equity securities	6,261	20,302	
Fair value change of derivative financial instruments	(53,327)	(16,940	
Net foreign exchange losses	1,410	33,144	
		0 700 (70	
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	3,381,775	3,732,672	
Increase in inventories	(1,598,626)	(305,609	
ncrease in properties under development for sale	(125,667)	(305,362	
Decrease (increase) in bills, trade and other receivables	451,720	(29,468	
Decrease in debt instruments at FVTOCI	79,051	321,912	
ncrease in bills, trade and other payables	206,610	51,452	
Decrease) increase in contract liabilities	(459,198)	381,860	
Decrease in provision	(130,958)	(65,920	
Decrease in amounts due to related parties	(124,492)	(76,767	
Decrease (increase) in amounts due from related parties	9,588	(21,838	
Cash generated from operations	1,689,803	3,682,932	
Interest paid	(475,413)	(449,868	
ncome tax paid	(665,225)	(903,534	
Net cash from operating activities	549,165	2,329,530	

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Year ended 31 D	
	2024	202
	RMB'000	RMB'00
nvesting activities		
Interest received	484,960	568,33
Investments in associates	(2,000)	(91,21
Disposal of investment in an associate	4,609	
Dividend income	12,936	7.66
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	155,358	57,69
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(2,247,181)	(3,194,44
Purchases of equity instruments at FVTPL	(36,677)	(44,45
Purchases of equity instruments at FVTOCI	-	(35,46
Disposal of equity instruments at FVTOCI	28,791	(00) 10
Cash inflow from derivative financial instruments	60,235	20,66
Placement of pledged/restricted bank deposits	(12,270,304)	(5,979,53
Withdrawal of pledged/restricted bank deposits	5,979,539	4,930,59
Withdrawal of time deposits	-	450,00
Placement of structured bank deposits	(11,160,000)	(3,036,00
Withdrawal of structured bank deposits	10,028,863	3,105,32
Asset-related government grants received	177,210	310,02
Deposit for acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(252,118)	(380,43
Deposit received for disposal of a subsidiary	(202,110)	31,10
Acquisition of right-of-use assets	(3,418)	(146,91
Payment to independent third parties for loan receivables	(482,203)	(1,188,78
Receipt of repayment for loan receivables	1,058,766	1,053,22
Loan to an associate	1,030,780	(13,65
		(13,05
let cash used in investing activities	(8,462,634)	(3,576,28
inancing activities		
New borrowings raised	12,395,570	13,469,95
Repayments of borrowings	(2,941,615)	(10,603,15
Dividends paid	(440,779)	(509,81
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	(90,741)	(161,08
Capital contribution from non-controlling interests	-	1,46
Proceeds from issue of redeemable ordinary shares of a subsidiary	_	972,04
Consideration paid for redemption of redeemable ordinary shares of a subsidiary	(1,072,302)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Repayment of lease liabilities	(12,995)	(12,88
Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary	(210,000)	(12,00
Repurchase of shares of a subsidiary	(29,886)	
	(27,000)	
let cash from financing activities	7,597,252	3,156,53
let (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(316,217)	1,909,78
ash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	9,455,594	7,545,80
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otal cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year, represented		
by cash and cash equivalents	9,139,377	9,455,59

For the year ended 31 December 2024

# 1. GENERAL

Tianneng Power International Limited (the "**Company**") was incorporated and registered as an exempted company with limited liability in the Cayman Islands under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands on 16 November 2004 and its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Hong Kong Stock Exchange**") with effect from 11 June 2007. The addresses of the registered office and principal place of business of the Company are disclosed in the "Corporation Information" section of the annual report.

The Company is an investment holding company. The principal activities of its subsidiaries are the manufacture and sales of lead-acid battery products, lithium-ion battery products and recycled materials and trading of materials. The Company and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to as the "Group".

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi ("RMB"), which is also the functional currency of the Company.

# 2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HKFRS ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

# Amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards that are mandatorily effective for the current year

In the current year, the Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("**HKICPA**") for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the Group's annual period beginning on 1 January 2024 for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and
	related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020)
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants
Amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7	Supplier Finance Arrangements

The application of the amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards in the current year has had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior years and/or on the disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

# 2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HKFRS ACCOUNTING STANDARDS (Continued)

# New and amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards in issue but not yet effective

The Group has not early applied the following new and amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards that have been issued but are not yet effective:

Amendments to HKFRS 9 and HKFRS 7	Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments <sup>3</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 9 and HKFRS 7	Contracts Referencing Nature – dependent Electricity <sup>3</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS	Annual Improvements to HKFRS Accounting Standards – Volume 11 <sup>3</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 21	Lack of Exchangeability <sup>2</sup>
HKFRS 18	Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements <sup>4</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined.
- <sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025.
- <sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026.
- <sup>4</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027.

Except for the new and amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards mentioned below, the directors of the Company anticipate that the application of all other new and amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards will have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements in the foreseeable future.

# **HKFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements**

HKFRS 18 *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*, which sets out requirements on presentation and disclosures in financial statements, will replace HKAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements*. This new HKFRS Accounting Standard, while carrying forward many of the requirements in HKAS 1, introduces new requirements to present specified categories and defined subtotals in the statement of profit or loss; provide disclosures on management-defined performance measures in the notes to the financial statements and improve aggregation and disaggregation of information to be disclosed in the financial statements. In addition, some HKAS 1 paragraphs have been moved to HKAS 8 and HKFRS 7. Minor amendments to HKAS 7 *Statement of Cash Flows* and HKAS 33 *Earnings per Share* are also made.

HKFRS 18, and amendments to other standards, will be effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027, with early application permitted. The application of the new standard is expected to affect the presentation of the statement of profit or loss and disclosures in the future financial statements. The Group is in the process of assessing the detailed impact of HKFRS 18 on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

#### 3.1 Basis of preparation of consolidated financial statements

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with HKFRS Accounting Standards issued by the HKICPA. For the purpose of preparation of the consolidated financial statements, information is considered material if such information is reasonably expected to influence decisions made by primary users. In addition, the consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange ("Listing Rules") and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

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# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

# 3.2 Material accounting policy information

# **Basis of consolidation**

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

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

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

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Specifically, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income from the date the Group gains control until the date when the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

Profit or loss and each item of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the Company and to the noncontrolling interests. Total comprehensive income of subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the Company and to the noncontrolling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies in line with the Group's accounting policies.

All intragroup assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries are presented separately from the Group's equity therein, which represent present ownership interests entitling their holders to a proportionate share of net assets of the relevant subsidiaries upon liquidation.

## Changes in the Group's interests in existing subsidiaries

Changes in the Group's interests in subsidiaries that do not result in the Group losing control over the subsidiaries are accounted for as equity transactions. The carrying amounts of the Group's relevant components of equity and the non-controlling interests are adjusted to reflect the changes in their relative interests in the subsidiaries, including re-attribution of relevant reserves between the Group and the non-controlling interests according to the Group's and the non-controlling interests' proportionate interests.

Any difference between the amount by which the non-controlling interests are adjusted, and the fair value of the consideration paid or received is recognised directly in equity and attributed to owners of the Company.

# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

# 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

## **Basis of consolidation (Continued)**

## Changes in the Group's interests in existing subsidiaries (Continued)

When the Group loses control of a subsidiary, the assets and liabilities of that subsidiary and non-controlling interests (if any) are derecognised. A gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss and is calculated as the difference between (i) the aggregate of the fair value of the consideration received and the fair value of any retained interest and (ii) the carrying amount of the assets (including goodwill), and liabilities of the subsidiary attributable to the owners of the Company. All amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to that subsidiary are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities of the subsidiary (i.e. reclassified to profit or loss or transferred to another category of equity as specified/permitted by applicable HKFRS Accounting Standards). The fair value of any investment retained in the former subsidiary at the date when control is lost is regarded as the fair value on initial recognition for subsequent accounting under HKFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* or, when applicable, the cost on initial recognition of an investment in an associate or a joint venture.

## Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are stated in the statements of financial position of the Company at cost less identified impairment loss, if any.

#### Investments in associates

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

The results and assets and liabilities of associates are incorporated in these consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting. The financial statements of associates used for equity accounting purposes are prepared using uniform accounting policies as those of the Group for like transactions and events in similar circumstances. Appropriate adjustments have been made to conform the associate's accounting policies to those of the Group. Under the equity method, an investment in an associate is initially recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognise the Group's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income are not accounted for unless such changes resulted in changes in ownership interest held by the Group. When the Group's share of losses of an associate exceeds the Group's interest in that associate (which includes any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's net investment in the associate), the Group discontinues recognising its share of further losses. Additional losses are recognised only to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

An investment in an associate is accounted for using the equity method from the date on which the investee becomes an associate. On acquisition of the investment in an associate, any excess of the cost of the investment over the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the investee is recognised as goodwill, which is included within the carrying amount of the investment. Any excess of the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the Group's share of the net fair value of the investment. Any excess of the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities over the cost of the investment, after reassessment, is recognised immediately in profit or loss in the period in which the investment is acquired.

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# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

# 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

## Investments in associates (Continued)

The Group assesses whether there is an objective evidence that the interest in an associate may be impaired. When any objective evidence exists, the entire carrying amount of the investment (including goodwill) is tested for impairment in accordance with HKAS 36 as a single asset by comparing its recoverable amount (higher of value in use and fair value less costs of disposal) with its carrying amount. Any impairment loss recognised is not allocated to any asset, including goodwill, that forms part of the carrying amount of the investment. Any reversal of that impairment loss is recognised in accordance with HKAS 36 to the extent that the recoverable amount of the investment subsequently increases.

The Group applies HKFRS 9, including the impairment requirements, to long-term interests in an associate to which the equity method is not applied and which form part of the net investment in the investee. Furthermore, in applying HKFRS 9 to long-term interests, the Group does not take into account adjustments to their carrying amount required by HKAS 28 (i.e. adjustments to the carrying amount of long-term interests arising from the allocation of losses of the investee or assessment of impairment in accordance with HKAS 28).

When the Group ceases to have significant influence over an associate, it is accounted for as a disposal of the entire interest in the investee with a resulting gain or loss being recognised in profit or loss. When the Group retains an interest in the former associate and the retained interest is a financial asset within the scope of HKFRS 9, the Group measures the retained interest at fair value at that date and the fair value is regarded as its fair value on initial recognition. The difference between the carrying amount of the associate and the fair value of any retained interest and any proceeds from disposing of the relevant interest in the associate is included in the determination of the gain or loss on disposal of the associate. In addition, the Group accounts for all amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to that associate on the same basis as would be required if that associate had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. Therefore, if a gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income by that associate or would be reclassified to profit or loss on the disposal of the related assets or liabilities, the Group reclassifies the gain or loss from equity to profit or loss (as a reclassification adjustment) upon disposal/partial disposal of the relevant associate.

When a group entity transacts with an associate of the Group, profits and losses resulting from the transactions with the associate are recognised in the consolidated financial statements only to the extent of interests in the associate that are not related to the Group.

#### Revenue from contracts with customers

Information about the Group's accounting policies relating to contracts with customers is provided in notes 4, 5 and 33.

#### Leases

The Group assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease based on the definition under HKFRS 16 at inception of the contract. Such contract will not be reassessed unless the terms and conditions of the contract are subsequently changed.

# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

# 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

# Leases (Continued)

## The Group as a lessee

## Allocation of consideration to components of a contract

For a contract that contains a lease component and one or more additional lease or non-lease components, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of the relative stand-alone price of the lease component and the aggregate stand-alone price of the non-lease components.

Non-lease components are separated from lease component and are accounted for by applying other applicable standards.

#### Right-of-use assets

The cost of right-of-use assets includes:

- the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received; and
- any initial direct costs incurred by the Group.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

Right-of-use assets in which the Group is reasonably certain to obtain ownership of the underlying leased assets at the end of the lease term are depreciated from commencement date to the end of the useful life. Otherwise, right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its estimated useful life and the lease term.

The Group presents right-of-use assets as a separate line item on the consolidated statement of financial position.

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# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

## 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

#### Leases (Continued)

#### Sale and leaseback transactions

The Group applies the requirements of HKFRS 15 to assess whether sale and leaseback transaction constitutes a sale by the Group.

#### The Group as a seller-lessee

For a transfer that does not satisfy the requirements as a sale, the Group as a seller-lessee continues to recognise the assets and accounts for the transfer proceeds as borrowings within the scope of HKFRS 9.

#### **Foreign currencies**

In preparing the financial statements of each individual group entity, transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of that entity (foreign currencies) are recognised at the rates of exchanges prevailing on the dates of transactions. At the end of the reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the date when fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

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

For the purposes of presenting the consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of the Group's foreign operations are translated into the presentation currency of the Group (i.e. RMB) at exchange rate prevailing at the end of each reporting period. Income and expense items are translated at the average exchange rates for the period unless exchange rates fluctuate significantly during that period, in which case the exchange rates at the date of transactions are used. Exchange differences arising, if any, are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

## **Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

Any specific borrowings that remain outstanding after the related asset is ready for its intended use or sale is included in the general borrowing pool for calculation of capitalisation rate on general borrowings. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation.

# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

# 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

# **Borrowing costs (Continued)**

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

#### **Government grants**

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

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

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

## **Employee benefits**

# Retirement benefit costs

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are recognised as an expense when employees have rendered service entitling them to the contributions.

## Short-term employee benefits

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

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

#### **Taxation**

Income tax expense represents the sum of current and deferred income tax expense.

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

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# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

## 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

# **Taxation (Continued)**

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

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

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

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

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

For the purpose of measuring deferred tax for leasing transactions in which the Group recognises the right-of-use assets and the related lease liabilities, the Group first determines whether the tax deductions are attributable to right-of-use assets or the lease liabilities.

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

# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

## 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

#### **Taxation (Continued)**

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied to the same taxable entity by the same taxation authority.

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

# Property, plant and equipment

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

Buildings in the course of construction for production, supply or administrative purposes are carried at cost, less any recognised impairment loss. Costs include any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management, including costs of testing whether the related assets is functioning properly and, for qualifying assets, borrowing costs capitalised in accordance with the Group's accounting policy. Sale proceeds of items that are produced while bringing an item of property, plant and equipment to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the asset is functioning properly, not the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management (such as samples produced when testing whether the asset is functioning properly), and the related costs of producing those items are recognised in the profit or loss. The cost of those items are measured in accordance with the measurement requirements of HKAS 2. Depreciation of these assets, on the same basis as other property assets, commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

When the Group makes payments for ownership interests of properties which includes both leasehold land and building elements, the entire consideration is allocated between the leasehold land and the building elements in proportion to the relative fair values at initial recognition. To the extent allocation of the relevant payments can be made reliably, interest in leasehold land that is accounted for as an operating lease is presented as "right-of-use assets" in the consolidated statement of financial position. When the consideration cannot be allocated reliably between non-lease building element and undivided interest in the underlying leasehold land, the entire properties are classified as property, plant and equipment.

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

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# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

## 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

## Property, plant and equipment (Continued)

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

## **Research and development expenditure**

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

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

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

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

Subsequent to initial recognition, internally-generated intangible assets are reported at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses (if any), on the same basis as intangible assets acquired separately.

## Impairment on property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its property, plant and equipment and rightof-use assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

The recoverable amount of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets are estimated individually. When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount individually, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs.

# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

# 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

## Impairment on property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets (Continued)

In testing a cash-generating unit for impairment, corporate assets are allocated to the relevant cash-generating unit when a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be established, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of cash generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be established. The recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit or group of cash-generating units to which the corporate asset belongs, and is compared with the carrying amount of the relevant cash-generating unit or group of cash-generating units.

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

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or a cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or a cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. For corporate assets or portion of corporate assets which cannot be allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis to a cash-generating unit, the Group compares the carrying amount of a group of cash-generating units, including the carrying amounts of the corporate assets or portion of corporate assets allocated to that group of cash-generating units, with the recoverable amount of the group of cash-generating units, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill (if applicable) and then to the other assets on a pro-rata basis based on the carrying amount of each asset in the unit or the group of cash-generating units. The carrying amount of an asset is not reduced below the highest of its fair value less costs of disposal (if measurable), its value in use (if determinable) and zero. The amount of the impairment loss that would otherwise have been allocated to the asset is allocated pro rata to the other assets of the unit or the group of cash-generating units. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

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

## Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents presented on the consolidated statement of financial position include:

- (a) cash, which comprises of cash on hand and demand deposits, excluding bank balances that are subject to regulatory restrictions that result in such balances no longer meeting the definition of cash; and
- (b) cash equivalents, which comprises of short-term (generally with original maturity of three months or less), highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Cash equivalents are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investment or other purposes.

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# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

## 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

## Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs of inventories are determined on a weighted average method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for inventories less all estimated costs of completion and costs necessary to make the sale. Costs necessary to make the sale include incremental costs directly attributable to the sale and non-incremental costs which the Group must incur to make the sale.

Properties under development which are intended to be sold upon completion of development are classified as current assets. Except for the leasehold land element which is measured at cost model in accordance with the accounting policies of right-of-use assets, properties under development for sale are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on a specific identification basis including allocation of the related development expenditure incurred and where appropriate, borrowing costs capitalised. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for the properties less estimated cost to completion and costs necessary to make the sales. Costs necessary to make the sale include incremental costs directly attributable to the sale and non-incremental costs which the Group must incur to make the sale.

Properties under development for sale are transferred to properties for sale upon completion.

#### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Group will be required to settle that obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. When a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows (where the effect of the time value of money is material).

Provisions for the expected cost of assurance-type warranty obligations under the relevant contracts with customers for sales of lead-acid motive battery products are recognised at the date of sale of the relevant products, at the directors' best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the Group's obligation.

# **Financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when a group entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the market place.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value except for trade receivables arising from contracts with customers which are initially measured in accordance with HKFRS 15. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets or financial liabilities at FVTPL) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

# 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

## **Financial instruments (Continued)**

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability and of allocating interest income and interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts and payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial asset or financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

#### **Financial assets**

#### Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets

Financial assets that meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost:

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

Debt instruments that meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at FVTOCI:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

All other financial assets are subsequently measured at FVTPL, except that at initial recognition of a financial asset the Group may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value of an equity investment in other comprehensive income if that equity investment is neither held for trading nor contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a business combination to which HKFRS 3 *Business Combinations* applies.

A financial asset is held for trading if:

- it has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near term; or
- on initial recognition it is a part of portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Group manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

In addition, the Group may irrevocably designate a financial asset that are required to be measured at the amortised cost or FVTOCI as measured at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch.

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# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

# 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

# **Financial instruments (Continued)**

## Financial assets (Continued)

#### Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets (Continued)

(i) Amortised cost and interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method for financial assets measured subsequently at amortised cost and debt instruments/receivables subsequently measured at FVTOCI. Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, expect for financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired. For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired. For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset from the next reporting period. If the credit risk on the credit-impaired financial instrument improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the beginning of the reporting period following the determination that the asset is no longer credit-impaired.

(ii) Receivables classified as at FVTOCI

Subsequent changes in the carrying amounts for receivables classified as at FVTOCI as a result of interest income calculated using the effective interest method are recognised in profit or loss. All other changes in the carrying amount of these receivables are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated under the heading of other FVTOCI reserve. Impairment allowances are recognised in profit or loss with corresponding adjustment to other comprehensive income without reducing the carrying amounts of these receivables. When these receivables are derecognised, the cumulative gains or losses previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss.

(iii) Equity instruments designated as at FVTOCI

Investments in equity instruments at FVTOCI are subsequently measured at fair value with gains and losses arising from changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the investment revaluation reserve; and are not subject to impairment assessment. The cumulative gain or loss will not be reclassified to profit or loss on disposal of the equity investments, and will be transferred to retained profits.

Dividends from these investments in equity instruments are recognised in profit or loss when the Group's right to receive the dividends is established, unless the dividends clearly represent a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Dividends are included in the "other income" line item in profit or loss.

# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

# 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

# **Financial instruments (Continued)**

## Financial assets (Continued)

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets (Continued)

(iv) Financial assets at FVTPL

Financial assets that do not meet the criteria for being measured at amortised cost or FVTOCI or designated as FVTOCI are measured at FVTPL.

Financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with any fair value gains or losses recognised in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss include any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset and is included in the "other gains and losses" line item.

## Impairment of financial assets subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9

The Group performs impairment assessment under expected credit loss ("**ECL**") model on financial assets (including bills, trade and other receivables, loan receivables, amounts due from related parties, debt instruments at FVTOCI, pledged/ restricted bank deposits, time deposits, bank balances and financial guarantee contracts) which are subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9. The amount of ECL is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition.

Lifetime ECL represents the ECL that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of the relevant instrument. In contrast, 12-month ECL ("**12m ECL**") represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date. Assessment are done based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current conditions at the reporting date as well as the forecast of future conditions.

The Group always recognises lifetime ECL for trade receivables. The ECL on trade receivables are assessed individually for debtors credit-impaired and/or collectively using a provision matrix with appropriate groupings.

For all other instruments, the Group measures the loss allowance equal to 12m ECL, unless when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, in which case the Group recognises lifetime ECL. The assessment of whether lifetime ECL should be recognised is based on significant increases in the likelihood or risk of a default occurring since initial recognition.

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# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

# 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

## **Financial instruments (Continued)**

## Financial assets (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9 (Continued)

(i) Significant increase in credit risk

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

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

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

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

# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

# 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

## **Financial instruments (Continued)**

## Financial assets (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9 (Continued)

(i) Significant increase in credit risk (Continued)

Despite the foregoing, the Group assumes that the credit risk on a debt instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the debt instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date. A debt instrument is determined to have low credit risk if (i) it has a low risk of default, (ii) the borrower has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term and (iii) adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations. The Group considers a debt instrument to have low credit risk when it has an internal or external credit rating of 'investment grade' as per globally understood definitions.

For financial guarantee contracts, the date that the Group becomes a party to the irrevocable commitment is considered to be the date of initial recognition for the purposes of assessing impairment. In assessing whether there has been a significant increase in the credit risk since initial recognition of a financial guarantee contract, the Group considers the changes in the risk that the specified debtor will default on the contract.

The Group regularly monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and revises them as appropriate to ensure that the criteria are capable of identifying significant increase in credit risk before the amount becomes past due.

(ii) Definition of default

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

Irrespective of the above, the Group considers that default has occurred when a financial asset is more than 90 days past due unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

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# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

# 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

# **Financial instruments (Continued)**

## Financial assets (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9 (Continued)

(iii) Credit-impaired financial assets

A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes observable data about the following events:

- (a) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower;
- (b) a breach of contract, such as a default or past due event;
- (c) the lender(s) of the borrower, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, having granted to the borrower a concession(s) that the lender(s) would not otherwise consider; or
- (d) it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization.
- (iv) Write-off policy

The Group writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the counterparty is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, for example, when the counterparty has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings. Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the Group's recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. A write-off constitutes a derecognition event. Any subsequent recoveries are recognised in profit or loss.

(v) Measurement and recognition of ECL

The measurement of ECL is a function of the probability of default, loss given default (i.e. the magnitude of the loss if there is a default) and the exposure at default. The assessment of the probability of default and loss given default is based on historical data adjusted and forward-looking information. Estimation of ECL reflects an unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined with the respective risks of default occurring as the weights. The Group uses a practical expedient in estimating ECL on trade receivables using a provision matrix taking into consideration historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward looking information that is available without undue cost or effort.

Generally, the ECL is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Group in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at the effective interest rate determined at initial recognition.

# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

# 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

## **Financial instruments (Continued)**

#### Financial assets (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9 (Continued)

(v) Measurement and recognition of ECL (Continued)

For a financial guarantee contract, the Group is required to make payments only in the event of a default by the debtor in accordance with the terms of the instrument that is guaranteed. Accordingly, the ECL is the present value of the expected payments to reimburse the holder for a credit loss that it incurs less any amounts that the Group expects to receive from the holder, the debtor or any other party.

For ECL on financial guarantee contracts for which the effective interest rate cannot be determined, the Group will apply a discount rate that reflects the current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks that are specific to the cash flows but only if, and to the extent that, the risks are taken into account by adjusting the discount rate instead of adjusting the cash shortfalls being discounted.

Lifetime ECL for certain trade receivables is considered on a collective basis taking into consideration past due information and relevant credit information such as forward looking macroeconomic information.

For collective assessment, the Group takes into consideration the following characteristics when formulating the grouping:

- Past-due status;
- Nature, size and industry of debtors; and
- External credit ratings where available.

The grouping is regularly reviewed by management to ensure the constituents of each group continue to share similar credit risk characteristics.

Interest income is calculated based on the gross carrying amount of the financial asset unless the financial asset is credit impaired, in which case interest income is calculated based on amortised cost of the financial asset.

Except for receivables that are measured at FVTOCI and financial guarantee contracts, the Group recognises an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss for all financial instruments by adjusting their carrying amount, with the exception of trade receivables, other receivables, loan receivables, amounts due from related parties and amount due from an associate where the corresponding adjustment is recognised through a loss allowance account. For receivables that are measured at FVTOCI, the loss allowance is recognised in OCI and accumulated in the other FVTOCI reserve without reducing the carrying amount of these receivables. Such amount represents the changes in the other FVTOCI reserve in relation to accumulated loss allowance.

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# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

# 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

## **Financial instruments (Continued)**

## Financial assets (Continued)

#### Foreign exchange gains and losses

The carrying amount of financial assets that are denominated in a foreign currency is determined in that foreign currency and translated at the spot rate at the end of each reporting period. Specifically:

- For financial assets measured at amortised cost that are not part of a designated hedging relationship, exchange differences are recognised in profit or loss in the "Other gains and losses" line item (note 8) as part of the net foreign exchange losses;
- For financial assets measured at FVTPL that are not part of a designated hedging relationship, exchange differences are recognised in profit or loss in the "Other gains and losses" line item as part of the net gain/(loss) from changes in fair value of financial assets at FVTPL (note 8);
- For equity instruments measured at FVTOCI, exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income in the FVTOCI.

## Derecognition of financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity.

On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in profit or loss.

On derecognition of receivables that are measured at FVTOCI, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the other FVTOCI reserve is reclassified to profit or loss.

On derecognition of an investment in equity instrument which the Group has elected on initial recognition to measure at FVTOCI, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investment revaluation reserve is not reclassified to profit or loss, but is transferred to retained profits.

# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

#### 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

#### **Financial instruments (Continued)**

#### Financial liabilities and equity

#### Classification as debt or equity

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

#### Equity instrument

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Company are recognised at the proceeds received, net of direct issued costs.

#### Financial liabilities

All financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method or at FVTPL.

#### Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities at amortised cost, including bills, trade and other payables, amounts due to related parties, borrowings and redemption liabilities on ordinary shares of a subsidiary are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

#### Financial guarantee contracts

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payments when due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. Financial guarantee contract liabilities are measured initially at their fair values. It is subsequently measured at the higher of:

- the amount of the loss allowance determined in accordance with HKFRS 9; and
- the amount initially recognised less, where appropriate, cumulative amortisation recognised over the guarantee period.

#### Foreign exchange gains and losses

For financial liabilities that are denominated in a foreign currency and are measured at amortised cost at the end of each reporting period, the foreign exchange gains and losses are determined based on the amortised cost of the instruments. These foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in the 'Other gains and losses' line item in profit or loss (note 8) as part of net foreign exchange losses for financial liabilities that are not part of a designated hedging relationship.

#### Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

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# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (Continued)

#### 3.2 Material accounting policy information (Continued)

#### **Financial instruments (Continued)**

Financial liabilities and equity (Continued)

#### Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date when derivative contracts are entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at the end of the reporting period. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Derivatives are presented as current assets or current liabilities.

#### Embedded derivatives

Derivatives embedded in hybrid contracts that contain financial asset hosts within the scope of HKFRS 9 are not separated. The entire hybrid contract is classified and subsequently measured in its entirety as either amortised cost or fair value as appropriate.

Derivatives embedded in non-derivative host contracts that are not financial assets within the scope of HKFRS 9 are treated as separate derivatives when they meet the definition of a derivative, their risks and characteristics are not closely related to those of the host contracts and the host contracts are not measured at FVTPL.

# 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

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

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

#### Critical judgement in applying accounting policies

The following is the critical judgement, apart from those involving estimations (see below), that the directors of the Company have made in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies and that has the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements.

# 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (Continued)

### Critical judgement in applying accounting policies (Continued)

#### Principal versus agent consideration (principal)

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

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Group recognised revenue relating to trading amounted to RMB33,109,666,000 (2023: RMB36,493,545,000).

#### Key sources of estimation uncertainty

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

#### Deferred tax asset

As at 31 December 2024, deferred tax assets of RMB917,023,000 (2023: RMB916,290,000) in relation to unused tax losses, accrued warranty, deferred government grants and other temporary differences have been recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position. No deferred tax asset has been recognised on the tax losses of RMB1,477,548,000 (2023: RMB1,342,781,000) and deductible temporary differences of RMB1,022,991,000 (2023: RMB635,252,000) due to the unpredictability of future profit streams. The realisability of the deferred tax asset mainly depends on whether sufficient taxable profits will be available in the future or taxable temporary differences are expected to reverse in the same period as the expected reversal of the deductible temporary differences, which is a key source of estimation uncertainty. In cases where the actual future taxable profits generated are less or more than expected, or change in facts and circumstances which result in revision of future taxable profits estimation, a material reversal or further recognition of deferred tax assets may arise, which would be recognised in profit or loss for the period in which such a reversal or further recognition takes place. Further details of deferred taxation are disclosed in note 20.

#### Provision of ECL for trade receivables

Trade receivables with significant balances and credit-impaired are assessed for ECL individually. In addition, the Group uses practical expedient in estimating ECL on trade receivables which are not assessed individually using a provision matrix. The provision rates are based on internal credit ratings as groupings of various debtors that have similar loss patterns taking into consideration the Group's historical default rates and forward-looking information that is reasonable and supportable available without undue costs or effort. At every reporting date, the historical observed default rates are reassessed and changes in the forward-looking information are considered.

The provision of ECL is sensitive to changes in estimates. The information about the ECL assessment and the Group's trade receivables are disclosed in note 42 and note 23, respectively.

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### 5. REVENUE

### (i) Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers

	Year ended 31 December		
	2024	2023	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Types of goods or service			
Manufacturing business			
Lead-acid battery products	39,853,742	42,423,301	
Renewable resources products	2,720,533	3,600,226	
Lithium-ion battery products	478,360	876,813	
Others (note)	506,512	497,088	
Irading	33,109,666	36,493,545	
	76,668,813	83,890,973	
Geographical markets			
Mainland China	76,362,071	83,651,021	
Others	306,742	239,952	
	76,668,813	83,890,973	
	70,000,013	03,090,973	
Timing of revenue recognition			
A point in time	76,578,901	83,842,432	
Over time	89,912	48,541	
	76,668,813	83,890,973	

Note: It includes provision of freight transportation service and sales of other products.

#### (ii) Performance obligations for contracts with customers and revenue recognition policies

#### Sales of goods (revenue recognised at a point in time)

The Group sells lead-acid battery products, renewable resources products, lithium-ion battery products and other products to customers. Revenue is recognised when control of the goods has transferred, being when the goods have been shipped to the customer's specific location (delivery). Transportation and handling activities that occur before customers obtain control are considered as fulfilment activities. Following the delivery, the customer has full discretion over the manner of distribution and price to sell the goods, has the primary responsibility when on selling the goods and bears the risks of obsolescence and loss in relation to the goods. The normal credit term is 45 to 90 days upon delivery.

Sales-related warranties associated with lead-acid battery products and lithium-ion battery products cannot be purchased separately and they serve as an assurance type of warranty that the products sold comply with agreed-upon specifications. Accordingly, the Group accounts for warranties in accordance with HKAS 37.

### 5. **REVENUE** (Continued)

### (ii) Performance obligations for contracts with customers and revenue recognition policies (Continued)

### Trading (revenue recognised at a point in time)

The Group recognises revenue from trading of materials when the control of materials has transferred, being when customers collect the materials or obtain the control of the materials at the warehouse. Following the transfer, customers have full discretion over the manner of distribution and price to sell the goods, have the primary responsibility when on selling the goods and bear the risks of obsolescence and loss in relation to the goods. Customers are normally required to make full prepayment before goods delivery.

### Freight transportation service (revenue recognised over time)

The performance obligation is satisfied over time as services are rendered and payment is generally due upon delivery of the shipments and issuance of the invoice to the customers.

### (iii) Transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligation for contracts with customers

The transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligations (unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied) in relation to sales of properties as at 31 December 2024 and 2023 and the expected timing of recognising revenue are as follows:

	As at 31 D	As at 31 December	
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	
Within one year More than one year but not more than two years	250,393 -	65,186 222,731	
	250,393	287,917	

All other sales contracts with customers are for periods of one year or less. As permitted under HKFRS 15, the transaction price allocated to these unsatisfied contracts is not disclosed.

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### 6. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group's operating and reportable segments are based on information prepared and reported to the chief operating decision makers ("**CODM**"), being the board of directors of the Company, for the purposes of resources allocation and performance assessment. For the manufacturing operation, there was no further discrete financial information since the financial information provided to the CODM does not contain profit or loss information of each product line or each market segment and the CODM reviews the operating results of the manufacturing operation on a consolidated basis. Therefore, the operation of the Group constitutes two single operating and reportable segments, (1) manufacturing business and (2) trading.

The CODM makes decisions according to operating results of each segment. No analysis of segment assets and segment liabilities is presented as the CODM does not regularly review such information for the purposes of resources allocation and performance assessment. Therefore, only segment revenue and segment results are presented. The accounting policies of the operating and reportable segment are the same as the Group's accounting policies described in note 3. Segment results represent the profits earned by each segment and exclude certain other gains and losses, share of results of associates, corporate administrative expenses and finance costs. Inter-segment sales are charged at cost plus profit approach.

	Year ended 31 December		
	2024 RMB′000	2023 RMB'000	
Segment revenue			
Manufacturing business			
– external sales	43,559,147	47,397,428	
Trading	22 100 ///	07 400 545	
– external sales	33,109,666 6,139,059	36,493,545 6,318,624	
– inter-segment sales	0,139,039	0,310,024	
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Segment revenue Eliminations	82,807,872	90,209,597	
Eliminations	(6,139,059)	(6,318,624)	
Group revenue	76,668,813	83,890,973	
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Segment results			
Manufacturing business	1,358,978	1,900,516	
Trading	(64,618)	(7,368)	
	1,294,360	1,893,148	
the effected			
Unallocated	(1.000		
Other gains and losses Share of results of associates	61,989 (485)	(50,677) (835)	
Corporate administrative expenses	(485) (6,836)	(835) (5,171)	
Finance costs	(51,121)	(760)	
	(31,121)	(700)	
Profit for the year	1,297,907	1,835,705	

# 6. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

### Other segment information

#### For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Manufacturing business RMB'000	Trading RMB'000	Unallocated RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,073,751	3.246	_	1,076,997
Impairment losses on property, plant and equipment	266,086	-	-	266.086
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	39,413	-	-	39,413
(Reversal) provision of impairment losses on trade receivables recognised in profit or loss Loss on disposal/written off of property,	(5,319)	22,810	-	17,491
plant and equipment	46,643	-	-	46,643
Interest income	456,111	23,144	5,705	484,960
Income tax expense (credit)	595,224	(1,118)	-	594,106
Write-down of inventories	122,203	-	-	122,203

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	Manufacturing business RMB'000	Trading RMB'000	Unallocated RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	818,413	3,259	_	821,672
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	45,567	_	-	45,567
Impairment losses on trade receivables				
recognised in profit or loss	10,327	18,887	-	29,214
Loss on disposal/written off of property,				
plant and equipment	55,173	-	-	55,173
Interest income	551,105	16,751	474	568,330
Income tax expense	724,939	2,841	-	727,780
Write-down of inventories	338,604	-	-	338,604

### Information about major customers

During the year ended 31 December 2024 and 2023, none of the Group's individual customer contributed more than 10% to the total revenue of the Group.

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# 7. OTHER INCOME

	Year ended 31 December		
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	
Government grants			
– related to income (note i)	1,400,545	1,138,175	
– related to assets (note ii)	75,097	80,539	
Interest income from bank deposits and bank balances	401,429	462,677	
Interest income from loan receivables	83,531	105,653	
Income from sales of scrap materials	127,189	102,405	
Dividend income	12,936	7,660	
	2,100,727	1,897,109	

Notes:

- i. The government grants related to income mainly represent unconditional government subsidies received from relevant government bodies to encourage the operations of certain subsidiaries. The government grants are accounted for as immediate financial support with no future related costs expected to be incurred and are not related to any assets.
- ii. The government grants related to assets mainly represent government subsidies obtained in relation to the acquisition of land use right or property, plant and equipment of certain subsidiaries of the Group, which were included in the consolidated statement of financial position as deferred government grants and credited to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term of the land use right or the useful life of the equipment.

# 8. OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES

	Year ended 31	December
	2024 RMB′000	2023 RMB'000
Net gains (losses) on financial assets at FVTPL		
– structured bank deposits	34,963	19,287
<ul> <li>investments in listed equity securities</li> </ul>	(6,261)	(20,302)
<ul> <li>commodity derivative contracts</li> </ul>	49,102	2,566
<ul> <li>– foreign currency forward contracts</li> </ul>	4,225	14,374
Loss on disposal/written off of property, plant and equipment	(46,643)	(55,173)
Net foreign exchange losses	(1,410)	(33,144)
Others	28,013	21,715
	61,989	(50,677)

# 9. IMPAIRMENT LOSSES UNDER EXPECTED CREDIT LOSS MODEL, NET OF REVERSAL

	Year ended 31	Year ended 31 December		
	2024	2023		
	RMB'000	RMB'000		
mpairment losses, net of reversal, recognised (reversed) on				
– trade receivables	17,491	29,214		
- other receivables	(4,799)	9,858		
– Ioan receivables	25,579	16,367		
	38,271	55,439		

Details of impairment assessment are set out in note 42.

# **10. FINANCE COSTS**

	Year ended	Year ended 31 December	
	2024	2023	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Interest on borrowings	368,043	349,806	
Interest on factorised bills	107,370	100,062	
Interest on redemption liabilities on ordinary shares of a subsidiary	68,711	31,543	
Interest on lease liabilities	2,406	1,369	
	546,530	482,780	

# **11. INCOME TAX EXPENSE**

	Year ended 3	Year ended 31 December	
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	
People's Republic of China (the " <b>PRC</b> ") Enterprise Income Tax (" <b>EIT</b> "):			
– Current tax	552,825	828,713	
Deferred tax (note 20):			
– Current year	41,281	(100,933)	
	594,106	727,780	

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands and Tianneng International Investment Holdings Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, was incorporated in the British Virgin Islands (the "**BVI**") and they are tax exempted as no business has been carried out in the Cayman Islands and the BVI under the tax laws of the Cayman Islands and the BVI, respectively.

The subsidiaries of the Company operating in Hong Kong did not have tax assessable profit during both years.

Under the Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax (the "**EIT Law**") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the PRC subsidiaries is 25% for both years. In accordance with the "Notice of the State Tax Bureau of the Ministry of Finance Regarding Certain Preferential Treatment Policies on Enterprise Income Tax", New and High Technical Enterprise is subject to income tax at a preferential tax rate of 15%. Certain subsidiaries of the Company were qualified as New and High Technical Enterprises in accordance with the applicable EIT Law and are subject to income tax at a preferential tax rate of 15% for a period of three years starting from 2021 to 2024 according to the EIT Law.

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# 11. INCOME TAX EXPENSE (Continued)

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

	Year ended 31 December	
	2024	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	1 000 010	
Profit before tax	1,892,013	2,563,485
Tax at the applicable income tax rate of 25% (2023: 25%)	473,003	640,871
Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purposes	9,034	4,349
Tax effect of tax losses not recognised	198,836	173,878
Utilisation of tax losses previously not recognised	(24,109)	(867)
Tax effect of deductible temporary differences not recognised	96,935	73,720
Income tax at concessionary rates	(16,001)	(10,756)
Tax effect of additional deduction related to research and development costs and certain staff costs	(189,940)	(198,770)
Withholding tax on undistributed profits of PRC subsidiaries	46,348	45,355
	594,106	727,780

In addition to the amount charged to profit or loss, the following amounts relating to tax have been recognised in other comprehensive income:

	Year ended 31 December 2024		Year ende	Year ended 31 December 2023		
	Before-tax amount RMB'000	Tax expense RMB'000	Net-of- income tax amount RMB'000	Before-tax amount RMB'000	Tax expense RMB'000	Net-of-income tax amount RMB'000
Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss: Fair value (loss) gain on investment in equity instruments at FVTOCI	(80,307)	11,176	(69,131)	(3,895)	(2,172)	(6,067)
	(80,307)	11,176	(69,131)	(3,895)	(2,172)	(6,067)

# **12. PROFIT FOR THE YEAR**

The Group's profit for the year is stated after charging the following:

	Year ended 31	December
	2024	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Directors' remuneration (note 13)	4,685	4,156
Other staff costs	2,709,549	3,087,309
Retirement benefits scheme contributions, excluding directors	190,013	184,068
Share-based payments	6,746	8,427
Total staff costs	2,910,993	3,283,960
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,076,997	821,672
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	39,413	45,567
Impairment losses recognised on property, plant and equipment included in cost of sales	266,086	-
Auditor's remuneration	2,380	2,180
Cost of inventories sold	68,845,473	74,642,355
Write-down of inventories (included in cost of sales)	122,203	338,604

# 13. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS

Directors' and chief executive's remuneration for the year, disclosed pursuant to the applicable Listing Rules and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, is as follows:

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	Fees RMB'000	Salaries and other benefits RMB'000	Contributions to retirement benefit schemes RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Executive directors (note i)				
Zhang Tianren (note ii)	-	2,073	_	2,073
Zhang Aogen	-	643	-	643
Zhang Kaihong	-	583	-	583
Shi Borong	-	-	-	-
Zhou Jianzhong	-	698	20	718
Independent non-executive directors				
Huang Dongliang	200	-	-	200
Zhang Yong	200	-	-	200
Xiao Gang	200	-	-	200
Guo Yuantao (note iii)	68	-	-	68
Total	668	3,997	20	4,685

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# 13. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS (Continued)

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			Contributions	
	-	Salaries and	to retirement	<b>T</b>
	Fees	other benefits	benefit schemes	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Executive directors (note i)				
Zhang Tianren (note ii)	-	1,500	-	1,500
Zhang Aogen	-	662	_	662
Zhang Kaihong	-	659	_	659
Shi Borong	-	-	-	-
Zhou Jianzhong	-	716	19	735
Independent non-executive directors				
Huang Dongliang	200	-	-	200
Zhang Yong	200	-	-	200
Xiao Gang	200	-	-	200
Total	600	3,537	19	4,156

Notes:

i. The executive directors' emoluments shown above were for their services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company and the Group. The independent non-executive directors' emoluments shown above were for their services as directors of the Company.

ii. Dr. Zhang Tianren is also the chief executive of the Company and his emoluments disclosed above include those for services rendered by him as the chief executive.

iii. Dr. Guo Yuantao has been appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company with effect from 29 August 2024.

For the year ended 31 December 2024, one (2023: nil) director of the Company was included in the five highest paid individuals, details of whose emoluments are set out above. The emoluments of the five highest paid individuals during the year are as follows:

	Year ended 31	Year ended 31 December	
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	
Basic salaries and allowances Retirement benefits scheme contributions	10,552 120	10,508 81	
	10,672	10,589	

# 13. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS (Continued)

The emoluments of the five highest paid individuals are within the following bands:

	Number of e	Number of employees		
	2024	2023		
Hong Kong dollar (" <b>HK\$</b> ") HK\$1,500,001 to HK\$2,000,000	_	2		
HK\$2,000,001 to HK\$2,500,000	4	2		
HK\$2,500,001 to HK\$3,000,000	1	-		
HK\$3,000,001 to HK\$3,500,000	-	1		

During the year, no emoluments were paid by the Group to the directors or the five highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office. None of the directors has waived or agreed to waive any emoluments during both years.

No share option or restricted shares was granted during the years ended 31 December 2024 and 2023.

# **14. DIVIDENDS**

	Year ended 3	Year ended 31 December		
	2024	2023		
	RMB'000	RMB'000		
Dividends declared during the year:				
2024: 2023 final dividend of HK43.00 cents				
(equivalent to RMB39.15 cents)				
2023: 2022 final dividend of HK40.00 cents				
(equivalent to RMB35.52 cents)	440,832	400,005		

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, a final dividend of HK17.00 cents (equivalent to RMB15.69 cents) (2023: HK43.00 cents (equivalent to RMB39.15 cents)) in respect of the year ended 31 December 2024 per ordinary share has been proposed by the directors and is subject to approval by the shareholders in the forthcoming annual general meeting.

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# **15. EARNINGS PER SHARE**

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

	Year ended :	31 December
	2024	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Earnings:		
Earnings for the purposes of calculating basic and diluted earnings per share		
– attributable to owners of the Company	1,142,405	1,821,836
	Year ended 31 December	
	2024	2023
Number of shares:		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for		
the purpose of calculating basic earnings per share	1,126,124,500	1,126,124,500
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares – share options	8,177,341	21,909,530
Weighted guarges number of ordinany charges for		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share	1 124 201 041	1 140 024 020
ine purpose of calculating alluted earnings per share	1,134,301,841	1,148,034,030

# 16. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

				Furniture,		
		Plant and	Motor	fixtures and	Construction	
	Buildings	machinery	vehicles	equipment	in progress	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
COST						
At 1 January 2023	4,165,643	5,588,225	122,941	354,112	1,962,692	12,193,613
Additions	474,222	744,023	15,946	59,527	3,925,834	5,219,552
Transfers	1,466,621	1,172,820	-	-	(2,639,441)	-
Transfer from properties under						
development for sale	-	_	-	-	282,497	282,497
Disposals/write-off	(9,275)	(278,971)	(9,312)	(17,037)	-	(314,595)
At 31 December 2023	6,097,211	7,226,097	129,575	396,602	3,531,582	17,381,067
Additions	582,266	725,288	13,234	48,496	1,345,514	2,714,798
Transfers	1,233,402	1,140,752	_	_	(2,374,154)	_,,
Disposals/write-off	(32,103)	(316,429)	(5,474)	(10,885)	(24,974)	(389,865)
At 31 December 2024	7,880,776	8,775,708	137,335	434,213	2,477,968	19,706,000
DEPRECIATION AND IMPAIRMENT						
At 1 January 2023	1,236,992	2,151,251	78,496	240,292	-	3,707,031
Provided for the year	257,693	512,417	14,063	37,499	-	821,672
Disposals/write-off	(5,086)	(175,444)	(7,567)	(13,632)	-	(201,729)
At 31 December 2023	1,489,599	2,488,224	84,992	264,159	_	4,326,974
Provided for the year	349,647	676,155	18,023	33,172	-	1,076,997
Impairment loss recognised in						
profit or loss	-	193,699	-	-	72,387	266,086
Disposals/write-off	(5,474)	(169,054)	(4,731)	(8,605)		(187,864)
At 31 December 2024	1,833,772	3,189,024	98,284	288,726	72,387	5,482,193
CARRYING VALUES						
At 31 December 2024	6,047,004	5,586,684	39,051	145,487	2,405,581	14,223,807
At 31 December 2023	4,607,612	4,737,873	44,583	132,443	3,531,582	13,054,093

The above items of property, plant and equipment, except for construction in progress, after taking into account the residual values, are depreciated on a straight-line basis at the following useful life:

Buildings	20 years
Plant and machinery	10 years
Motor vehicles	5 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5-10 years

As at 31 December 2024, included in buildings held for own use are buildings with aggregate carrying amount of approximately RMB2,950,906,000 (2023: RMB1,920,094,000) whose property certificates are in the process of obtaining.

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# 16. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

#### Impairment assessment

During the year ended 31 December 2024, with the increasing competition in the lithium-ion battery market, the management concluded that there was indication for impairment and conducted impairment assessment on recoverable amounts of certain property, plant and equipment in respect of lithium-ion battery products with carrying amounts of RMB2,202,327,000. The recoverable amounts of these property, plant and equipment have been determined based on their fair value less costs of disposal. The Group uses direct comparison approach to estimate the fair value less costs of disposal which is based on the recent transaction prices for similar property, plant and equipment adjusted for nature, location and conditions. The fair value measurement is categorised into Level 3 fair value hierarchy. The relevant assets were impaired to their recoverable amount of RMB1,936,241,000, which is their carrying values at 31 December 2024 and the impairment of RMB266,086,000 has been recognised in profit or loss in the cost of sales line item during the year ended 31 December 2024.

# **17. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS**

	Leasehold lands RMB'000	Leased properties RMB'000	<b>Total</b> RMB'000
As at 31 December 2024			
Carrying amounts	1,310,708	28,281	1,338,989
As at 31 December 2023			
Carrying amounts	1,336,302	14,312	1,350,614
For the year ended 31 December 2024			
Depreciation charge	29,729	9,684	39,413
For the year ended 31 December 2023			
Depreciation charge	29,958	15,609	45,567
		Year ended 31 D	ecember
		2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Expense relating to short-term leases		11,562	3,977
Total cash outflow for leases		27,975	163,779
Additions to right-of-use assets		27,788	146,918

The Group leases various (i) properties lease agreements are typically made for fixed periods of 2 to 5 years and (ii) leasehold lands lease agreements are typically made for fixed periods of 50 or 70 years. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain different terms and conditions. In determining the lease term and assessing the length of the non-cancellable period, the Group applies the definition of a contract and determines the period for which the contract is enforceable.

As at 31 December 2024 and 2023, the Group has obtained the land use right certificates for all leasehold lands.

#### **Restrictions or covenants on leases**

In addition, lease liabilities of RMB27,311,000 are recognised with related right-of-use assets of RMB28,281,000 as at 31 December 2024 (2023 liabilities of RMB13,530,000 are recognised with related right-of-use assets of RMB14,312,000). The lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased assets that are held by the lessor. Leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

# **18. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES**

	As at 31 Dece	As at 31 December		
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000		
Cost of investment in associates Share of post-acquisition losses and other comprehensive expenses	321,035 (5,520)	323,644 (5,035)		
	315,515	318,609		

Details of each of the Group's associates at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

Name of entities	Country of incorporation/ registration	Principal place of business	Proportion of ownership interest held by the Group		Proportion of voting rights held by the Group		Principal activities
			2024	2023	2024	2023	
浙江谷尚智能科技有限公司 Zhejiang Gushang Intelligent Technology Co., Ltd.	PRC	PRC	20%	20%	20%	20%	Research and development of industrial robots
( <b>"Zhejiang Gushang"</b> ) 航天國華生態環境(浙江)有限公司 Aerospace Guohua Ecological Environment (Zhejiang) Co., Ltd.	PRC	PRC	20%	20%	20%	20%	Manufacture and sale of recyclable materials
( <b>"Aerospace Guohua")</b> 連雲港市雲海電源有限公司 Lianyungang Yunhai Power Supply	PRC	PRC	23%	23%	23%	23%	Manufacture and sale of lead-acid battery products
Co., Ltd. ("Lianyungang Yunhai") 浙江長興綠色電池科技有限公司 Zhejiang Changxing Green Battery	PRC	PRC	20%	20%	20%	20%	Research and development of new energy technology
Technology Co., Ltd. 長興通能商業管理有限公司 Changxing Tongneng Business Management Co., Ltd.	PRC	PRC	-	34%	-	34%	Property management and sale of automobile

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### 18. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

### Summarised financial information of material associates

The associate is accounted for using the equity method in these consolidated financial statements.

### **Zhejiang Gushang**

	As at 31	December
	2024 RMB′000	
Current assets	201,563	293,746
Non-current assets	1,175,610	966,860
Current liabilities	(154,876	) (20,930)
		21 December

	Year ended 31 December		
	2024	2023	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Loss and total comprehensive expense for the year	(17,379)	(4,847)	

Reconciliation of the above summarised financial information to the carrying amount of the interest in the associate recognised in the consolidated financial statements:

	As at 31	December
	2024	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Net assets of Zhejiang Gushang	1,222,297	1,239,676
Proportion of the Group's ownership interest in Zhejiang Gushang	20%	20%
Carrying amount of the Group's interest in Zhejiang Gushang	244,459	247,935

#### Aggregate information of associates that are not individually material

	Year ended 31 December	
	2024	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000
The Group's share of post-tax profit and total comprehensive income	2,991	134
Aggregate carrying amount of the Group's interests in these associates	71,056	70,674

# **19. EQUITY INSTRUMENTS AT FVTOCI**

	As at 31 Decer	nber
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Listed equity securities (note i) Unlisted equity securities (note ii)	168,980 77,573	208,187 147,464
	246,553	355,651

Notes:

(i) The above listed equity investments represent ordinary shares of entities listed in Hong Kong or Shanghai.

(ii) The above unlisted equity investments represent the Group's equity interests in private entities established in the PRC.

The above investments are not held for trading and are held for long-term strategic purposes. The directors of the Company have elected to designate these investments in equity instruments as at FVTOCI as they believe that recognising short-term fluctuations in these investments' fair value in profit or loss would not be consistent with the Group's strategy of holding these investments for long-term purposes and realising their performance potential in the long run.

# **20. DEFERRED TAXATION**

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

	Asset-related government grants RMB'000	Withholding tax on undistributed profits RMB'000	Fair values adjustment on property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets from acquisition of subsidiaries RMB'000	Interest capitalisation RMB'000	Provision for inventories, loan receivables, trade and other receivables RMB'000	Accrued warranty RMB'000	Accrued expenses RMB'000	Fair value change of equity instruments at FVTOCI RMB'000	<b>Tax losses</b> RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2023	108,052	(40,239)	(12,514)	(8,733)	62,799	145,152	97,825	(10,452)	374,911	(20,303)	696,498
Credit (charge) to profit or loss Charge to other comprehensive income Reversal on payment of withholding tax on distribution of	8,662	(45,355) _	2,483	954 -	41,487 -	(17,746)	21,545 -	(2,172)	69,180 -	19,723	100,933 (2,172)
earnings from PRC subsidiaries	-	31,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,000
At 31 December 2023	116,714	(54,594)	(10,031)	(7,779)	104,286	127,406	119,370	(12,624)	444,091	(580)	826,259
(Charge) credit to profit or loss Charge to other comprehensive income Reversal on payment of withholding tax on distribution of	(16,112) -	(46,348) -	215 _	825	(50,448) _	(27,513) -	(68,711) _	- 11,176	143,257 -	23,554 _	(41,281) 11,176
earnings from PRC subsidiaries	-	40,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,100
At 31 December 2024	100,602	(60,842)	(9,816)	(6,954)	53,838	99,893	50,659	(1,448)	587,348	22,974	836,254

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### 20. DEFERRED TAXATION (Continued)

For the purpose of presentation in the consolidated statement of financial position, certain deferred tax assets and liabilities have been offset. The following is the analysis of the deferred tax balances for financial reporting purposes:

	As at 31 Decen	nber	
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	
Deferred tax assets Deferred tax liabilities	917,023 (80,769)	916,290 (90,031)	
	836,254	826,259	

As at the end of the reporting period, the Group has unused tax losses of approximately RMB1,477,548,000 (at 31 December 2023: RMB1,342,781,000) available to offset against future profits, in respect of which no deferred tax assets been recognised, due to the unpredictability of future profit streams. Such unrecognised losses will expire at various dates up to and including 2034 (2023: 2033).

At the end of the reporting period, the Group has deductible temporary differences of RMB1,022,991,000 (2023: RMB635,252,000). No deferred tax asset has been recognised in relation to such deductible temporary difference as it is not probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

Under the EIT Law, starting from 1 January 2008, 10% withholding income tax is imposed on dividends declared in respect of profits earned in year 2008 onwards and distributed to foreign investors for companies established in the PRC. For investors incorporated in Hong Kong, a preferential rate of 5% will be applied where appropriate. Other than the PRC withholding income tax provided in respect of undistributed profits of the PRC subsidiaries as above, no deferred taxation has been provided for the remaining retained profits of approximately RMB12,418 million (at 31 December 2023: RMB11,626 million), which was derived from the PRC subsidiaries since 1 January 2008 as the Group is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

# **21. INVENTORIES**

	As at 31 Decer	As at 31 December		
	2024	2023		
	RMB'000	RMB'000		
Raw materials	2,206,026	1,931,295		
Work in progress	4,638,265	3,634,044		
Finished goods	1,439,647	1,242,176		
	8,283,938	6,807,515		

# 22. PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT FOR SALE/PROPERTIES FOR SALE

	As at 31 Decen	nber
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Properties under development for sale	864,982	842,335
Properties for sale	144,176	41,156
	1,009,158	883,491

As at 31 December 2024 and 2023, the Group's properties under development for sale are situated in the PRC. All of the properties under development for sales are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. At the end of reporting period, no properties under development for sale were pledged as security.

	As at 31 De	ecember
	2024	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Carrying amount of leasehold lands	766,239	766,239

The carrying amount of leasehold lands is measured at cost less any impairment losses. The residual values are determined as the estimated disposal value of the leasehold land component. No depreciation charge is made on the leasehold lands taking into account the estimated residual values as at 31 December 2024 and 2023.

# 23. BILLS, TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	As at 31 Dece	mber
	2024	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Bills receivables*	1,929,737	1,742,657
Trade receivables	1,769,237	2,101,758
Less: Allowance for credit losses	(233,315)	(291,232)
	1,535,922	1,810,526
Other receivables	158,681	140,699
Less: Allowance for credit losses	(51,020)	(55,819)
	107,661	84,880
Prepayments for materials	217,938	698,658
PRC value added tax and EIT recoverable	789,818	694,880
	4,581,076	5,031,601

\* The balance represents bills receivables held by the Group which is measured at amortised cost since the bills are held within a business model whose objective is to collect contractual cash flows and the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. All bills received by the Group are with a maturity period of less than one year.

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### 23. BILLS, TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

As at 1 January 2023, trade receivables from contracts with customers amounted to RMB1,387,369,000.

The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables net of allowance for credit losses presented based on the invoice dates.

	As at 31 December	
	2024	2023
	<b>RMB'000</b> RM	NB'000
0 to 45 days	<b>916,782</b> 94	88,618
46 to 90 days	· · · · · ·	38,833
91 to 180 days		40,801
181 to 365 days	22,401	93,671
1 year to 2 years	141,784	23,007
Over 2 years		25,596
	<b>1,535,922</b> 1,8	310,526

Details of impairment assessment of trade and other receivables are set out in note 42.

# **24. LOAN RECEIVABLES**

	As at 31 Decem	As at 31 December	
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB′000	
Fixed-rate loan receivables	780,992	1,383,134	
Analysed as Current	658,540	1,085,648	
Non-current	780,992	297,486	

Included in the carrying amount of loan receivables as at 31 December 2024 is accumulated impairment losses of RMB44,560,000 (2023: RMB22,398,000). Details of impairment assessment are set out in note 42.

### 24. LOAN RECEIVABLES (Continued)

As at 31 December 2024 and 2023, all loans are either guaranteed and/or secured by collaterals.

The exposure of the Group's fixed-rate loan receivables to interest rate risks and their contractual maturity dates are as follows:

	As at 31 Dec	As at 31 December	
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	
Within one year In more than one year but not more than two years In more than two years but not more than five years	658,540 96,341 26,111	1,085,648 211,896 85,590	
	780,992	1,383,134	

For the year ended 31 December 2024, the range of effective interest rates on the Group's loan receivables is 3.09% to 20.30% (2023: 3.09% to 17.69%).

# **25. DEBT INSTRUMENTS AT FVTOCI**

As at 31 December 2024 and 2023, the balance represents bills receivables held by the Group which is measured at FVTOCI since the bills are held within the business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets, and the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The following is an aged analysis of debt instruments at FVTOCI at the end of the reporting period:

	As at 31 Decen	As at 31 December	
	2024 RMB′000	2023 RMB'000	
0 to 180 days 181 to 365 days	386,418 10,624	474,843 1,250	
	397,042	476,093	

These bills receivables are all issued by reputable banks of good credit quality. Management of the Group considered the credit risk of these bank issued bills is insignificant and no impairment was provided on them at the year end.

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# **26. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL**

	As at 31 Decen	As at 31 December	
	2024	2023	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Financial assets mandatorily measured at FVTPL:			
Structured bank deposits	1,386,100	220,000	
Equity securities listed in Mainland China	73,354	41,294	
Equity securities listed in Hong Kong	44,376	49,020	
Foreign currency forward contracts	-	1,470	
Commodity derivative contracts	606	6,044	
Unlisted equity investments	6,000	3,000	
	1,510,436	320,828	

# 27. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS/PLEDGED/RESTRICTED BANK DEPOSITS

Cash and cash equivalents include demand deposits and short term deposits for the purpose of meeting the Group's short term cash commitments, which carry interest at market rates range from 0.01% to 0.25% (2023: 0.01% to 0.25%).

As at 31 December 2024, bank balances that are placed in restricted bank accounts in accordance with the applicable government regulations amounting to RMB32,438,000 (2023: RMB36,716,000) such balances can only be applied in the designated property development projects. The balances carry interest at an interest rate of 0.10% (2023: 0.25%) per annum.

Pledged bank deposits represented bank deposits pledged to banks to secure short-term banking facilities granted to the Group. The pledged deposits at 31 December 2024 carry interest rates ranging from 0.20% to 3.70% (2023: 0.20% to 3.55%) per annum. The pledged bank deposits will be released upon the settlement of relevant bank issued bills payables.

Details of impairment assessment of bank balances, pledged/restricted bank deposits and time deposits are set out in note 42.

### 28. BILLS, TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As at 31 Dece	As at 31 December	
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	
Trade payables	2,398,507	2,492,342	
Bills payables	6,808,120	6,154,646	
Value added tax payables and other tax payables	663,854	766,238	
Staff salaries and welfare payables	519,600	646,354	
Payables for purchase of property, plant and equipment	1,759,105	1,671,923	
Accrued charges	567,859	624,414	
Deposits payables	363,335	365,068	
Dividend payables	741	688	
Other payables	211,773	275,966	
	13,292,894	12,997,639	

# 28. BILLS, TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (Continued)

The Group normally receives credit terms of 5 days to 90 days (2023: 5 days to 90 days) from its suppliers. The following is an aged analysis of trade payables at the end of the reporting period, presented based on the invoice dates:

	As at 31 Decen	nber
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
0 – 90 days	1,970,491	2,043,673
91 – 180 days	162,061	253,180
181 – 365 days	148,593	40,140
1 – 2 years	35,861	115,324
Over 2 years	81,501	40,025
	2,398,507	2,492,342

The following is an aged analysis of bills payables from issue dates at the end of the reporting period:

	As at 31 Dece	As at 31 December	
	2024	2023	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
0 – 180 days	6,808,120	6,152,115	
0 – 180 days 181 – 365 days	-	2,531	
	6,808,120	6,154,646	

# 29. AMOUNTS DUE FROM/TO RELATED PARTIES

Details of the amounts due from related parties are as follows:

	As at 31 Dece	As at 31 December	
Name of related parties	2024	2023	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Aerospace Guohua	13,104	3,468	
Lianyungang Yunhai	517	14,902	
濟源市萬洋冶煉(集團)有限公司		.,,,,,	
Jiyuan City Wangyang Smelting (Group) Co., Ltd.			
("Wanyang Group") (note ii)	74	16,377	
浙江暢通科技有限公司			
Zhejiang Changtong Technology Company Limited			
("Changtong Technology") (note i)	33	1,514	
浙江暢能商業管理有限公司			
Zhejiang Changneng Business Management Co., Ltd.			
("Changneng Business Management") (note v)	-	705	
	13 729	26.066	
	13,728	36,966	

Included in the amount due from Lianyungang Yunhai, nil (31 December 2023: RMB13,650,000) is non-trade related, unsecured, interest bearing at 5.10% per annum and repayable on demand. The remaining amounts due from related parties are trade in nature, unsecured and with ageing less than 180 days.

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# 29. AMOUNTS DUE FROM/TO RELATED PARTIES (Continued)

Details of the amounts due to related parties are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
Name of related parties	2024 RMB′000	2023 RMB′000
Changtong Technology	105,656	222,928
Wanyang Group	5,490	9,632
Lianyungang Yunhai 浙江長興欣欣包裝有限公司	3,190	2,969
Zhejiang Changxing Xin Xin Packaging Co., Ltd		
("Xin Xin Packaging") (note iii)	458	3,878
Aerospace Guohua	110	9
Changxing Yuanhong Machinery Company Limited		
("Yuanhong Machinery") (note iv)	65	45
	114,969	239,461

The amounts due to related parties are trade in nature, unsecured and with ageing less than 180 days.

Notes:

- i) Changtong Technology is beneficially owned by Ms. Zhang Mei'e, who is the sister of Dr. Zhang Tianren, the beneficial owner and the director of the Company, and her spouse, Mr. Ni Danqing.
- ii) Wanyang Group is a party which holds 49% interest of Jiyuan Wanyang Green Energy Co., Ltd. (濟源市萬洋綠色能源有限公司), a 51% owned subsidiary of the Group.
- iii) Xin Xin Packaging is beneficially owned by Ms. Chen Pingping and Ms. She Fangli, who are the cousin and niece respectively of Dr. Zhang Tianren.
- iv) Yuanhong Machinery is beneficially owned by Mr. Zhang Kaihong's son. Mr. Zhang Kaihong is a director of the Company.
- v) Changneng Business Management is controlled by Dr. Zhang Tianren.

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# **30. BORROWINGS**

	As at 31 Dece	As at 31 December	
	2024	2023	
Bank borrowings	18,256,105	8,692,876	
Other borrowings*	265,375	374,649	
	18,521,480	9,067,525	
Secured	10,949,143	3,340,848	
Unsecured	7,572,337	5,726,677	
	18,521,480	9,067,525	
The carrying amounts of the above borrowings are repayable**:			
Within one year	12,720,516	6,240,750	
Within a period of more than one year but not exceeding two years	2,091,795	938,161	
Within a period of more than two years but not more than five years	2,992,146	1,169,978	
Over five years	717,023	718,636	
	18,521,480	9,067,525	
Less: Amounts due within one year shown under current liabilities	(12,720,516)	(6,240,750)	

\* As at 31 December 2023, other borrowings amounting to RMB100,000,000 were from Changtong Technology, which are unsecured and carry interest at 6.00% per annum. The amount has been settled during the year ended 31 December 2024.

\*\* The amounts due are based on scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements.

Details of assets pledged by the Group at the end of the reporting period are set out in note 44.

The exposure of the Group's borrowings are as follows:

	As at 31 De	As at 31 December	
	2024 RMB′000	2023 RMB'000	
Fixed-rate borrowings Variable-rate borrowings	265,375 18,256,105	374,649 8,692,876	
	18,521,480	9,067,525	

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

	Year ended 31 December	
	2024	2023
Fixed-rate borrowings Variable-rate borrowings	2.15%-5.85% 2.50%-6.00%	5.00%-6.00% 1.09%-6.50%

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### 30. BORROWINGS (Continued)

The Group's borrowings that are denominated in currencies other the functional currencies of the relevant group entities are set out below:

	United States dollars ("US\$")	HK\$
As at 31 December 2023 (RMB'000)	690,563	135,933

# **31. LEASE LIABILITIES**

	As at 31 December		
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	
Lease liabilities payable:			
Within one year	5,427	7,215	
Within a period of more than one year but not more than two years	4,043	2,677	
Within a period of more than two years but not more than five years	9,994	3,638	
More than five years	7,847	-	
	27,311	13,530	
Less: Amount due for settlement with 12 months shown under current liabilities	(5,427)	(7,215)	
Amount due for settlement after 12 months shown under non-current liabilities	21,884	6,315	

The weighted average incremental borrowing rate applied to lease liabilities is 4.40% (2023: 4.90%).

# **32. PROVISION**

	Year ended 31 December		
24 00	2023 RMB'000		
	(		
08	697,428		
75	646,440		
33)	(712,360)		
50	631,508		
80,73	99,775 30,733) 90,550		

The Group provided a warranty on battery products. A warranty provision is estimated and accrued at the time of sale and is based upon various factors including the actual warranty claims, unit sales history, the estimated replacement cost and repair cost for returned products, predicted future warranty claim rate with reference to prior experiences and volumes of products sold. The amount of accrued warranty is adjusted as required to reflect the actual costs incurred when information becomes available.

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# **33. CONTRACT LIABILITIES**

	As at 31 Decen	nber
	2024 RMB′000	2023 RMB'000
Sales of goods	2,004,184	2,425,858
Sales of properties	250,393	287,917
	2,254,577	2,713,775

As at 1 January 2023, contract liabilities amounted to RMB2,331,915,000.

The contract liabilities as at 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023, amounting to RMB2,208,641,000 and RMB2,449,504,000, respectively, were recognised as revenue during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2024.

The Group receives 30% to 100% of the contract value as deposits from property purchasers when they sign the sale and purchase agreements. Such advance payments result in contract liabilities being recognised throughout the property construction period for the amounts received.

# **34. DEFERRED GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

	Year ended 31 De	Year ended 31 December		
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000		
	1 002 547	864,058		
At 1 January	1,093,547			
Additions	177,210	310,028		
Released to other income (note 7)	(75,097)	(80,539)		
At 31 December	1,195,660	1,093,547		

The Group received grants from the local government related to the acquisition of property, plant and equipment and land use right. The amounts are deferred and amortised over the useful lives of the relevant assets.

# **35. REDEMPTION LIABILITIES ON ORDINARY SHARES OF A SUBSIDIARY**

On 5 May 2023, a capital increase agreement (the "Capital Increase Agreement") and a shareholders agreement (the "Shareholders Agreement") were entered into by Zhejiang Tianneng New Materials Co., Ltd. 浙江天能新材料有限公司 ("Tianneng New Materials", an indirect non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company), 15 outside investors who are independent third parties and 3 investors who are controlled by the Company (the "Investors"), Tianneng Holding Group Co., Ltd. 天能控股集團有限 公司 ("Tianneng Holding", an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company), Zhejiang Tianneng Commercial Management Co., Ltd. 浙江天能商業管理有限公司 ("Tianneng Commercial", an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) and Tianchang Holding Co., Ltd. 天暢控股有限公司. Pursuant to the Capital Increase Agreement, the Investors agreed to subscribe for the new registered capital of Tianneng New Materials in the amount of RMB39,216,000 (representing approximately 28.57% of the registered capital of Tianneng New Materials had received all proceeds for the Capital Increase by September 2023. Upon completion of the Capital Increase, the Company's indirect interest in Tianneng New Materials decreased from 65.00% to 49.27%.

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# 35. REDEMPTION LIABILITIES ON ORDINARY SHARES OF A SUBSIDIARY (Continued)

The key terms of the Shareholders Agreement are summarized as follows:

#### **Redemption rights**

The Investors were entitled to the redemption right upon the occurrence of certain events, including: (i) Tianneng New Materials fails to achieve an initial public offering on the A Share market in the PRC and other markets as agreed by the parties to the Capital Increase Agreement ("**Qualified Listing**") before 31 December 2026, or due to other causes, it is reasonably foreseeable that Tianneng New Materials cannot achieve a Qualified Listing within the aforesaid deadline, (ii) before 31 December 2026, Tianneng New Material or Tianneng Holding expressly declares that Tianneng New Materials and/or Tianneng Holding will be obligated to repurchase the shares from the Investors at the original investment amount plus a yield at 8% per annum and minus any paid dividends.

#### **Anti-dilution rights**

From the date of completion of the Capital Increase to the date of the Qualified Listing, if Tianneng New Materials undertakes any capital increase or issues convertible bonds or other security interests that may be converted into the registered capital of Tianneng New Materials, unless the Investors agree in writing, the subscription price of the new investors shall not be lower than the subscription price of the Investors. With the written consent of the Investors, the subscription price of the new investor may be lower than that of the Investors. In such case, the Investors shall have the right to request Tianneng Holding, Tianchang Holding or Tianneng Commercial to compensate the Investors, so that the subscription price of the Investors' investment in Tianneng New Materials shall be adjusted to that of the new investor.

#### **Presentation and classification**

The redemption obligations give rise to financial liabilities, which are measured at the present value of the maximum redemption amount.

In October and November 2024, Tianneng Holding and Tianneng New Material entered into share transfer agreements with each of the Investors, respectively. Pursuant to these share transfer agreements, Tianneng Holding purchased all the paid-in capital of Tianneng New Material held by the Investors with considerations as stated in the Shareholders Agreement. Upon completion of the share transfer, the Company's indirect interest in Tianneng New Materials increased from 49.27% to 65.00%.

The movements of redemption liabilities on ordinary shares of a subsidiary during the year ended 31 December 2024 are set out below.

At 31 December 2024

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# **36. SHARE CAPITAL**

	Number of shares	Amount RMB'000
Ordinary shares of the Company with nominal value of HK\$0.10 each Authorised:		
At 1 January 2023, 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2024	2,000,000,000	212,780
Issued and fully paid:		
At 1 January 2023, 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2024	1,126,124,500	109,850

# **37. RESERVES**

### **Special reserve**

The special reserve of the Group represents the difference between the nominal amount of the shares issued by Tianneng International Investment Holdings Limited ("**Tianneng BVI**") and the aggregate amount of paid-in capital of the subsidiaries acquired by Tianneng BVI pursuant to the group reorganisation which took place in 2004 as more fully explained in the prospectus of the Company dated 29 May 2007.

### Statutory surplus reserve fund/Discretionary surplus reserve fund

As stipulated by the relevant laws and regulations in the PRC, the Group's PRC subsidiaries are required to maintain two reserves, being a statutory surplus reserve fund and a discretionary surplus reserve fund which are non-distributable. Appropriations to such reserves are made out of profit after taxation of the statutory financial statements of the PRC subsidiaries while the amount and allocation basis are decided by their board of directors annually. Pursuant to the relevant laws and regulations in the PRC, it requires the appropriation to the statutory surplus reserve fund until the balance reaches 50% of the registered share capital. The statutory surplus reserve fund and the discretionary surplus reserve fund can be used to make up its prior year losses, if any, and can be applied in conversion into capital by means of capitalisation issue.

# **38. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS**

### Share options scheme

The Company has a share options scheme (the "**Scheme**") for eligible directors of the Company, eligible employees of the Group and other selected participants. According to the terms of the Scheme, option granted must be taken up within 28 days from the date of grant, upon payment of HK\$1.00. The options may be exercised in accordance with the terms of the Scheme at any time during the exercise period determined by the board of directors which shall in any event not be more than ten years from the date of grant. Share options are vested over a period up to a maximum of four years after the date of grant.

The total number of shares issued and which may fall to be issued upon exercise of the options granted pursuant to the Scheme to an eligible participant in any 12-month period shall not exceed 1% of the number of shares in issue unless approved by shareholders in a general meeting. The maximum number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Scheme shall not in aggregate exceed 10% of the shares in issue on the date on which dealings in the shares first commence on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, i.e. a total of 100,000,000 shares (the "**Option Limit**"). Pursuant to an annual general meeting held on 16 May 2014, the Option Limit has been refreshed to 10% of the shares in issue on the date of the annual general meeting, i.e. a total of 111,190,800 shares.

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# 38. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (Continued)

### Share options scheme (Continued)

All holders of options granted under the Scheme may only exercise their options in the following manner:

Maximum percentage of options exercisable	Vesting period
10% of the options	Upon the first anniversary of the date of grant
Additional 20% of the options	Upon the second anniversary of the date of grant
Additional 30% of the options	Upon the third anniversary of the date of grant
Additional 40% of the options	Upon the fourth anniversary of the date of grant

The following tables disclosed movements of the Company's options under the Scheme during the years ended 31 December 2024 and 2023:

Category	Grant date	Exercisable period	Exercise price	Outstanding at 01/01/2024	Lapsed during the year	Outstanding at 31/12/2024
Option C	16.6.2014	16.6.2015-15.6.2024	HK\$2.90	32,931,000	(32,931,000)	-
Exercisable at the end of the year						-

Category	Grant date	Exercisable period	Exercise price	Outstanding at 01/01/2023	Forfeited during the year	Outstanding at 31/12/2023
Option C	16.6.2014	16.6.2015-15.6.2024	HK\$2.90	33,714,000	(783,000)	32,931,000

Exercisable at the end of the year

32,931,000

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No options were exercised during the years ended 31 December 2024 and 2023.

During the years ended 31 December 2024 and 2023, no expense were recognised in relation to share options granted by the Company under the Scheme.

### 38. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (Continued)

#### Share award scheme of a subsidiary of the Company

Pursuant to the shareholders' resolution approved on 23 May 2019, Tianneng Share adopted a share award scheme for eligible senior management and eligible employees of Tianneng Share and its subsidiaries (the "Selected Employees") (the "Share Award Scheme"). The objective of the Share Award Scheme is to recognise the contribution by the Selected Employees and to provide them with incentives in order to retain them for the continuing operation and development of Tianneng Share and its subsidiaries.

According to the Share Award Scheme, 41,200,000 shares of Tianneng Share were granted to certain limited partnerships (the "Limited Partnership"), which were legally owned by Zhejiang Tianneng Commercial Management Co., Ltd. ("Tianneng Commercial"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, and the Selected Employees and for the purpose of facilitating the purchasing, holding and selling of shares of Tianneng Share for the benefit of the Selected Employees. 13,959,000 shares have been subscribed at a price of RMB7.69 per share.

These shares are restricted for sale until the fourth anniversary date after the initial public offering of Tianneng Share in A-share market (the "Qualified IPO") which was completed in January 2021. Upon the expiry of restriction of the awarded shares, the Limited Partnership shall dispose the awarded shares at the prevailing market price and transfer the proceeds in relation to the awarded shares to the respective Selected Employees.

If the Selected Employees resigned before the expiry of restriction of the awarded shares, they are required to sell back the awarded shares at a share price of RMB7.69 plus interest at 115% of the benchmark lending rate of peer loan issued by the People's Bank of China.

The fair value of the restricted shares granted on 23 May 2019 amounted to approximately RMB71,367,000 which was determined by referenced to the recent transaction price of the shares of Tianneng Share. During the year ended 31 December 2024, an expense of approximately RMB6,746,000 (2023: RMB8,427,000) was recognised by the Group in relation to the restricted shares granted by Tianneng Share under the Share Award Scheme.

As at 31 December 2024, financial liabilities of approximately RMB117,010,000 (2023: RMB104,946,000) was recognised according to the repurchase consideration to be paid under Share Award Scheme if the granted shares become unvested.

# **39. RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEMES**

The employees of the PRC subsidiaries are members of the state-management retirement benefits scheme operated by the PRC government. The Group is required to contribute 16% of payroll costs to the retirement benefits scheme to fund the benefits. The only obligation of the Group with respect to the retirement benefits scheme is to make the specified contribution under the scheme.

The Group also operates a Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme for all employees in Hong Kong. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group, in funds under the control of trustees. The Group contributes a certain percentage of the relevant payroll costs to the scheme, which contribution is matched by the employees. As at 31 December 2024 and 2024, the Group had no forfeited contributions available to reduce the contributions payable in future years.

The amounts of contributions made by the Group in respect of the retirement benefit schemes during both years are disclosed in notes 12 and 13.

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### **40. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

The Group's capital commitments at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2024	
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Capital expenditure in respect of acquisition of property, plant and equipment contracted for but not		
provided in the consolidated financial statements	1,591,611	2,752,584

# 41. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to shareholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance. The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged from prior year.

The capital structure of the Group consists of net debts, which includes borrowings, lease liabilities and redemption liabilities on ordinary shares of a subsidiary as disclosed in notes 30, 31 and 35, respectively, net of cash and cash equivalents and equity attributable to equity holders of the Company, comprising issued share capital, reserves and retained profits.

The directors of the Company review the capital structure on a semi-annual basis. As part of this review, the directors consider the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. Based on the recommendations of the directors, the Group will balance its overall capital structure through the payment of dividends, new share issues and share buy-backs as well as the issue of new debt or the redemption of existing debt.

### **42. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

### a. Categories of financial instruments

	As at 31 December		
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	
- Financial assets			
Financial assets Financial assets at FVTPL			
Mandatorily measured at FVTPL – Structured bank deposits – Held-for-trading investments	1,386,100	220,000	
<ul> <li>Equity securities listed in Mainland China</li> </ul>	73,354	41,294	
– Equity securities listed in Hong Kong	44,376	49,020	
– Derivative financial instruments	606	7,514	
- Unlisted equity investments	6,000	3,000	
Equity instruments at FVTOCI	246,553	355,651	
Debt instruments at FVTOCI	397,042	476,093	
Amortised cost	25,777,721	20,493,296	
Financial liabilities			
Amortised cost	30,178,030	21,271,210	

### 42. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

### b. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's major financial instruments include equity instruments at FVTOCI, loan receivables, bills, trade and other receivables, amounts due from related parties, debt instruments at FVTOCI, financial assets at FVTPL, pledged/restricted bank deposits, cash and cash equivalents, bills, trade and other payables, amounts due to related parties, borrowings and redemption liabilities on ordinary shares of a subsidiary. Details of these financial instruments are disclosed in the respective notes. The risks associated with these financial instruments include market risk (currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The policies to mitigate these risks are set out below. The management manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

#### **Market risk**

#### Currency risk

The Group collects most of its revenue in RMB and most of the expenditures as well as capital expenditures are also denominated in RMB, which is the functional currency of the relevant subsidiaries. The Group's exposure to foreign currency risk is arising mainly from certain bank balances, certain financial assets at FVTPL, certain equity instrument at FVTOCI and certain bank borrowings which are denominated in foreign currencies. Except for the above items denominated in foreign currencies, the group entities did not have any other monetary assets or liabilities denominated in foreign currencies as at the end of the reporting period.

The carrying amounts of the Group's foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the end of reporting date are as follows:

	Assets		Liabilities	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
US\$	187,723	134,813	-	690,563
HK\$	52,006	61,552	677	136,621

Foreign currency forward contracts can be used to eliminate the currency exposures. During the year, the Group has entered into certain foreign currency forward contracts and closely monitored the movement of foreign currency rate.

#### Sensitivity analysis

The Group is mainly exposed to the currency risk on US\$ and HK\$ against RMB.

The following table details the Group's sensitivity to a 5% (2023: 5%) increase and decrease in RMB against the relevant foreign currencies. 5% (2023: 5%) is the sensitivity rate used when reporting foreign currency risk internally to the key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and adjusts their translation at the end of the reporting date for a 5% (2023: 5%) change in foreign currency rates. The analysis illustrates the impact for a 5% (2023: 5%) strengthening of RMB against the relevant currency. For a 5% (2023: 5%) weakening of RMB against the relevant currency, there would be an equal and opposite impact on the profit and other comprehensive income.

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### 42. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

### b. Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

#### Market risk (Continued)

#### Currency risk (Continued)

Sensitivity analysis (Continued)

	US\$ impact (i)		HK\$ impact (ii)	
	2024 RMB′000	2023 RMB'000	2024 RMB′000	2023 RMB'000
(Decrease) increase in post-tax profit for the year as a result of a 5% strengthening of RMB				
against the foreign currency	(7,520)	29,123	(2,432)	3,927

(i) This is mainly attributable to the exposure outstanding on US\$ denominated bank balances and bank borrowings of the Group at the end of the reporting period.

(ii) This is mainly attributable to the exposure to outstanding HK\$ denominated bank balances, financial assets at FVTPL and bank borrowings of the Group at the end of the reporting period.

	HK\$ impact		
	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	
Decrease in investment revaluation reserve for the year as a result of a 5% strengthening of RMB against the foreign currency	7,653	7,257	

This is mainly attributable to the exposure to outstanding HK\$ denominated equity instrument at FVTOCI of the Group at the end of the reporting period.

#### Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to fair value interest rate risk in relation to loan receivables (see note 24 for details), pledged/restricted bank deposits and time deposits (see note 27 for details), fixed-rate borrowings (see note 30 for details) and lease liabilities (see note 31 for details). The Group is also exposed to cash flow interest rate risk in relation to variable-rate bank balances (see note 27 for details) and variable-rate borrowings (see note 30 for details). The Group is also exposed to cash flow interest rate risk in relation to variable-rate bank balances (see note 27 for details) and variable-rate borrowings (see note 30 for details). The directors of the Company monitor interest rate exposures and will consider hedging significant interest rate risk should the need arise.

#### Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on the exposure to interest rates at the end of the reporting period. The analysis is prepared assuming the financial instruments outstanding at the end of the reporting period were outstanding for the whole year. A 50 basis point (2023: 50 basis points) increase or decrease in variable-rate bank borrowings are used represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates. Bank balances are excluded from sensitivity analysis as the management considers that the exposure of cash flow interest rate risk arising from variable-rate bank balances is insignificant.

If the interest rate on variable-rate borrowings had been 50 basis points higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the Group's post-tax profit for the year ended 31 December 2024 would decrease/increase by RMB77,554,000 (2023: decrease/increase by RMB38,213,000).

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# 42. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

### b. Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

#### Market risk (Continued)

#### Other price risk

The Group is exposed to equity price risk through its investments in listed equity securities measured at FVTPL and FVTOCI. For quoted equity securities measured at FVTPL, management manages this exposure by maintaining a portfolio of investments with different risks. In addition, the Group also invested in certain unquoted and quoted equity securities for investees operating in battery industry sector for long term strategic purposes which had been designed as FVTOCI. Management closely monitors such exposure and will consider hedging the risk exposure should the need arise.

#### Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analyses have been determined based on the exposure to equity price risk at the reporting date. Sensitivity analyses for unquoted equity securities with fair value measurement categorised within Level 3 were disclosed in note 42c.

If the prices of the respective equity instruments had been 10% (2023: 10%) higher/lower, the post-tax profit for the year ended 31 December 2024 would increase/decrease by RMB11,773,000 (2023: increase/decrease by RMB9,031,000) as a result of the changes in fair value of investments at FVTPL and the other comprehensive income would increase/decrease by RMB23,253,000 (2023: increase/decrease by RMB33,026,000) as a result of the changes in fair value of investments at FVTPL.

#### Credit risk and impairment assessment

Credit risk refers to the risk that the Group's counterparties default on their contractual obligations resulting in financial losses to the Group. The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk which will cause a financial loss to the Group is arising from the amount of each class of financial assets as disclosed in the consolidated statement of financial position. The Group does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements to cover its credit risks associated with its financial assets, except that the credit risks associated with loan receivables is mitigated because they are secured over equipment or trade receivables.

#### Trade receivables arising from contracts with customers

In order to minimise the credit risk, management of the Group has delegated a team responsible for determination of credit limits and credit approvals. Before accepting any new customer, the Group uses an internal credit scoring system to assess the potential customer's credit quality and defines credit limits by customer. Limits and scoring attributed to customers are reviewed twice a year. Other monitoring procedures are in place to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts. In addition, the Group performs impairment assessment under ECL model on trade balances based on provision matrix. In this regard, the directors of the Company consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

#### Bills receivables/debt instruments at FVTOCI

Bills receivables and debt instruments at FVTOCI were all bank-issued notes. Since the issuers were reputable banks of good credit quality, management of the Group considered the credit risk of these bank issued bills is insignificant and no impairment was provided on them at the year end.

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# 42. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

### b. Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

#### Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

#### Loan receivables

The management estimates the estimated loss rates of loan receivables based on historical credit loss experience of the debtors as well as the fair value of the collateral pledged by the debtors to the loan receivables. Based on assessment by the management, the loss given default is low in view of the estimated realised amount of ultimate disposal of the collaterals.

#### Pledged bank deposits/restricted bank deposits/bank balances/time deposits

There is concentration of credit risk on pledged/restricted bank deposits, bank balances and time deposits for the Group as at 31 December 2024 and 2023. The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the majority of counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies and state-owned banks with good reputation.

#### Financial guarantee contracts

For financial guarantee contracts, the aggregate amount of outstanding financial guarantees issued to banks in respect of mortgage loans granted to its customers that the Group could be required to pay amounted to RMB182,667,000 as at 31 December 2024 (2023: RMB202,922,000). The fair value of these financial guarantee, as at dates of initial recognition, were considered insignificant. At the end of the reporting period, management has performed impairment assessment, and concluded that there has been no significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition of the financial guarantee contracts. Accordingly, the loss allowance for financial guarantee contracts issued by the Group is measured at an amount equal to 12m ECL. No loss allowance was recognised in the profit or loss.

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# 42. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

# b. Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

### Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

The Group's internal credit risk grading assessment comprises the following categories:

Internal credit rating	Description	Trade receivables and trade- related amounts due from related parties	Other financial assets
Grade A	The counterparty has a low risk of default and does not have any past-due amounts or the counterparty is a new customer as a large producer with good reputation and good credit rating based on internal assessment	Lifetime ECL – not credit- impaired	12-month ECL
Grade B	Debtor frequently repays after due dates but usually settle after due date or the counterparty is a new customer other than those grouped in grade A counterparties	Lifetime ECL – not credit- impaired	12-month ECL
Grade C	The counterparty delays its payment after due dates with no settlement yet, or there have been significant increases in credit risk since initial recognition through information developed internally or external resources	Lifetime ECL – not credit- impaired	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired
Grade D	The counterparty has been charged by the Group or could not settle the receivables according to the contracts or there is other evidence indicating the asset is credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL – credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL – credit-impaired
Grade E	There is evidence indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and the Group has no realistic prospect of recovery	Amount is written off	Amount is written off

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# 42. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

# b. Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

### Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

The tables below detail the credit risk exposures of the Group's financial assets, which are subject to ECL assessment:

	Notes	12-month or lifetime ECL	Gross carrying a	nount
			31/12/2024 RMB'000	31/12/2023 RMB'000
Debt instruments at FVTOCI				
Bills receivables	25	Lifetime ECL (not credit-impaired)	397,042	476,093
Financial assets at amortised cost				
Loan receivables	24	12-month ECL	825,552	1,405,532
Amounts due from related parties – trade nature – non-trade nature	29	Lifetime ECL (not credit-impaired) 12-month ECL	13,728 -	23,316 13,650
Bank balances	27	12-month ECL	9,139,377	9,455,594
Pledged/restricted bank deposits	27	12-month ECL	12,270,304	5,979,539
Bills receivables	23	Lifetime ECL (not credit-impaired)	1,929,737	1,742,657
Trade receivables	23	Lifetime ECL (provision matrix) Credit-impaired	1,579,915 189,322	1,854,269 247,489
Other receivables	23	12-month ECL Credit-impaired	107,661 51,020	84,880 55,819

# 42. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

### b. Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

#### Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

The following table provides information about the exposure to credit risk for trade receivables which are assessed on a collective basis within lifetime ECL (not credit-impaired). Debtors credit-impaired with gross carrying amount of RMB189,322,000 as at 31 December 2024 (2023: RMB247,489,000) were assessed individually.

Internal credit rating	Average loss rate	Gross carrying amount RMB'000	Impairment loss allowance RMB'000
As at 31 December 2024			
Grade A	0.5%	769,108	3,840
Grade B	5.0%	678,934	33,951
Grade C	20.0%	131,873	27,563
		1,579,915	65,354
As at 31 December 2023			
Grade A	0.5%	997,771	4,850
Grade B	5.0%	809,169	40,447
Grade C	20.0%	47,329	9,466
		1,854,269	54,763

The estimated loss rates are estimated based on historical observed default rates over the expected life of the debtors and are adjusted for forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort. The grouping is regularly reviewed by management to ensure relevant information about specific debtors is updated.

As at 31 December 2024, the Group provided RMB65,354,000 (2023: RMB54,763,000) impairment allowance for trade receivables based on collective assessment. Impairment allowance of RMB167,961,000 (2023: RMB236,469,000) were made on debtors with credit-impaired debtors.

The following table shows the movement in lifetime ECL that has been recognised for trade receivables under the simplified approach.

	Lifetime ECL (not credit-impaired) RMB′000	Lifetime ECL (credit-impaired) RMB'000	<b>Total</b> RMB'000
As at 1 January 2023	50,840	300,510	351,350
– Impairment losses, net of reversal	22,602	6,612	29,214
– Transfer to credit-impaired	(18,679)	18,679	-
- Write-offs	-	(89,332)	(89,332)
As at 31 December 2023	54,763	236,469	291,232
– Impairment losses, net of reversal	15,494	1,997	17,491
<ul> <li>Transfer to credit-impaired</li> </ul>	(4,903)	4,903	-
– Write-offs	-	(75,408)	(75,408)
As at 31 December 2024	65,354	167,961	233,315

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# 42. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

### b. Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

#### Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

The Group writes off a trade receivable when there is information indicating that debtors is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the debtors has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings.

#### Liquidity risk

The Group's objective is to maintain a balance between the continuity of funding and the flexibility through the use of bank and other borrowings. In addition, banking facilities have been put in place for contingency purposes.

The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities and derivative instruments. The table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Group can be required to pay. The maturity dates for other non-derivative financial liabilities are based on the agreed repayment dates.

The table includes both interest and principal cash flows.

	Weighted average interest rate %	On demand or less than 1 year RMB'000	<b>1 to</b> <b>2 years</b> RMB'000	<b>2 to</b> <b>5 years</b> RMB'000	Over 5 years RMB'000	Total undiscounted balances RMB'000	Carrying amounts RMB'000
At 31 December 2024							
Non-derivative financial							
liabilities							
Bills, trade and other							
payables	-	11,541,581	-	-	-	11,541,581	11,541,581
Amounts due to							
related parties	-	114,969	-	-	-	114,969	114,969
Borrowings	3.42	12,938,048	2,224,671	3,146,168	762,361	19,071,248	18,521,480
Lease liabilities	4.40	5,759	4,839	12,326	10,616	33,540	27,311
		24,600,357	2,229,510	3,158,494	772,977	30,761,338	30,205,341
At 31 December 2023							
Non-derivative financial liabilities							
Bills, trade and other							
payables	-	10,960,633	_	_	-	10,960,633	10,960,633
Amounts due to							
related parties	-	239,461	-	-	-	239,461	239,461
Borrowings	3.63	6,385,516	1,018,916	1,302,251	790,549	9,497,232	9,067,525
Redemption liabilities on ordinary shares of a							
subsidiary	8.00	77,764	77,764	1,049,812	-	1,205,340	1,003,591
Lease liabilities	4.90	7,721	2,965	3,833	-	14,519	13,530
		17,671,095	1,099,645	2,355,896	790,549	21,917,185	21,284,740

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# 42. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

### c. Fair value

### (i) Fair value of the Group's financial assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis

Some of the Group's financial assets are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. The following table gives information about how the fair values of these financial assets are determined (in particular, the valuation technique(s) and inputs used).

Financial assets	Fair valu 31/12/2024 RMB'000	<b>ie as at</b> 31/12/2023 RMB'000	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation technique and key input	Significant unobservable input	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Listed equity securities classified as financial assets at FVTPL	Listed equity securities in Mainland China: RMB73,354	Listed equity securities in Mainland China: RMB41,294	Level 1	Quoted transaction prices in active markets.	N/A	N/A
	Listed equity securities in Hong Kong: RMB44,376	Listed equity securities in Hong Kong: RMB49,020				
Listed equity instruments at FVTOCI	Listed equity securities in Hong Kong: RMB153,062	Listed equity securities in Hong Kong: RMB145,145	Level 1	Quoted transaction prices in active markets.	N/A	N/A
	Listed equity securities in Mainland China: RMB15,918	Listed equity securities in Mainland China: RMB63,042				
Foreign currency forward contracts	-	Assets: RMB1,470	Level 2	Discounted cash flow. Future cash flows are estimated based on forward exchange rates (from observable forward exchange rates at the end of the reporting period) and contracted forward rates, discounted at a rate that reflects the credit risk of various counterparties.	N/A	N/A
Commodity derivative contracts	Assets: RMB606	Assets: RMB6,044	Level 2	The fair value of the commodity derivative contracts is estimated by reference to the quoted prices of similar standardised commodity derivative contracts at the end of the reporting period.	N/A	N/A
Debt instruments at FVTOCI	RMB397,042	RMB476,093	Level 2	Discounted cash flow is estimated based on discount rate observed in the available market.	N/A	N/A
Structured bank deposits at FVTPL	RMB1,386,100	RMB220,000	Level 3	Discounted cash flow is estimated based on expected return.	Expected return	An increase in the expected return would result in a decrease in the fair value measurement of the structured bank
						deposits, and vice versa.
Unlisted equity instruments	At FVTOCI: RMB77,573	At FVTOCI: RMB147,464	Level 3	Backsolve from recent transaction price.	Recent transaction price	The higher the recent
	At FVTPL: RMB6,000	At FVTPL: RMB3,000				transaction price, the higher the fair value

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# 42. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

### c. Fair value (Continued)

### (ii) Reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements of financial assets

	Structured bank deposits at FVTPL RMB'000	Unlisted equity instruments at FVTOCI RMB'000	Unlisted equity instruments at FVTPL
At 1 January 2023	270,041	119,400	-
Total gains	19,287	12,600	-
– in profit or loss	19,287		-
– in other comprehensive income	-	12,600	-
Purchases	3,036,000	15,464	3,000
Disposals/settlements	(3,105,328)	-	-
At 31 December 2023	220,000	147,464	3,000
Total gains	34,963	(69,891)	-
<ul> <li>in profit or loss</li> </ul>	34,963	-	-
<ul> <li>in other comprehensive income</li> </ul>	-	(69,891)	-
Purchases	11,160,000	-	3,000
Disposals/settlements	(10,028,863)	-	-
At 31 December 2024	1,386,100	77,573	6,000

### (iii) Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities that are recorded at amortised cost

Management of the Group considers that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in the consolidated financial statements approximate to their fair values at the end of each reporting period.

# 43. RECONCILIATION OF LIABILITIES ARISING FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

The table below details changes in the Group's liabilities arising from financing activities, including both cash and non-cash changes. Liabilities arising from financing activities are those for which cash flow were, or future cash flow will be, classified in the Group's consolidated statement of cash flows as cash flows from financing activities.

	Borrowings RMB'000	Dividend payables RMB'000	Lease liabilities RMB'000	Redemption liabilities on ordinary shares of a subsidiary RMB'000	<b>Total</b> RMB′000
At 1 January 2023	6,182,427	110,498	25,045		6,317,970
Financing cash flows	2,866,801	(509,815)	(12,884)	972,048	3,316,150
Non-cash changes	2,000,001	(509,615)	(12,004)	972,040	3,310,130
<ul> <li>Dividends declared</li> </ul>	_	400,005	_	_	400,005
<ul> <li>Interest expenses</li> </ul>	_		1,369	31,543	32,912
– Exchange adjustments	18,297	-	-	-	18,297
At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	9,067,525	688	13,530	1,003,591	10,085,334
Financing cash flows Non-cash changes	9,453,955	(440,779)	(12,995)	(1,072,302)	7,927,879
- New leases entered	_	_	24,370	_	24,370
- Dividends declared	_	440,832	-	_	440,832
– Interest expenses	-	-	2,406	68,711	71,117
At 31 December 2024	18,521,480	741	27,311	-	18,549,532

# **44. PLEDGE OF ASSETS**

At the end of the reporting period, the Group has pledged the following assets to secure the general banking facilities granted to the Group.

	As at 31 Dece	ember
	2024	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Pledged/restricted bank deposits	12,270,304	5,979,539
Financial assets at FVTPL	200,000	-
Property, plant and equipment	101,689	171,331
Debt instruments at FVTOCI	139,369	301,391
Right-of-use assets	363,000	315,557
Bills receivables	964,969	1,164,619
	14,039,331	7,932,437

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# **45. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

### (a) Related party transactions

During the year, the Group had the following transactions with its related companies:

		Year ended 31 December	
		2024 RMB′000	2023 RMB'000
Changtong Technology	Purchase of materials	311,870	573,339
Changtong Technology	Sales of materials	574	3,831
Yuanhong Machinery	Purchase of materials	1,274	2,011
Changxing Jin Ling Hotel (note i)	Hotel expenses	1,125	1,123
Changneng Business Management	Property management fees	1,725	4.040
Xin Xin Packaging	Purchase of consumables	5,150	9,865
Wanyang Group	Purchase of materials	1,441,762	1,174,067
Wanyang Group	Sales of materials	741,649	415,660
Lianyungang Yunhai	Purchase of materials	61,507	32,883
Lianyungang Yunhai	Sales of materials	2,504	3,022

Note:

- (i) Changxing Jin Ling Hotel (長興金陵大酒店) is controlled by Dr. Zhang Tianren.
- (b) Details of the remuneration of directors and other members of key management during the year are set out in note 13.
- (c) Details of the balances with related parties are set out in note 29.

# 46. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY

Details of the principal subsidiaries directly and indirectly held by the Company at the end of the reporting period are set out below.

Name of subsidiaries	Place/Country of incorporation/ establishment and operations	Issued and fully paid share/ registered capital	Effective p of nomin of issued registered held by the	al value   share/   capital	Principal activities	
			31/12/2024	31/12/2023		
Tianneng International Investment Holdings Limited	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong 15 November 2004	US\$1	100%	100%	Investment holding	
浙江省長興天能電源有限公司 Zhejiang Changxing Tianneng Power Supply Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 11 March 1998	Registered capital – RMB108,000,000	100%	100%	Manufacture and sales of lead-acid batteries	
天能電池集團股份有限公司 Tianneng Share	PRC – Limited liability company 13 March 2003	Registered capital – RMB972,100,000	86%	86%	Investment holding, research and development, manufacture and sales of lead-acid batteries and battery related accessories	
浙江天能儲能科技發展有限公司 Zhejiang Tianneng Energy Storage Technology Development Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 1 July 2004	Registered capital – RMB692,777,778	100%	60%	Manufacture and sales of lithium-ion batteries	
天能電池 (蕪湖) 有限公司 Tianneng Battery (Wuhu) Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 21 October 2005	Registered capital – RMB230,000,000	100%	100%	Manufacture and sales of lead-acid batteries	
浙江天能電池(江蘇)有限公司 Zhejiang Tianneng Battery (Jiangsu) Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 9 May 2005	Registered capital – RMB200,000,000	100%	100%	Manufacture and sales of lead-acid batteries	
浙江天能電池(江蘇)新能源有限公司 Zhejiang Tianneng Battery (Jiangsu) New Energy Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 8 January 2008	Registered capital – RMB120,000,000	100%	100%	Manufacture and sales of lead-acid batteries	
浙江天能動力能源有限公司 Zhejiang Tianneng Power Energy Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 2 July 2009	Registered capital – RMB400,000,000	100%	100%	Manufacture and sales of lead-acid batteries	
浙江天能電源材料有限公司 Zhejiang Tianneng Power Supply Material Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 2 July 2009	Registered capital – RMB700,000,000	100%	100%	Manufacture and sales of recycled materials	
浙江天能物資貿易有限公司 Zhejiang Tianneng Material Trading Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 25 March 2009	Registered capital – RMB80,000,000	100%	100%	Sales of metal materials	
天能電池集團 (安徽) 有限公司 Tianneng Battery Group (Anhui) Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 4 November 2010	Registered capital – RMB300,000,000	100%	100%	Manufacture and sales of lead-acid batteries	
濟源市萬洋綠色能源有限公司 Jiyuan Wanyang Green Energy Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 27 October 2010	Registered capital – RMB102,160,000	51%	51%	Manufacture and sales of lead-acid batteries	

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# 46. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

Name of subsidiaries	Place/Country of incorporation/ establishment and operations	Issued and fully paid share/ registered capital	Effective p of nomin of issued registere held by the	al value d share/ d capital	Principal activities
			31/12/2024	31/12/2023	
安徽中能電源有限公司 Anhui Zhongneng Power Supply Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 17 April 2008	Registered capital – RMB100,000,000	100%	100%	Manufacture and sale of electrode plates
浙江赫克力能源有限公司 Zhejiang Hercules Energy Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 10 November 2009	Registered capital – RMB60,000,000	100%	100%	Manufacture and sales of lead-acid batteries and recycled batteries
河南晶能電源有限公司 Henan Jingneng Energy Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 13 March 2009	Registered capital – RMB43,600,000	64%	64%	Manufacture and sales of lead-acid batteries
天能集團貴州能源科技有限公司 Tianneng Group Guizhou Energy Technology Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 12 July 2012	Registered capital – RMB200,000,000	100%	100%	Manufacture and sales of lead-acid batteries
安徽轟達電源有限公司 Anhui Hongda Power Supply Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 26 March 2010	Registered capital – RMB50,000,000	100%	100%	Manufacture and sale of electrode plates
安徽天暢金屬材料有限公司 Anhui Tianchang Metal Material Supply Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 14 May 2018	Registered capital – RMB300,000,000	51%	51%	Manufacture and sale of of recycled materials
天能金玥(上海)新能源材料有限公司 Tianneng Jinyue (Shanghai) New Energy Materials Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 28 November 2016	Registered capital – RMB100,000,000	100%	100%	Trading of materials
浙江天暢供應鏈管理有限公司 Zhejiang Tianchang Supply Chain Management Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 26 April 2018	Registered capital – RMB30,000,000	90%	90%	Provision of transportation service to group companies
浙江天赢供應鏈管理有限公司 Zhejiang Tianying Supply Chain Management Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 5 February 2020	Registered capital – RMB30,000,000	100%	100%	Trading of materials
天能金玥(天津)有限公司 Tianneng Jinyue (Tianjin) Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 9 May 2020	Registered capital – RMB20,000,000	100%	100%	Trading of materials
天能物產 (海南) 有限公司 Tianneng Products (Hainan) Co., Ltd.	PRC – Limited liability company 22 June 2021	Registered capital – RMB10,000,000	100%	100%	Trading of materials
Tianneng New Materials	PRC – Limited liability company 15 October 2018	Registered capital – RMB137,256,000	65%	49%	Trading of materials

The above table lists the subsidiaries of the Group which, in the opinion of the Company's directors, principally affected the results or assets of the Group. To give details of other subsidiaries would, in the opinion of the Company's directors, result in particulars of excessive length.

# 47. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESERVES OF THE COMPANY

	As at 31 Dece	As at 31 December	
	2024	2023	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Non-current asset			
Investments in and amounts due from subsidiaries	1,728,240	1,270,221	
Current assets			
Other receivables	228	223	
Cash and cash equivalents	3,905	12,223	
	4,133	12,446	
Current liabilities			
Borrowings – current portion	659,100	99,100	
Other payables	1,826	1,136	
Amounts due to subsidiaries	51,221	120,375	
	712,147	220,611	
Net current liabilities	(708,014)	(208,165)	
Net assets	1,020,226	1,062,056	
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	109,850	109,850	
Reserves	910,376	952,206	
Total equity	1,020,226	1,062,056	

### Movement in the Company's reserves

	Share premium RMB'000	Share options reserve RMB'000	Retained profits RMB'000	<b>Total</b> RMB'000
At 1 January 2023	778,567	34,243	130,921	943,731
Profit for the year	_	-	408,480	408,480
Forfeiture of share options	_	(848)	848	-
Dividend recognised as distribution	-	_	(400,005)	(400,005)
At 31 December 2023	778,567	33,395	140,244	952,206
Profit for the year	_	_	399,002	399,002
Lapse of share options	-	(33,395)	33,395	-
Dividend recognised as distribution	-	-	(440,832)	(440,832)
At 31 December 2024	778,567	-	131,809	910,376