

**China Financial International Investments Limited** 

中國金融國際投資有限公司 (Incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 721)





## **Corporate Information**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Executive Director** 

Mr. Du Lin Dong (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)

#### **Independent Non-executive Directors**

Mr. Lei Zhiwei Mr. Liu Xiaodong Mr. Zong Shijian

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Du Lin Dong (Chairman)

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Zong Shijian *(Chairman)* Mr. Lei Zhiwei Mr. Liu Xiaodong

#### **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Lei Zhiwei *(Chairman)* Mr. Du Lin Dong Mr. Liu Xiaodong

#### NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Lei Zhiwei *(Chairman)* Mr. Liu Xiaodong Mr. Zong Shijian

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Du Lin Dong *(Chairman)* Mr. Lei Zhiwei

#### **AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Du Lin Dong Mr. Hui Ching Yat

#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

Mr. Wong Tsz Lun (resigned on 24 July 2024) Mr. Hui Ching Yat (appointed on 24 July 2024)

#### **AUDITORS**

CL Partners CPA Limited Certified Public Accountants Registered Public Interest Entity Auditor

#### **INVESTMENT MANAGER**

China Financial International Investments & Managements Limited

#### **CUSTODIAN**

Bank of Communications Trustee Limited

#### **LEGAL ADVISER**

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#### **PRINCIPAL BANKER**

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## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the six months ended 31 December 2024

|  |       | Unaud<br>Six months endeo |          |
|--|-------|---------------------------|----------|
|  |       | 2024                      | 2023     |
|  | Notes | HK\$'000                  | HK\$'000 |
| Revenue  | 4     | 164                       | 123      |
| Other gains or losses  |       | 3,677                     | 1,000    |
| Fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through  |       |                           | ,        |
| profit or loss ("FVTPL")   |       | 1,139                     | 72,082   |
| Administrative expenses  |       | (2,780)                   | (4,263)  |
| Share of loss from an associate  |       | (126)                     | (164)    |
| Finance costs  | 5     | (433)                     | (453)    |
|  |       |                           |          |
| Profit before tax  |       | 1,641                     | 68,325   |
| Income tax expense   | 6     | -                         | _        |
|  |       |                           |          |
| Profit for the period  |       | 1,641                     | 68,325   |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME<br>Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:<br>– Fair value gain on equity instruments at fair<br>value through other comprehensive income<br>("FVTOCI") |       | 1,164                     | 9,105    |
| Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:  |       |                           |          |
| - Exchange differences on translation from   |       | (070)                     | 1 000    |
| functional currency to presentation currency   |       | (879)                     | 1,832    |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE   |       |                           |          |
| PERIOD   |       | 285                       | 10,937   |
|  |       |                           |          |
| TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE<br>PERIOD   |       | 1,926                     | 79,262   |
| EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO<br>OWNERS OF THE COMPANY  |       |                           |          |
| – Basic (HK cents)   | 9     | 0.015                     | 0.62     |
|  |       |                           |          |

## **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

At 31 December 2024

|  | Note | Unaudited<br>31 December<br>2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Audited<br>30 June<br>2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|--|------|---|---|
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS<br>Property, plant and equipment<br>Right-of-use asset<br>Interest in an associate<br>Financial assets at FVTPL<br>Equity instruments at FVTOCI<br>Deposits |      | -<br>73<br>36,043<br>29,087<br>268                  | -<br>199<br>36,992<br>27,923<br>268           |
|  |      | 65,471  | 65,382  |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b><br>Prepayments, deposits and other receivables<br>Financial assets at FVTPL<br>Cash and cash equivalents   |      | 65,214<br>23,112<br>38,303                          | 104,275<br>21,215<br>19                       |
|  |      | 126,629   | 125,509                                       |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b><br>Other payable and accruals<br>Amount due to an associate<br>Tax payable  |      | 14,047<br>310<br>–                                  | 14,376<br>402<br>-                            |
| Borrowing<br>Lease liability   |      | 9,997<br>623  | 9,997<br>602                                  |
|  |      | 24,977  | 25,377  |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS   |      | 101,652   | 100,132                                       |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES  |      | 167,123   | 165,514                                       |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITY<br>Lease liability   |      | 54  | 371   |
| NET ASSETS   |      | 167,069   | 165,143                                       |
| <b>EQUITY</b><br>Share capital<br>Reserves   |      | 109,717<br>57,352                                   | 109,717<br>55,426                             |
| TOTAL EQUITY   |      | 167,069   | 165,143                                       |
| NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE (HK cents)   | 10   | 1.52  | 1.51  |

## **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the six months ended 31 December 2024

|   | Share<br>capital<br>HK\$'000 | Share<br>premium<br>HK\$'000 | Contributed<br>surplus<br>HK\$'000 | Capital<br>reserve<br>HK\$'000 | Financial<br>assets at<br>FVTOCI<br>reserve<br>HK\$'000 | Exchange<br>reserve<br>HK\$'000 | Accumulated<br>losses<br>HK\$'000 | <b>Total</b><br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| At 1 July 2024 (audited)                                | 109,717                      | 2,067,672                    | 278,979                            | 2,766                          | (78,321)  | 650                             | (2,216,320)                       | 165,143                  |
| Profit for the period                                   | -                            | -                            | -                                  | -                              | -   | -                               | 1,641                             | 1,641                    |
| Other comprehensive income/<br>(expense) for the period |                              |                              |                                    |                                | 1,164   | (879)                           |                                   | 285                      |
| Total comprehensive income/<br>(expense) for the period |                              |                              |                                    |                                | 1,164   | (879)                           | 1,641                             | 1,926                    |
| At 31 December 2024 (unaudited)                         | 109,717                      | 2,067,672                    | 278,979                            | 2,766                          | (77,157)  | (229)                           | (2,214,679)                       | 167,069                  |
| At 1 July 2023 (audited)                                | 109,717                      | 2,067,672                    | 278,979                            | 2,766                          | (86,883)  | 1,415                           | (2,244,217)                       | 129,449                  |
| Profit for the period                                   | -                            | -                            | -                                  | -                              | -   | -                               | 68,325                            | 68,325                   |
| Other comprehensive income for the period               |                              |                              |                                    |                                | 9,105   | 1,832                           |                                   | 10,937                   |
| Total comprehensive income for the period               |                              |                              |                                    |                                | 9,105   | 1,832                           | 68,325                            | 79,262                   |
| At 31 December 2023 (unaudited)                         | 109,717                      | 2,067,672                    | 278,979                            | 2,766                          | (77,778)  | 3,247                           | (2,175,892)                       | 208,711                  |

## **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

For the six months ended 31 December 2024

|  | Unaudit<br>Six months ended |                  |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------|
|  | 2024<br>HK\$'000            | 2023<br>HK\$'000 |
| Cash flows from operating activities   |                             |                  |
| Profit before tax<br>Adjustments for:  | 1,641                       | 68,325           |
| Share of loss from an associate  | 126                         | 164              |
| Dividend income  | (164)                       | (123)            |
| Finance costs  | 433                         | 453              |
| Reversal of impairment loss of other receivables<br>Fair value change of financial assets at fair value through  | -                           | (1,000)          |
| profit or loss   | (1,139)                     | (72,082)         |
| Operating profit/(loss) before working capital changes   | 897                         | (4,263)          |
| Decrease in prepayments, deposits and other receivables  | 33,424                      | 1,478            |
| (Decrease)/increase in other payables and accruals   | (329)                       | 3,319            |
| (Decrease)/increase in an amount due to an associate   | (92)                        | 68               |
| Cash generated from operations   | 33,900                      | 602              |
| Dividend received  | 13                          | 123              |
| Net cash generated from operating activities   | 33,913                      | 725              |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b><br>Repayment of prepayments for potential investments<br>Prepayments for potential investments<br>Proceeds on disposal of financial assets at FVTPL not held | 5,600<br>-                  | –<br>(79)        |
| for trading purpose  | 149                         |                  |
| Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities   | 5,749                       | (79)             |
| Cash flows from financing activities   |                             |                  |
| Interest paid  | (433)                       | (453)            |
| Repayment of lease liability   | (296)                       | (276)            |
| Net cash used in financing activities  | (729)                       | (729)            |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents   | 38,933                      | (83)             |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period<br>Effect of foreign exchange rate changes  | 19<br>(649)                 | 606<br>_         |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period   | 38,303                      | 523              |
| · · ·  |                             |                  |
| Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents<br>Cash and bank balances  | 38,303                      | 523              |

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#### 1. CORPORATION INFORMATION AND BASIS OF PREPARATION

China Financial International Investments Limited (the "Company") was incorporated in the Cayman Islands under the Cayman Islands Companies Law as an exempted company with its shares listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). With effect from 9 May 2006, the Company was de-registered from the Cayman Islands under the Cayman Islands Companies Law and re-domiciled in Bermuda under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda as an exempted company. The Company's registered office address is Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, HM 11, Bermuda and the Company's principal place of business is Suite 2001, 20th Floor, Tower 1, The Gateway, Harbour City, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

The Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") are principally engaged in investing in listed and unlisted companies established and/or doing business in Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2024 have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting ("HKAS 34") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix D2 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules").

In the preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements, the directors of the Company have given due and careful consideration to the future liquidity of the Group by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows. For the six months ended 31 December 2024, the Group reported profit for the period of HK\$1,641,000. At 31 December 2024, the Group had cash and cash equivalents of HK\$38,303,000 and net current assets of HK\$101,652,000. Future cash flows from operating activities are dependent on realisation of the listed and unlisted investments. In order to continue funding future capital programmes, the Company may need to obtain additional equity or debt financing, or assess other financing options. The ability to access the required capital to maintain current financial position and cash flows is dependent on a variety of external factors.

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, the Group has the ability to obtain debt or equity financing, or other sources of funding for future capital programmes should the need arise.

They have been prepared on the historical cost convention, except for financial assets at FVTPL and financial assets at FVTOCI which have been measured at fair value. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$") and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise indicated.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024, which have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS") Accounting Standards.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The preparation of unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in compliance with HKAS 34 requires the use of certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The significant judgements made by the management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024. The accounting policies adopted in the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024, except for the adoption of the following amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards issued by the HKICPA as disclosed below.

Other than changes in accounting policies resulting from application of new and amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards, the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2024 are the same as those presented in the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

#### Application of amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards

In the current interim period, the Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards issued by the HKICPA for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2024 for the preparation of the condensed 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 interim period has had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

#### 3. OPERATING SEGMENTS

Information reported to the executive directors of the Company, being the chief operating decision maker, for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on the type and underlying business of the Group's investments.

Specifically, the Group's reportable segments under HKFRS 8 "Operating Segments" are as follows:

- 1. Micro-loan service equity investments in investees engaged in micro-loan services
- 2. Real estate and natural gas equity investments in investees engaged in real estate and natural gas business
- 3. Clean energy equity investment in investees engaged in clean energy industry
- 4. Others equity investments in investees engaged in guarantee service and management consultation service and other businesses

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#### 3. **OPERATING SEGMENTS (continued)**

|  | Micro-loan<br>service<br>HK\$'000 | Real estate<br>and natural<br>gas<br>HK\$'000 | Clean<br>energy<br>HK\$'000 | <b>Others</b><br>HK\$'000 | <b>Total</b><br>HK\$'000        |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Six months ended<br>31 December 2024   |                                   |   |                             |                           |                                 |
| Segment revenue  | 164                               |   |                             |                           | 164                             |
| Segment profit/(loss)  | 164                               | 2,180   | (907)                       | (134)                     | 1,303                           |
| Share of loss of an associate<br>Reversal of impairment loss of  |                                   |   |                             |                           | (126)                           |
| other receivables<br>Finance costs   |                                   |   |                             |                           | 3,677<br>(433)                  |
| Central administrative expenses  |                                   |   |                             |                           | (2,780)                         |
|  |                                   |   |                             |                           |                                 |
| Profit before tax  |                                   |   |                             |                           | 1,641                           |
| Six months ended   |                                   |   |                             |                           | 1,641                           |
|  | _                                 |   | 123                         |                           | <b>1,641</b><br>123             |
| Six months ended<br>31 December 2023   |                                   | 14,827  | 4,645                       | 52,733                    |                                 |
| Six months ended<br>31 December 2023<br>Segment revenue  |                                   | 14,827  |                             | 52,733                    | 123                             |
| Six months ended<br>31 December 2023<br>Segment revenue<br>Segment profit<br>Share of loss of an associate<br>Reversal of impairment loss<br>of other receivables<br>Finance costs |                                   | 14,827  |                             | 52,733                    | 123<br>72,205                   |
| Six months ended<br>31 December 2023<br>Segment revenue<br>Segment profit<br>Share of loss of an associate<br>Reversal of impairment loss<br>of other receivables                  |                                   | -   |                             | 52,733                    | 123<br>72,205<br>(164)<br>1,000 |

Segment profit/(loss) represent the profit earned/(loss from) by each segment without allocation of share of loss of an associate, other income, reversal of impairment loss of other receivables, finance costs and central administrative expenses.

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#### 3. **OPERATING SEGMENTS** (continued)

#### Segment assets

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

|                             | Unaudited<br>31 December<br>2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Audited<br>30 June<br>2024<br><i>HK</i> \$'000 |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Micro-loan service          | _   | _  |
| Real estate and natural gas | 36,998  | 33,508   |
| Clean energy                | 36,043  | 66,002   |
| Others                      | 79,053  | 89,765   |
| Total segment assets        | 152,094   | 189,275  |
| Unallocated assets          | 40,006  | 1,616  |
| Consolidated assets         | 192,100   | 190,891  |

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

- all assets are allocated to reportable segments other than property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, interest in an associate, certain prepayments, deposits and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents; and
- no liabilities are allocated to reportable segments.

#### 4. **REVENUE**

An analysis of revenue and other income is as follows:

|  |                  | Unaudited<br>Six months ended 31 December |  |
|--|------------------|---|--|
|  | 2024<br>HK\$'000 | 2023<br>HK\$'000                          |  |
| <b>Revenue</b><br>Dividend income from financial assets at FVTPL | 164              | 123                                       |  |

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#### 5. FINANCE COSTS

|                  | Unaudited<br>Six months ended 31 December          |  |
|------------------|--|--|
| 2024<br>HK\$'000 | 2023<br>HK\$'000                                   |  |
|                  |  |  |
| 403<br>30        | 403<br>50  |  |
| 433              | 453  |  |
|                  | Six months ender<br>2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i><br>403 |  |

#### 6. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

|   | Unaudited<br>Six months ended 31 December |                  |
|---|---|------------------|
|   | 2024<br>HK\$'000                          | 2023<br>HK\$'000 |
| <b>Current – PRC</b><br>– Provision for the period      |   |                  |
| <b>Deferred tax – PRC</b><br>– Provision for the period |   |                  |
|   |   | _                |

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime of Hong Kong Profits Tax, the first HK\$2 million of profits of the qualifying group entity will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%. The profits of group entities not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%. Accordingly, the Hong Kong Profits Tax of the qualifying group entity is calculated at 8.25% on the first HK\$2 million of the estimated assessable profits and at 16.5% on the estimated assessable profits above HK\$2 million.

The directors of the Company considered the amount involved upon implementation of the twotiered profits tax rates regime as insignificant to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements. Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profit for both periods.

For the six months ended 31 December 2024, assessable profit of the Group is wholly absorbed by tax losses brought forward for the period (31 December 2023: No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made in the financial statements as the Group has no assessable profits for the period).

Under the Law of the People's Republic of China 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 periods.

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#### 7. PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD

The Group's profit before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

|  | Unaudited                    |          |
|--|------------------------------|----------|
|  | Six months ended 31 December |          |
|  | <b>2024</b> 20               |          |
|  | HK\$'000                     | HK\$'000 |
|  |                              |          |
| Custodian fee                                    | 77                           | 78       |
| Investment management fees                       | 57                           | 68       |
| Reversal of impairment loss of other receivables | (3,677)                      | (1,000)  |
| Staff costs, including directors' remuneration:  |                              |          |
| - Salaries and other benefits                    | 1,042                        | 2,295    |
| - Contributions to retirement benefit scheme     | 60                           | 32       |
|  |                              |          |

#### 8. DIVIDEND

The directors did not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 31 December 2024 (31 December 2023: nil).

#### 9. EARNINGS PER SHARE

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

|   | Unaudited<br>Six months ended 31 December |                  |
|---|---|------------------|
|   | 2024<br>HK\$'000                          | 2023<br>HK\$'000 |
| Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of basic earnings per share | 1,641                                     | 68,325           |
| Number of shares  |   |                  |
|   | 2024<br>'000                              | 2023<br>'000     |
| Weight average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share                    | 10,971,634                                | 10,971,634       |

No diluted earnings per share for both periods were presented as there were no potential ordinary shares in issue for both periods.

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#### **10. INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE**

|   | Unaudited<br>31 December<br>2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Audited<br>30 June<br>2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|---|---|
| Cost of investment in an associate<br>Share of post-acquisition losses and other<br>comprehensive expense | 290<br>(217)  | 290<br>(91)                                   |
|   | 73  | 199   |
|   | Proportion of ownership                             |   |

|   |                        | Principal            | Paid up           | interest and held by th | voting rights   |  |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Name of associate   | Place of incorporation | place of<br>business | issued<br>capital | 31 December<br>2024     | 30 June<br>2024 | Principal activity                           |
| China Financial<br>International<br>Investments &<br>Managements<br>Limited ("CFIIM") | Hong Kong              | Hong Kong            | HK\$1,000,000     | 29%                     | 29%             | Provision of asset<br>management<br>services |

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#### **11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL**

|  | Notes       | Unaudited<br>31 December<br>2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Audited<br>30 June<br>2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|--|-------------|---|---|
| Financial assets mandatorily measured at FVTPL:<br>Listed securities held for trading<br>– Equity securities listed in Hong Kong | (i)         | 23,112  | 21,215  |
| Financial assets classified/designated at FVTPL:<br>– Unlisted equity investments  | <i>(ii)</i> | 36,043  | 36,992  |
| Total  |             | 59,155  | 58,207  |
| Analysed for reporting purposes as:<br>Current assets<br>Non-current assets  |             | 23,112<br>36,043                                    | 21,215<br>36,992                              |
|  |             | 59,155  | 58,207  |

Notes:

(i) The fair values of listed securities are determined based on the quoted market prices available on the relevant exchange at the end of the period.

Particular of the major components of the investment portfolio as at 31 December 2024, in terms of the carrying value of the respective individual investment, are as follows:

#### China City Infrastructure Group Limited ("China City Infrastructure")

As at 31 December 2024 and 30 June 2024, the Group held 436,079,429 shares in China City Infrastructure, representing approximately 13.94% of the issued share capital of China City Infrastructure. As at 31 December 2024, the market value of the investment in the shares of China City Infrastructure was HK\$23,112,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$20,932,000).

#### Hidili Industry International Development Limited ("Hidili Industry")

As at 30 June 2024, the Group held 2,555,000 shares in Hidili Industry, representing approximately 0.06% of the issued share capital of Hidili Industry. Hidili Industry is principally engaged in coal mining and manufacture and sale of clean coal. As at 30 June 2024, the market value of the investment in the shares of Hidili Industry was HK\$283,000. In December 2024, the Group disposed of 2,555,000 Shares in Hidili Industry on market for the aggregated consideration of approximately HK\$149,000.

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

Notes: (continued)

(ii) At the end of the reporting period, the Group had the following unlisted equity investments:

|   |       | Place of                                       | Group's effe                     | ctive interest             |   | Unaudited   | Unaudited                                       | Audited   | Audited                             |
|---|-------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Name  | Notes | incorporation/<br>registration and<br>business | Unaudited<br>31 December<br>2024 | Audited<br>30 June<br>2024 | Principal activities  | 31 December<br>2024<br>Fair value<br><i>HK</i> \$'000 | 31 December<br>2024<br>Cost<br><i>HK</i> \$'000 | 30 June<br>2024<br>Fair value<br><i>HK\$</i> '000 | 30 June<br>2024<br>Cost<br>HK\$'000 |
| Micro-Ioan service:   |       |  |                                  |                            |   |   |   |   |                                     |
| Harbin Zhongjinguoxin Microfinance<br>Co. Limited ("Harbin<br>Zhongjinguoxin")                    | (a)   | The PRC  | 30%                              | 30%                        | Provision of small loan and financial<br>consultation services  | -   | 36,693  | -   | 36,693                              |
| Tianjin Binlian Microfinance Limited<br>("Tianjin Binlian")                                       | (b)   | The PRC  | 3.3%                             | 3.3%                       | Provision of small loan and financial<br>consultation services  | -   | 12,271  | -   | 12,271                              |
| Nanjing Jiangning MingYangRongTong<br>Agricultural Microfinance Co., Ltd<br>("Nanjing Jiangning") | (C)   | The PRC  | 30%                              | 30%                        | Provision of small loan and financial<br>consultation service   | -   | 36,673  | -   | 36,673                              |
| Clean energy:   |       |  |                                  |                            |   |   |   |   |                                     |
| Henan Tianguan Energy and<br>Biotechnology Company Limited<br>("Henan Tianguan")                  | (d)   | The PRC  | 30%                              | 30%                        | Production and sales of denatured fuel<br>ethanol, sales of acetone, butanol,<br>polyols, production and sales of<br>biodegradable plastics and biodiesel,<br>sales of chemical products, wheat<br>bran flour, feed sales, acetic acid<br>and acetaldehyde production | 6,989   | 230,763   | 6,808   | 230,763                             |
| Hunan South China New Energy Limited<br>("South China New Energy")                                | (e)   | The PRC  | 30%                              | 30%                        | New energy technology development<br>transfer and consultation, research<br>and development, manufacturing<br>and sales of chemical products,<br>chemical reagents and auxiliaries<br>(excluding hazardous chemicals<br>and precursor chemicals)                      |   | 51,200  | -   | 51,200                              |
| Hainan Keyi Huirui Energy and<br>Biotechnology Company Limited<br>("Keyi Huirui")                 | (f)   | The PRC  | 30%                              | 30%                        | Biotechnology energy technology<br>development, transfer and<br>consultation, research and<br>development, manufacturing and<br>sales of biotechnology energy and<br>chemical equipment   |   | 117,450   | -   | 117,450                             |
| Henan Zhongxin Bioenergy Co., Ltd<br>("Zhongxin Bioenergy")                                       | (g)   | The PRC  | 30%                              | 30%                        | Production and sales of fuel ethanol<br>and related products  | 6,945   | 52,084  | 9,527   | 52,084                              |
| Henan Zhongxin Petrochemical<br>Oil Trading Limited ("Zhongxin<br>Petrochemical Oil")             | (h)   | The PRC  | 30%                              | 30%                        | Operating refined petroleum products  | 22,109  | 52,084  | 20,657  | 52,084                              |
| Others:   |       |  |                                  |                            |   |   |   |   |                                     |
| Xi'an Kairong Financial Service Limited<br>("Xi'an Kairong")                                      | (i)   | The PRC  | 30%                              | 30%                        | Provision of financial management services  |   | 18,724  | _   | 18,724                              |
|   |       |  |                                  |                            |   | 36,043  |   | 36,992  |                                     |

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#### **11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL (continued)**

Notes: (continued)

- (ii) At the end of the reporting period, the Group had the following unlisted equity investments: (continued)
  - (a) On 29 August 2011, the Group invested in a 30% equity interest of Harbin Zhongjinguoxin, a joint venture established in the PRC. Harbin Zhongjinguoxin is principally engaged in the provision of small loan and financial consultation services in Harbin, Heilongjiang Province, the PRC.

On 22 December 2016, the Company entered into a disposal agreement to dispose of all of its equity interest in Harbin Zhongjinguoxin to an independent third party for a cash consideration of RMB25,000,000. A deposit of HK\$2,500,000 was received and still included as receipt in advance in "other payables and accruals" as at 30 June 2024 and 2023. As at 31 December 2024, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, the disposal transaction has yet been completed after 12 months from the date of the disposal agreement but the transaction still be considered as valid.

- (b) On 13 January 2012, the Group invested in a 10% equity interest of Tianjin Binlian, a joint venture established in the PRC. The Group's equity interest in Tianjin Binlian was reduced to 3.3% on 22 January 2014, as the registered capital of Tianjin Binlian was enlarged by the new registered capital subscribed by its other shareholders on that date. Tianjin Binlian is principally engaged in the provision of small loan and financial consultation services in Tianjin, especially Dongli District, the PRC.
- (c) On 31 August 2012, the Group invested in a 30% equity interest of Nanjing Jiangning, a joint venture established in the PRC. Nanjing Jiangning is principally engaged in the provision of small loan and financial consultation services in Jiangning District, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, the PRC.
- (d) On 11 May 2018, the Group invested in a 30% equity interest of Henan Tianguan, a joint venture established in the PRC. Henan Tianguan is principally engaged in production and sales of denatured fuel ethanol, sales of acetone, butanol, polyols, production and sales of biodegradable plastic and biodiesel, sales of chemical products, wheat bran flour, feed sales, acetic acid and acetaldehyde production.
- (e) On 23 January 2019, Keyi (Shanghai) Investments Limited ("Keyi (Shanghai)"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into an agreement with South China New Energy to inject capital contribution of RMB45,000,000 into South China New Energy for acquiring 30% of South China New Energy's equity interest. South China New Energy is engaged in new energy technologies development, transfer and consultation, research and development, manufacturing and sales of chemical products, chemical reagents and auxiliaries (excluding hazardous chemicals and precursor chemicals).
- (f) On 5 September 2019, Keyi and three independent third parties formed Keyi Huirui, which had the registered capital of RMB350,000,000. Keyi injected RMB105,000,000 for its contribution for 30% of Keyi Huirui's equity interest. On 31 October 2023, the registered capital of Keyi Huirui was increased to RMB450,000,000 and Keyi remained as a 30% shareholder.

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#### **11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL (continued)**

Notes: (continued)

- (ii) At the end of the reporting period, the Group had the following unlisted equity investments: (continued)
  - (g) On 16 March 2020, the Group invested in a 30% equity interest of Zhongxin Bioenergy, a joint venture established in the PRC. Zhongxin Bioenergy is principally engaged in production and sales of fuel ethanol and related products, the production and supply of electricity and heat, and the research, development and technical services of fuel ethanol and denatured fuel ethanol.
  - (h) On 16 March 2020, the Group invested in a 30% equity interest of Zhongxin Petrochemical Oil, a joint venture established in the PRC. Zhongxin Petrochemical Oil is principally operating refined petroleum products (such as vehicle ethanol gasoline, kerosene, diesel, natural gas) without storage facilities, selling food and chemical products, retail medicine and road cargo transport.
  - (i) On 18 December 2012, the Group invested in a 30% equity interest of Xi'an Kairong, a joint venture established in the PRC. Xi'an Kairong is principally engaged in the provision of financial management services to SMEs in Xi'an Economic Development Zone, Shaanxi Province, the PRC.

The fair values of all the above investments were determined by the directors of the Company with reference to the professional valuation carried out by GW Financial Advisory Services Limited, an independent valuer not connected to the Group.

At the end of the period, the Group held more than 20% of the effective shareholding interest in the above investee companies except Tianjin Binlian. The investments in these companies are not accounted for as associates as the Group had no significant influence over these companies. In accordance with the relevant agreement signed between the Group and these investee companies as well as the other shareholders of the investee companies, the Group does not have the right to participate in its policy-making processes, to appoint directors nor management and to interchange of managerial personnel. Hence, all of these investments are not regarded as associates of the Group and are accounted for as financial assets at FVTPL for the period/year ended 31 December 2024 and 30 June 2024.

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#### **12. EQUITY INSTRUMENTS AT FVTOCI**

|   | Unaudited<br>31 December<br>2024<br><i>HK\$'</i> 000 | Audited<br>30 June<br>2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|--|---|
| Listed investments:<br>– Equity securities listed in Hong Kong (note i) | 13,886   | 12,576  |
| Unlisted investments:<br>– Equity securities <i>(note ii)</i>           | 15,201   | 15,347  |
| Total   | 29,087   | 27,923  |

Notes:

#### (i) Listed equity securities

The fair values of listed equity securities are determined based on the quoted market prices available on the relevant exchange at the end of the reporting period.

Particulars of the investment as at 31 December 2024, in terms of the carrying value of the listed investment, are as follows:

#### China City Infrastructure Group Limited ("China City Infrastructure")

On 21 June 2016, the Company and China City Infrastructure, a company listed on the Stock Exchange, entered into the share subscription agreement to subscribe for 262,000,000 new shares of China City Infrastructure with a one-year lock-up period for a total subscription price of HK\$131,000,000 at HK\$0.50 per share. The transaction was completed on 28 June 2016. At 31 December 2024, the 262,000,000 shares (30 June 2024: 262,000,000 shares) representing approximately 8.4% (30 June 2024: 8.4%) of the entire issued share capital in China City Infrastructure. China City Infrastructure is principally engaged in infrastructure businesses, property investment, property development, hotel business, property management and natural gas in the PRC. As at 31 December 2024, the fair value of the Group's interest in China City Infrastructure was HK\$13,886,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$12,576,000).

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#### 12. EQUITY INSTRUMENTS AT FVTOCI (continued)

Notes: (continued)

#### (ii) Unlisted equity investments

As at 31 December 2023, the Group held the following unlisted equity investments:

| Name  | Notes | Place of<br>incorporation/<br>registration and<br>business | Group's effe<br>Unaudited<br>31 December<br>2024 | ctive interest<br>Audited<br>30 June<br>2024 | Principal activities   | Unaudited<br>31 December<br>2024<br>Fair value<br><i>HK\$</i> '000 | Unaudited<br>31 December<br>2024<br>Cost<br><i>HK</i> \$'000 | Audited<br>30 June<br>2024<br>Fair value<br><i>HK</i> \$'000 | Audited<br>30 June<br>2024<br>Cost<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Others:   |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jiangxi Huazhang Hanchen Guarantee<br>Group Limited ("Jiangxi Huazhang")          | (a)   | The PRC  | 1.77%  | 1.77%  | Provision of financing guarantees<br>to small and medium enterprises<br>("SMEs") | 15,201   | 43,150   | 15,347   | 43,150   |
| Shenzhen Zhongtoujinxin Asset<br>Management Company Limited<br>("Zhongtoujinxin") | (b)   | The PRC  | 30%  | 30%  | Provision of consultation services on<br>project investments                     |  | 18,350   | -  | 18,350   |
|   |       |  |  |  |  | 15,201   |  | 15,347   |  |

- (a) On 13 April 2011, the Group acquired a 30% equity interest of Jiangxi Huazhang, a joint venture established in the PRC. The Group's equity interest in Jiangxi Huazhang became 7.2% on 15 July 2013, then dropped to 2.98% on 19 August 2016 and to 2.06% on 23 September 2021 and further dropped to 1.77% on 21 February 2024, as the registered capital of Jiangxi Huazhang was enlarged by the new registered capital subscribed by its other shareholders on those dates. Jiangxi Huazhang is principally engaged in the provision of financing guarantees to SMEs in the Jiangxi Province, the PRC.
- (b) On 29 April 2011, the Group invested in a 30% equity interest of Zhongtoujinxin, a joint venture established in the PRC. The first contribution of RMB6,000,000 (equivalent to HK\$7,200,000) was made by the Company in 2011 and the second contribution of RMB9,000,000 (equivalent to HK\$11,150,000) was made on 10 May 2012. Zhongtoujinxin is principally engaged in the provision of consultation services for project investments in the PRC.

The fair values of all of the above investments were determined by the directors of the Company with reference to the professional valuation carried out by GW Financial Advisory Services Limited, an independent valuer not connected to the Group.

As the end of the reporting period, the Group held more than 20% of the effective shareholding interest in China City Infrastructure and Zhongtoujinxin. The investments in these companies are not accounted for as associates as the Group had no significant influence over these companies. In accordance with the relevant agreement/declaration signed between the Group and the investee companies as well as the other shareholders of the investee companies, the Group does not have the right to participate in their policy-making processes, to appoint directors nor management and to interchange of managerial personnel. Hence, these investments are not regarded as associates of the Group and are accounted for as equity instruments at FVTOCI for the period/year ended 31 December 2024 and 30 June 2024.

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### 13. PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

|   | Notes       | Unaudited<br>31 December<br>2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Audited<br>30 June<br>2024<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|-------------|---|--|
| Deposits paid for potential investments                                   | <i>(i)</i>  | -   | 3,677                                  |
| Rental and utilities deposits   |             | 274   | 274                                    |
| Prepayment for investments<br>Consideration receivable for disposal of an | <i>(ii)</i> | -   | 29,009                                 |
| investment  | (iii)       | 63,853  | 74,135                                 |
| Dividend receivables  |             | 148   | 148                                    |
| Other receivables   | (iv)        | 3,355   | 3,144                                  |
|   |             | 67,660  | 110,387                                |
| Less: loss allowance  |             | (2,580)   | (6,278)                                |
|   |             | 65,050  | 104,109                                |
| Prepayments   |             | 433   | 434                                    |
|   |             | 65,483  | 104,543                                |
| Analysed for reporting purposes as:                                       |             |   |  |
| Current assets  |             | 65,215  | 104,275                                |
| Non-current assets  |             |   | 268                                    |
|   |             | 65,483  | 104,543                                |

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### 13. PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (continued)

Notes:

#### (i) **Deposits paid for potential investments**

|                                  | Unaudited<br>31 December<br>2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Audited<br>30 June<br>2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Mr. Zhang Gui Qing ("Mr. Zhang") |   | 3,677   |
| Less: loss allowance             |   | 3,677<br>(3,677)                              |
|                                  |   |   |

During the year ended 30 June 2020, the Company entered into an agreement ("Agreement 1") with an independent third party, Mr. Zhang. Pursuant to Agreement 1, Mr. Zhang is responsible for assisting to seek and recommend potential investments in the PRC to the Company with a term of three years, and the Company agreed to provide the deposit to Mr. Zhang amounted to HK\$10,000,000 during the period as agreed. The deposit is refundable after the period expired and is interest free. During the year ended 30 June 2023, this contract's three-years term expired in October 2022, although Mr. Zhang recommended several investment projects to the Group, no suitable investment project was chosen by the Group. Hence, the Group made a request to Mr. Zhang to refund the deposit in full. During the year ended 30 June 2024 and six months ended 31 December 2024, the Group received repayments of HK\$6,323,000 and HK\$3,677,000, respectively. As a result, a reversal of loss allowanced of HK\$3,677,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$6,323,000) has been recognised and included in other gains and losses during the six months ended 31 December 2024.

- (ii) During the year ended 30 June 2023, the Group made certain prepayments totaling RMB26,827,000 (equivalent to HK\$29,009,000 (2023: HK\$29,092,000)) intended as capital injection for two unlisted investments. In the opinion of the directors of the Company, such amounts would be recorded as investment costs for unlisted investment included in financial assets at FVTPL once all their existing investors fulfil their capital call and the official capital registration procedure is completed. Subsequently, there was no additional capital injection made from other investors into these entities up to the end of reporting period, and hence the Group retrieved these amounts from the two investees. Such amount have been received by the Group in September 2024.
- (iii) During the year ended 30 June 2023, the Group disposed its entire interest of Mengzhou Houyuan for a consideration of RMB9,000,000 (equivalent to HK\$9,670,000 (2023: HK\$9,723,000)) to an independent third party, in which the Group provided one-year credit period to this purchaser. In the opinion of the directors of the Company, the amount of this receivable is expected to be recoverable based on the assessment of the financial background of the purchaser. Such amount has been received by the Group in September 2024.

During the year ended 30 June 2024, the Group disposed its entire interest of Jusheng Light Alloy for a consideration of RMB60,000,000 (equivalent to HK\$64,465,000) to an independent third party. In the opinion of the directors of the Company, the amount of this receivable is expected to be recoverable based on the assessment of the financial background of the purchaser. Such amount has been received by the Group in February 2025.

(iv) Included in the other receivables were interest receivable of approximately HK\$1,144,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$1,144,000) from a bond issued by China City Infrastructure and an advance made to Zhongtoujinxin of approximately RMB1,350,000 (equivalent to HK\$1,437,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$1,450,000)). The directors are in negotiation with the counterparties for the repayment of the receivables to the Group, however, such amounts have yet been repaid to the Group and the impairment loss of HK\$2,580,000 was recognised as at 31 December 2024.

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#### 14. BORROWING

|   | Unaudited<br>31 December<br>2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Audited<br>30 June<br>2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|---|---|
| Bonds (unsecured)   | 9,997   | 9,997   |
| The carrying amount of the above borrowing is repayable<br>(based on scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan<br>agreements):<br>Within one year | 9,997   | 9,997   |
| Analysed for reporting purposes as:<br>Current liabilities<br>Non-current liabilities   | 9,997   | 9,997   |
|   | 9,997   | 9,997   |

Notes:

- (a) As at 9 April 2020, the Group has entered into an extension agreement for the bond of HK\$5,000,000 (the "Bond 1") to extend the maturity date from 8 July 2020 to 7 July 2021.
- (b) As at 9 April 2020, the Group has entered into an extension agreement for the bond of HK\$5,000,000 (the "Bond 2") to extend the maturity date from 12 November 2020 to 11 November 2021.
- (c) As at 30 June 2021, the Group has entered into an agreement with the bond holder of Bond 1 and Bond 2 (collectively referred to as the "Bond 3") to combine two bonds with the principal amount of HK\$10,000,000 at an interest rate of 7% per annum with maturity date on 30 June 2023, effective from 1 July 2021.
- (d) As 30 June 2023, the Group has entered into a subscription agreement with the bond holder of Bond 3 for a bond with principal amount of HK\$10,000,000 (the "Bond 4") at an interest rate of 8% per annum with maturity date on 30 June 2026, effective from 1 July 2023. The bond holder of Bond 3 agreed with the Company to use Bond 4 to renew the Bond 3 which matured on 30 June 2023.

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#### 15. SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY

|   | Unaudi     | ted      | Audited      |          |  |
|---|------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
|   | 31 Decemb  | er 2024  | 30 June 2024 |          |  |
|   | Number     |          | Number       |          |  |
|   | of shares  |          | of shares    |          |  |
|   | '000       | HK\$'000 | '000         | HK\$'000 |  |
| <b>Authorised:</b><br>Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each            | 30,000,000 | 300,000  | 30,000,000   | 300,000  |  |
| <b>Issued and fully paid:</b><br>Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each | 10,971,634 | 109,717  | 10,971,634   | 109,717  |  |

#### 16. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS

Under the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 15 January 2008 (the "Scheme"), options were granted to certain directors and consultants entitling them to subscribe for shares of the Company under the Scheme. The Scheme was approved and adopted by shareholders of the Company on 15 January 2008 (the "Date of Adoption"), whereby the directors of the Company are authorised, at their discretion, to invite full time employees of the Group, (including executive and non-executive directors of the Company or any of its subsidiaries) and any suppliers, consultants, agents or advisers of the Group, to take up options to subscribe for shares of the Company. The maximum number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Scheme, when aggregated with any shares subject to any other schemes, shall not exceed 10% of the issued share capital of the Company on the Date of Adoption.

On 15 December 2017, the Scheme was terminated and the new share option scheme (the "New Scheme") was approved by the Shareholders of the Company at the annual general meeting to replace the Scheme. The New Scheme shall be valid and effective for a period of 10 years ending on 14 December 2027. The exercise price of the options under the New Scheme is determinable by the board of directors, but will be at least the highest of:

- (i) The closing price of the shares on the Stock Exchange (as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheets) on the offer date, which must be a business day;
- (ii) The average of the closing prices of the shares on the Stock Exchange (as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheets) for the 5 business days immediately preceding the offer date; and
- (iii) The nominal value of the Company's shares on the offer date.

The maximum number of shares issuable under share options to each eligible participant in the Scheme within any 12-month period is limited to 1% of the shares of the Company in issue at any time. Any further grant of share options in excess of this limit is subject to shareholders' approval in a general meeting.

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#### 16. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS (continued)

Share options granted to a director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company, or to any of their associates, are subject to approval in advance by the independent non-executive directors. In addition, any share options granted to a substantial shareholder or an independent non-executive director of the Company, or to any of their associates, in excess of 0.1% of the shares of the Company in issue at any time or with an aggregate value (based on the price of the Company's shares at the date of grant) in excess of HK\$5,000,000, within any 12-month period, are subject to shareholders' approval in advance in a general meeting.

The offer of a grant of share options under the New Scheme may be accepted within 21 days from the date of offer, upon payment of a nominal consideration of HK\$1 in total by the grantee. The exercise period of the share options granted is determinable by the directors.

Share options do not confer rights on the holders to dividends or to vote at shareholders' meetings.

The maximum number of the shares available for issue upon exercise of all share options which may be further granted under the New Scheme is 1,097,163,403 shares, representing 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company on 15 December 2017.

No share options were granted under the New Scheme for both period/year.

#### **17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the period, the Group entered into the following transactions with related parties:

|  | Unau<br>Six months ende |                  |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|
|  | 2024<br>HK\$'000        | 2023<br>HK\$'000 |
| Investment management fee paid/payable to CFIIM (Note) | 57                      | 68               |

Note:

An investment management agreement (the "Investment Management Agreement") was entered into between the Company and CFIIM on 25 April 2014 to renew the appointment of CFIIM as the investment manager of the Company for a further period of three years effective from 29 April 2014 to 28 April 2017. Pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, CFIIM is entitled to a management fee which is receivable monthly in arrears at the rate of 0.75% per annum of the aggregate market value of the portfolio managed by CFIIM on the last business day of each calendar month.

The Investment Management Agreement expired on 28 April 2017 and a new investment management agreement (the "2nd Investment Management Agreement") was entered into accordingly on 26 April 2017 to renew the appointment of CFIIM as the investment manager of the Company for a further period of three years effective from 29 April 2017 to 28 April 2020. Pursuant to the 2nd Investment Management Agreement, CFIIM is entitled to a management fee which is receivable monthly in arrears at the rate of 0.75% per annum of the aggregate market value of the portfolio managed by CFIIM on the last business day of each calendar month.

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#### 17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

Note: (continued)

The Investment Management Agreement expired on 28 April 2020 and a new investment management agreement (the "3rd Investment Management Agreement") was entered into accordingly on 27 April 2020 to renew the appointment of CFIIM as the investment manager of the Company for a further period of three years effective from 29 April 2020 to 28 April 2023. Pursuant to the 3rd Investment Management Agreement, CFIIM is entitled to a management fee which is receivable monthly in arrears at the rate of 0.75% per annum of the aggregate market value of the portfolio managed by CFIIM on the last business day of each calendar month.

The Investment Management Agreement expired on 28 April 2023 and a new investment management agreement (the "4th Investment Management Agreement") was entered into accordingly on 27 April 2023 to renew the appointment of CFIIM as the investment manager of the Company for a further period of three years effective from 29 April 2023 to 28 April 2026. Pursuant to the 4th Investment Management Agreement, CFIIM is entitled to a management fee which is receivable monthly in arrears at the rate of 0.75% per annum of the aggregate market value of the portfolio managed by CFIIM on the last business day of each calendar month.

Investment management fees also constitute continuing connected transactions as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. The disclosures required by Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules are disclosed in the report of directors in the annual report.

#### Compensation of key management personnel

|   | Unaudi<br>Six months ended |                  |
|---|----------------------------|------------------|
|   | 2024<br>HK\$'000           | 2023<br>HK\$'000 |
| Salaries and other benefits                 | 455                        | 1,682            |
| Contributions to retirement benefits scheme | 9                          | 9                |

#### **18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

#### Fair value measurements of financial instruments

A number of assets and liabilities included in these unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements require measurement at, and/or disclosure of, fair value. The fair value measurement of the Group's financial and non-financial assets and liabilities utilised market observable inputs and data as far as possible. Inputs used in determining fair value measurements are categorised into different levels based on how observable the inputs used in the valuation technique utilised are (the "Fair Value Hierarchy"):

- Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical items (unadjusted);
- Level 2: Observable direct or indirect inputs other than Level 1 inputs;
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs (i.e. not derived from market data).

The classification of an item into the above levels is based on the lowest level of the inputs used that has a significant effect on the fair value measurement of the item. Transfers of items between levels are recognised in the period they occur.

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#### 18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

#### Fair value measurements of financial instruments (continued)

The following tables illustrate the fair value measurement hierarchy of the Group's financial instruments:

#### Fair value hierarchy at 31 December 2024 (unaudited)

|  | Level 1<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Level 2<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Level 3<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Total<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Equity instruments at FVTOCI:<br>– Listed equity securities<br>– Unlisted investments    | 13,886<br>-                | -                          | -<br>15,201                | 13,886<br>15,201         |
| Financial assets at FVTPL<br>– Listed equity securities<br>– Unlisted equity investments | 23,112                     |                            | _<br>36,043                | 23,112<br>36,043         |
|  | 36,998                     |                            | 51,244                     | 88,242                   |

Fair value hierarchy at 30 June 2024 (audited)

|  | Level 1<br><i>HK</i> \$'000 | Level 2<br><i>HK</i> \$'000 | Level 3<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Total<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Equity Instruments at FVTOCI:<br>– Listed equity securities<br>– Unlisted investments    | 12,576<br>_                 | -<br>-                      | -<br>15,347                | 12,576<br>15,347         |
| Financial assets at FVTPL<br>– Listed equity securities<br>– Unlisted equity investments | 21,215                      |                             | -<br>36,992                | 21,215<br>36,992         |
|  | 33,791                      | _                           | 52,339                     | 86,130                   |

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#### **18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

#### Fair value measurements of financial instruments (continued)

Below is a summary of significant unobservable inputs to the valuation of financial instruments together with a quantitative sensitivity analysis as at 31 December 2024 and 30 June 2024:

|  | Fair value  | Valuation<br>technique            | Significant<br>unobservable<br>inputs                | Range/value   | Sensitivity of fair value to the input   |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Unlisted equity<br>investments classified<br>as financial assets at<br>FVTPL |   |                                   |  |   |  |
| Micro-loan service   | 31 December<br>2024:<br>nil<br>30 June 2024:<br>nil | Market<br>comparable<br>companies | Price to book<br>ratio ("PB<br>ratio")               | 31 December<br>2024:<br>nil <i>(note)</i><br>30 June 2024:<br>nil <i>(note)</i>     | The fair value is positively correlated<br>to the PB ratios. Had the PB ratio<br>increased by 5%, the carrying amount<br>would have increased by increased by<br>nil (30 June 2024: nil). Had the PB ratio<br>decreased by 5%, the carrying amount<br>would have decreased by nil (30 June<br>2024: nil).                        |
|  |   |                                   | Discount for<br>lack of<br>marketability<br>("DLOM") | 31 December<br>2024:<br>nil ( <i>note</i> )<br>30 June 2024:<br>nil ( <i>note</i> ) | The fair value is negatively correlated to<br>the DLOM. Had the DLOM decreased<br>by 5% as at 31 December 2024, the<br>carrying amount would have increased<br>by nil (30 June 2024: nil). Had the<br>DLOM increased by 5% as at 31<br>December 2024, the carrying amount<br>would have decreased by nil (30 June<br>2024: nil). |

Note: Since the unlisted equity investments reflect a negative valuation, no inputs have been adopted.

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#### **18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

Fair value measurements of financial instruments (continued)

|  | Fair value  | Valuation<br>technique            | Significant<br>unobservable<br>inputs | Range/value   | Sensitivity of fair value to the input   |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Unlisted equity<br>investments classified<br>as financial assets at<br>FVTPL |   |                                   |                                       |   |  |
| Others   | 31 December<br>2024:<br>nil<br>30 June 2024:<br>nil | Market<br>comparable<br>companies | PB ratio                              | 31 December<br>2024:<br>nil (note)<br>30 June 2024:<br>nil (note)                   | The fair value is positively correlated to<br>the PB ratios. Had the PB increased<br>by 5%, the carrying amount would<br>have increased by nil (30 June 2024:<br>nil). Had the PB ratios decreased by<br>5%, the carrying amount would have<br>decreased by nil (30 June 2024: nil). |
|  |   |                                   | DLOM                                  | 31 December<br>2024:<br>nil ( <i>note</i> )<br>30 June 2024:<br>nil ( <i>note</i> ) | The fair value is negatively correlated to<br>the DLOM. Had the DLOM decreased<br>by 5%, the carrying amount would have<br>increased by nil (30 June 2024: nil).<br>Had the DLOM increased by 5%, the<br>carrying amount would have decreased<br>by nil (30 June 2024: nil).         |

Note: Since the unlisted equity investments reflect a negative valuation, no inputs have been adopted.

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#### **18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

#### Fair value measurements of financial instruments (continued)

|  | Fair value   | Valuation<br>technique            | Significant<br>unobservable<br>inputs                          | Range/value   | Sensitivity of fair value to the input   |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Unlisted equity<br>investments classified<br>as financial assets at<br>FVTPL |  |                                   |  |   |  |
| Clean energy   | 31 December<br>2024:<br>HK\$36,043,000<br>30 June<br>2024:<br>HK\$36,992,000 | Market<br>comparable<br>companies | Ratio of<br>enterprise<br>value over<br>sales ("EV/<br>Sales") | 2024:<br>(ethanol<br>producer:<br>0.49;<br>ethanol trading: | <ul> <li>The fair values of companies are determined with reference to multiples of comparable listed companies, using average of the EV/Sales ratio of comparables.</li> <li>The fair value measurement is positively correlated to the EV/Sales ratio. Had the EV/Sales ratio increased by 5%, the carrying value would have increased by HK\$569,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$647,000). Had the EV/Sales ratio decreased by 5%, the carrying amount would have decreased by HK\$569,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$647,000).</li> </ul> |
|  |  |                                   | DLOM   | 2024:<br>(ethanol   | The fair values of companies are also determined with reference to DLOM.<br>The fair value measurement is negatively correlated to the DLOM. Had the DLOM decreased by 5%, the carrying amount would have increased by HK\$9,731,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$10,750,000).<br>Had the DLOM increased by 5%, the carrying amount would have decreased by 5%, the karrying amount would have decreased by HK\$9,731,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$10,750,000).  |

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#### **18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

Fair value measurements of financial instruments (continued)

|   | Fair value  | Valuation<br>technique            | Significant<br>unobservable<br>inputs | Range/value   | Sensitivity of fair value to the input  |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Unlisted security<br>classified as equity<br>instrument as FVTOCI |   |                                   |                                       |   |   |
| Others  | 31 December<br>2024:<br>HK\$15,201,000<br>30 June 2024:<br>HK\$15,347,000 | Market<br>comparable<br>companies | PB ratio                              | 31 December<br>2024:<br>0.68<br>30 June 2024:<br>0.70 | The fair value the companies are<br>determined with reference to multiples<br>of comparable listed companies,<br>using average of the PB ratios of<br>comparables.<br>The fair value measurement is positively<br>correlated to the PB ratios. Had the<br>PB ratio increased by 5%, the carrying<br>amount have increased by 5%, the carrying<br>amount have increased by 5%, the<br>carrying amount would have decreased<br>by HK\$683,000 (30 June 2024:<br>HK\$767,000). |
|   |   |                                   | DLOM                                  | 31 December<br>2024:<br>70%<br>30 June 2024:<br>70%   | The fair value of companies are also determined with reference to DLOM.<br>The fair value is negatively correlated to DLOM. Had the DLOM decreased by 5%, the carrying amount would have increased by HK\$2,278,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$2,558,000). Had the DLOM increased by 5%, the carrying amount would have decreased by HK\$2,278,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$2,558,000).   |

There were no transfers between Level 1 and 2 during both period/year.

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#### **18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

Fair value measurements of financial instruments (continued) Reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements

#### 31 December 2024 (Unaudited)

|  | Financial<br>Assets<br>at FVTPL<br>(unlisted)<br>securities)<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Equity<br>instruments<br>at FVTOCI<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Total<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|--|---|---|--------------------------|
| Opening balance<br>Total losses:         | 36,992  | 15,347  | 52,339                   |
| – in profit or loss                      | (907)   | -   | (907)                    |
| – in OCI                                 | -   | (146)   | (146)                    |
| <ul> <li>exchange realignment</li> </ul> | (42)  |   | (146)                    |
| Closing balance                          | 36,043  | 15,201  | 51,244                   |

30 June 2024 (Audited)

|  | Financial<br>Assets |             |          |
|--|---------------------|-------------|----------|
|  | at FVTPL            | Equity      |          |
|  | (unlisted)          | instruments |          |
|  | securities)         | at FVTOCI   | Total    |
|  | HK\$'000            | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000 |
| Opening balance                          | 83,448              | 10,715      | 94,163   |
| Total losses:                            |                     | ,           | - ,      |
| – in profit or loss                      | 18,549              | _           | 18,549   |
| – in OCI                                 | -                   | 4,632       | 4,632    |
| <ul> <li>exchange realignment</li> </ul> | 121                 | _           | 121      |
| Disposals                                | (65,126)            | _           | (65,126) |
|  |                     |             |          |
| Closing balance                          | 36,992              | 15,347      | 52,339   |
|  |                     |             |          |

#### **19. APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 26 March 2025.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The Group is principally engaged in the investments in the listed and unlisted companies established and/or doing business in Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China (the "PRC" or, "China").

The Group recorded a profit of HK\$1,641,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2024 (the "Period"), as compared to a profit of HK\$68,325,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2023 (the "Corresponding Period"). The profit was mainly attributable to the fair value gain of approximately HK\$2,046,000 on listed investments at FVTPL and the fair value loss of approximately HK\$907,000 on unlisted investments at FVTPL.

#### **Listed Investment Review**

During the Period, the Group recorded the total profit of HK\$3,356,000 on listed securities business. No dividend income from listed investment was recorded for the six months ended 31 December 2024 and 2023.

As at 31 December 2024, the market value of the listed securities amounted to HK\$36,998,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$33,791,000). All the listed securities were listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

#### **Listed Securities Portfolio**

| Name of listed securities  | Nature of business  | Number of<br>shares held | Group's<br>effective<br>interest | Market<br>value at<br>31 December<br>2024<br>HK\$'000 | Dividend<br>received/<br>receivable<br>during the<br>Period<br>HK\$'000 | % to the<br>Group's net<br>assets as at<br>31 December<br>2024 | Investment<br>cost<br>HK\$'000 | Disposal<br>consideration<br>HK\$'000 | Realized<br>gain/(loss)<br>HK\$'000 |  |
|--|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Hidili Industry International<br>Development Limited<br>("Hidili Industry")<br>(stock code: 1393) (note) | Coal mining and manufacture and sale<br>of clean coal   | -                        | -                                | -   | -   | -  | 8,164                          | 149                                   | 8,051                               |  |
| China City Infrastructure<br>Group Limited ("China City<br>Infrastructure")<br>(stock code: 2349)        | Infrastructure businesses, property<br>investment, property development,<br>hotel business, property management<br>and natural gas in the PRC | 698,079,429              | 22.32%                           | 36,998  | _   | 19.26%   | -                              | -                                     | -                                   |  |
|  |   |                          |                                  | 36,998  | _   |  |                                |                                       |                                     |  |

*Note:* In December 2024, the Company disposed of 2,555,000 shares in Hidili Industry on market for the aggregated consideration of approximately HK\$149,000. Based on the investment cost of approximately HK\$8,164,000, the Company recorded a realized loss of approximately HK\$8,015,000 arising from the said disposals. As at the date of this report, the Company does not hold any securities in Hidili Industry.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW (continued)**

#### **Unlisted Investment Review**

For the Period, the total profit on the Group's unlisted investment portfolio recorded as HK\$1,053,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$53,431,000). The profit was mainly attributable to the increase in fair value of clean energy companies and warehouse management company. During the Period, dividend income from an unlisted investment, Tianjin Binlian Micro-finance Limited was recorded (31 December 2023: HK\$123,000 from Henan Zhongxin Bioenergy Co., Ltd.

The fair value of the Group's unlisted investments decreased by 2.09% to HK\$51,244,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$52,339,000).

#### **Unlisted Equity Investments**

The Company's unlisted equity investments are mainly concentrated on clean energy industry and small loan companies in the PRC.

Since 2018, the Group focuses on clean energy industry and made several investments. Bioenergy is a carbon neutral and renewable energy source that reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel, are less toxic and are biodegradable. Using biomass can help build resilience in agricultural, timber and food-processing industries. Bioenergy provides a use for their waste streams, can help them reduce their energy costs.

Meanwhile, small loan industry in the PRC is still facing worries of the decreasing interest rate of private lending and the increase of operation risks, resulting in certain small loan companies continue to generate overdue loans and incur losses. In view of the slipping performance of the small loan industry, the Company has plan to exit the investments in small loan industry.

In the foreseeable future, the Company will continuously focus its investment on bioenergy sector and gradually exit past investments in the small loan industry with the aim to maximize value of the shareholders of the Company.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW** (continued)

Unlisted Investment Review (continued) Unlisted Equity Investments (continued)

Unlisted Equity Investment Portfolio

| Name o              | f company  | Notes | Location                         | Group's<br>effective<br>interest | Business nature  | <b>Cost</b><br>HK\$'000 | Fair value at<br>31 December<br>2024<br>HK\$'000 | % to<br>the Group's<br>net assets as at<br>31 December<br>2024 |
|---------------------|--|-------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--|
| Micro-lo<br>1       | <b>ban service</b><br>Harbin Zhongjinguoxin Microfinance Co., Ltd.<br>("Harbin Zhongjinguoxin")        | (1)   | Harbin, Heilongjiang<br>Province | 30%                              | Provision of small loan and financial<br>consultation services       | 36,693                  | -  | -  |
| 2                   | Tianjin Binlian Microfinance Limited   |       | Tianjin                          | 3.3%                             | Provision of small loan and financial<br>consultation services       | 12,271                  | -  | -  |
| 3                   | Nanjing Jiangning MingYangRongTong<br>Agricultural Microfinance Co., Ltd.                              |       | Nanjing, Jiangsu Province        | 30%                              | Provision of small loan and financial<br>consultation service        | 36,673                  | -  | -  |
|                     |  |       |                                  |                                  | Sub-total:   | 85,637                  |  |  |
| Guaran<br>4         | tee Service<br>Jiangxi Huazhang Hanchen Guarantee Group<br>Limited                                     | (2)   | Nanchang, Jiangxi<br>Province    | 1.77%                            | Provision of financing guarantees to<br>small and medium enterprises | 43,150                  | 15,201   | 9.10%  |
| <b>Investm</b><br>5 | ent and management consultation service<br>Shenzhen Zhongtoujinxin Asset Management<br>Company Limited |       | Shenzhen, Guangdong<br>Province  | 30%                              | Provision of consultation services on<br>project investments         | 18,350                  | -  | -  |
| 6                   | Xi'an Kairong Financial Service Limited  |       | Xi'an, Shaanxi Province          | 30%                              | Provision of financial management services                           | 18,724                  | -  | -  |
|                     |  |       |                                  |                                  | Sub-total:   | 37,074                  |  |  |

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW** (continued)

Unlisted Investment Review (continued)

Unlisted Equity Investments (continued)

Unlisted Equity Investment Portfolio (continued)

| Clean energy         7       Homan Tianguan Energy and Biotechnology<br>Corpany Linited (Henan Tianguan)       (9)       Homan Province       30%       Production and sales of distratured<br>sales of biotegradable plastics<br>and biodegradable plastics<br>and biodegradable plastics<br>and biodegradable plastics       230,763       6,969       4,185         8       Hunen South China New Energy Linited ("South<br>China New Energy")       (4)       Hunan Province       30%       New energy technologie<br>development, harsfer and<br>consultation, research and<br>development, harsfer and<br>consultation gragers and auxiliaries<br>and sales of themology energy technology<br>development, harsfer and<br>consultation, research and<br>development, harsfer and<br>consultation gragers and<br>assis of biotechnology energy technology<br>development, harsfer and<br>consultation gragers and<br>assis of biotechnology energy technology<br>development, harsfer and<br>consultation gragers and<br>assis of biotechnology energy technology<br>development, harsfer and<br>consultation gragers and<br>development.       117,450       -         10       Harse Zhongún Petrochemical DI Sales Co.,<br>Lid (Zhongún Petrochemical)       (6)       Hersen Province       30%       Engage in biotechnology entergy<br>development, harsfer<br>and poduction of ethand chemical<br>products       52,084       6,945       4,16%         11       Hersen Zhongún Petrochemical) | Narr | ie of company | Notes | Location        | Group's<br>effective<br>interest | Business nature   | <b>Cost</b><br>HK\$'000 | Fair value at<br>31 December<br>2024<br>HK\$'000 | % to<br>the Group's<br>net assets as at<br>31 December<br>2024 |
|---|------|---------------|-------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|--|
| Company Limited ("Henan Tianguan")       fuel ethanol, sales of acadone,<br>burand, polyde, production and<br>sales of tolodisel, sales of chemical<br>products, what tara flour, seed<br>sales, acide and aceatabelyde<br>production         8       Huran South China New Energy Limited ("South<br>China New Energy")       (4)       Hunan Province       30%. New energy technologies<br>development, transfer and<br>consultation, research and<br>development, manufacturing<br>and sales of chemical products,<br>chemical respects and axuitations<br>election have tenergy")       51,200       -       -         9       Hainan Keyi Hurul Boenergy Technology<br>Company Limited ("Keyi Huru")       (5)       Hainan Province       30%. Biotechnology energy technology<br>and sales of chemical products,<br>chemical respects and<br>consultation, research and<br>development, manufacturing<br>and sales of chemical products,<br>chemical respects and<br>consultation, research and<br>development, manufacturing and<br>aster of tolochology energy and<br>consultation, research and<br>development, manufacturing and<br>aster of tolochology energy and<br>chemical equipment       117,450       -         10       Horan Zhonguin Petrochemical Of Sales Co.,<br>Ltd ("Zhonguin Petrochemical Of Sales Co.,<br>Ltd ("Zhonguin Detrochemical")       (6)       Henan Province       30%. Engage in petrol station operation       52,084       22,109       13,23%         11       Heran Zhonguin Bioenergy Co., Ltd ("Zhonguin<br>Bioenergy")       (6)       Heran Province       30%. Engage in biotechnology and ethanol<br>products       52,084       6,945       4,16%         11       Heran Zhonguin Bioenergy Co., Ltd ("Zhonguin<br>Bioenergy")<   |      | •••           | (2)   | Henan Province  | 30%                              | Production and cales of denaturad   | 230 763                 | 6 080  | / 18%  |
| China New Energy")       development, transfer and consultation, research and development, transfer and consultation, research and development, transfer and consultation, research and development, transfer and precursor chemicals and precursor chemicals         9       Hainan Keyi Huirui Bioenergy Technology       (5)       Hainan Province       30%       Biotechnology energy technology       117,450       -         9       Hainan Keyi Huirui Bioenergy Technology       (6)       Hainan Province       30%       Biotechnology energy technology       117,450       -       -         10       Henan Zhongxin Petrochemical OI Sales Co., Lid ("Xhongxin Que")       (6)       Henan Province       30%       Engage in petrol station operation       52,084       22,109       13.23%         11       Henan Zhongxin Bioenergy Co., Lid ("Zhongxin Que")       (6)       Henan Province       30%       Engage in pietrol station operation       52,084       6,945       4.16%         11       Henan Zhongxin Bioenergy Co., Lid ("Zhongxin Que")       (6)       Henan Province       30%       Engage in biotechnology and ethanol bio-chemical product development and products or of ethanol chemical products       52,084       6,945       4.16%         10       Henan Zhongxin Bioenergy (Do., Lid ("Zhongxin Que")       (6)       Henan Province       30%       Engage in biotechnology and ethanol chemical products       52,084       6,945  | I    |               | (J)   | nenan riovince  | 30 /0                            | fuel ethanol, sales of acetone,<br>butanol, polyols, production and<br>sales of biodegradable plastics<br>and biodiesel, sales of chemical<br>products, wheat bran flour, feed<br>sales, acetic acid and acetaldehyde | 200,100                 | 0,909  | 4, 10 /0   |
| Company Limited ("Keyi Huirui")       development, transfer and consultation, research and development, transfer and consultation, research and development, manufacturing and sales of biotechnology energy and chemical equipment         10       Henan Zhongxin Petrochemical Oil Sales Co., (6)       Henan Province       30%       Engage in petrol station operation       52,084       22,109       13,23%         11       Henan Zhongxin Petrochemical")       (6)       Henan Province       30%       Engage in biotechnology and ethanol bio-chemical product development and production of ethanol chemical product development and products       52,084       6,945       4,16%         Sub-total:       503,581       36,043       36,043       36,043  | 8    |               | (4)   | Hunan Province  | 30%                              | development, transfer and<br>consultation, research and<br>development, manufacturing<br>and sales of chemical products,<br>chemical reagents and auxiliaries<br>(excluding hazardous chemicals and                   | 51,200                  | -  | -  |
| Ltd ("Zhongxin Petrochemical")       11       Henan Zhongxin Bioenergy Co., Ltd ("Zhongxin (6) Henan Province       30% Engage in biotechnology and ethanol<br>bio-chemical product development<br>and production of ethanol chemical<br>products       52,084       6,945       4.16%         Sub-total:       503,581       36,043  | 9    |               | (5)   | Hainan Province | 30%                              | development, transfer and<br>consultation, research and<br>development, manufacturing and<br>sales of biotechnology energy and  | 117,450                 | -  | -  |
| Bioenergy") bio-chemical product development and production of ethanol chemical products Sub-total: 503,581 36,043  | 10   |               | (6)   | Henan Province  | 30%                              | Engage in petrol station operation  | 52,084                  | 22,109   | 13.23%   |
|   | 11   |               | (6)   | Henan Province  | 30%                              | bio-chemical product development<br>and production of ethanol chemical  | 52,084                  | 6,945  | 4.16%  |
| Total: 669,442 51,244   |      |               |       |                 |                                  | Sub-total:  | 503,581                 | 36,043   |  |
|   |      |               |       |                 |                                  | Total:  | 669,442                 | 51,244   |  |

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW** (continued)

Unlisted Investment Review (continued) Unlisted Equity Investments (continued)

Unlisted Equity Investment Portfolio *(continued) Notes:* 

- (1) On 22 December 2016, the Company entered into a disposal agreement to dispose of all of its equity interest in Harbin Zhongjinguoxin to an independent third party for a cash consideration of RMB25,000,000. A deposit of HK\$2,500,000 has been received which was included in receipt in advance in "other payables and accruals" as at 30 June 2023 and 2022. As at 31 December 2023, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, this disposal transaction has not been completed after 12 months from the date of the disposal agreement but the transaction still be considered as valid.
- (2) On 13 April 2011, the Group acquired a 30% equity interest of Jiangxi Huazhang, a joint venture establish in the PRC. The Group's equity interest in Jiangxi Huazhang became 7.2% on 15 July 2013 and reduce to 2.98% on 19 August 2016, as Jiangxi Huazhang was enlarged by the new registered capital subscribed by its other shareholders on these dates.
- (3) On 11 May 2018, the Company entered into the joint venture agreement with the joint venture partners in relation to the formation of the Henan Tianguan in Henan province, the PRC. Pursuant to the joint venture agreement, the Company owned 30% of the registered capital of the Henan Tianguan. On 31 July 2018, Henan Tianguan increased the registered capital from RMB300,000,000 to RMB660,000,000 hence Keyi (Shanghai) Investments Limited ("Keyi") and Joy State Holdings Limited, wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company, further injected RMB30,000,000 and RMB78,000,000 respectively.
- (4) On 23 January 2019, Keyi invested in a 30% equity interest of South China New Energy with the capital contribution of RMB45,000,000.
- (5) On 5 September 2019, Keyi and three independent third parties formed Keyi Huirui, which had the registered capital of RMB350,000,000. Keyi injected RMB105,000,000 for its contribution for 30% of Keyi Huirui's equity interest. On 31 October 2023, the registered capital of Keyi Huirui was increased to RMB450,000,000 and Keyi remained as a 30% shareholder.
- (6) On 16 March 2020, the Company executed a cooperation agreement with the People's Government of Nanyang of the PRC, Sinopec Marketing Company Limited and South South Asia Pacific Bioenergy Limited, in relation to the formation of two joint venture companies, Zhongxin Petrochemical and Zhongxin Bioenergy. The company acquired 30% equity interest in both companies.

#### PROSPECT

The Company is expected to continue to focus on China's bioethanol sector with the aim to maximize value for the Shareholders.

As the Group's business is moving forward towards its strategic goals, the Board will carefully assess and minimize potential risks and strive to generate more returns to all shareholders.

#### LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND GEARING

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had cash and cash equivalents of HK\$38,303,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$523,000). Majority of the cash and bank balances denominated in Hong Kong dollars, United States dollars and Renminbi are placed with banks in Hong Kong and the PRC. The current ratio (calculated as the current assets to the current liabilities) of the Group as at 31 December 2024 was approximately 5.07 times (30 June 2024: 4.95 times), gearing ratio (total liabilities to total assets) of the Group as at 31 December 2024 was approximately 13.03% (30 June 2024: 13.49%).

The Group did not have any bank borrowing as at 31 December 2024 (30 June 2024: Nil). The Group did not have any capital commitments as at 31 December 2024 (30 June 2024: Nil).

#### **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

The Board of the Directors does not recommend any payment of interim dividend for the Period (31 December 2023: Nil).

#### **CHARGES ON THE GROUP'S ASSETS**

As at 31 December 2024, there were no charges on the Group's assets.

#### **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Group did not have any material contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2024.

#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

As at 31 December 2024, the Group's shareholders' equity and total number of shares in issue for the Company stood at HK\$167,069,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$165,143,000) and approximately 10,971,634,030 (30 June 2024: 10,971,634,030), respectively.

#### **EXPOSURE TO FLUCTUATIONS IN EXCHANGE RATES**

Hong Kong dollars and Renminbi are the main currencies of the Group to carry out its business transactions. During the Period, transactions in Renminbi were not significant, the Board considers that the Group's exposure to fluctuation in exchange rates was insignificant.

#### **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY**

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had 6 employees (including Directors). The total staff cost (including Directors' remuneration) of the Group for the Period was HK\$1,102,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$2,327,000). The remuneration package of the employees is determined by various factors including the employees' experience and performance, the market condition, industry practice and applicable employment law.

# DIRECTOR'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 31 December 2024, the interests and short positions of the Directors and the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates in the ordinary shares, share options, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong (the "SFO")) which (i) were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); (ii) were required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or (iii) were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") contained in Listing Rules, were as follows:

#### Long positions in ordinary shares of the Company

|                  |   | N                  | umber of issued or  | dinary shares he       | nary shares held |                             |  |  |  |
|------------------|---|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Name of director | Capacity                                    | Personal interests | Interests of spouse | Corporate<br>interests | Total interests  | shareholding in the Company |  |  |  |
| Du Lin Dong      | Beneficial owner and<br>interests of spouse | 173,624,830        | 34,400,000          | -                      | 208,024,830      | 1.90%                       |  |  |  |

*Note:* Mr. Du Lin Dong is personally holding 173,624,830 ordinary shares. The 34,400,000 ordinary shares were held by Ms. Liu Zan, who is the spouse of Mr. Du Lin Dong. Under SFO, Mr. Du Lin Dong is deemed to be interested in the ordinary shares in which Ms. Liu Zan is interested in and vice versa.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2024, none of the Directors nor the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates had or was deemed to have any interests and short positions in the ordinary shares, share options, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which (i) were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); (ii) were required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or (iii) were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

## **Other Information**

# SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

The register of substantial Shareholders maintained under Section 336 of the SFO shows that as at 31 December 2024, the Company had been notified of the following substantial Shareholders' interests or short positions, being 5% or more of the Company's ordinary shares and underlying shares:

|  | Capacity                            | Notes | Number of issued ordinary shares held |                     |                        | Approximate<br>percentage of   |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Name of director                                 |                                     |       | Personal interests                    | Interests of spouse | Corporate<br>interests | shareholding<br>in the Company |
| Gen Xiaoqing                                     | Beneficial owner                    |       | 1,117,780,000                         | -                   | -                      | 10.19%                         |
| Jumbo View Holdings Limited                      | Beneficial owner                    | (1)   | 1,016,860,000                         | -                   | -                      | 9.27%                          |
| Zhang Gui  | Interests of controlled corporation | (1)   | -                                     | -                   | 1,016,860,000          | 9.27%                          |
| Zhang Zuhao                                      | Beneficial owner                    |       | 1,000,000,000                         | -                   | -                      | 9.11%                          |
| Century Golden Resources<br>Investments Co., Ltd | Beneficial owner                    | (2)   | 1,000,000,000                         | -                   | -                      | 9.11%                          |
| Huang Shiying                                    | Interests of controlled corporation | (2)   | -                                     | -                   | 1,000,000,000          | 9.11%                          |
| Huang Tao  | Interests of controlled corporation | (2)   | -                                     | -                   | 1,000,000,000          | 9.11%                          |
| Li Zebin   | Beneficial owner                    |       | 662,070,000                           | -                   | -                      | 6.03%                          |

Notes:

(1) 70% of the issued share capital of Jumbo View Holdings Limited is owned by Mr. Zhang Gui, and Mr. Zhang Gui is therefore deemed to be interested in the ordinary shares held by Jumbo View Holdings Limited.

(2) 40% and 50% of the issued share capital of Century Golden Resources Investment Co., Limited is owned by Mr. Huang Shiying and Mr. Huang Tao, respectively, and Mr. Huang Shiying and Mr. Huang Tao are therefore deemed to be interested in the ordinary shares held by Century Golden Resources Investment Co., Limited.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2024, the Company has not been notified by any other persons, not being a Director or chief executive of the Company, who has interests or short positions in the ordinary shares and underlying shares of the Company representing 5% or more of the Company's issued share capital.

#### SHARE OPTION SCHEME

In light of the requirements of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules, the Company adopted a share option scheme (the "Scheme") on 15 December 2017. Under the Scheme, the Directors may grant options to those participants who, in the opinion of the Board, have contributed or may contribute to the development and growth of the Group and any entity in which the Group holds any equity interest. As at 31 December 2024, no any share options were granted, exercised, lapsed, forfeited or outstanding.

#### **DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES**

At no time during the Period was the Company or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries, a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN TRANSACTION, ARRANGEMENTS AND CONTRACTS**

No transactions, arrangements or contracts of significance, to which the Company, or its holding companies, subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries was a party and in which the Director or the Director's connected entity had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end or at any time during the six months ended 31 December 2024.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESS**

During the six months ended 31 December 2024, none of the Directors has an interest in a business which competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group.

#### PURCHASES, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the Period.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Board is responsible for ensuring high standards of corporate governance are maintained and for accounting to Shareholders. During the Period, the Company complied with the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") as contained in Appendix C1 of the Listing Rules except for the following deviations:

(a) The code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual. The positions of both chairman and chief executive officer have been held by Mr. Du Lin Dong. Given the Group's current stage of development, the Board considers that this structure will not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Company. Mr. Du Lin Dong possesses the essential leadership skills to manage the Board and extensive knowledge in the business of the Group. The Board considers the present structure is more suitable for the Company because it can promote the efficient formulation and implementation of the Company's strategies.

The Board will continue to monitor and review the Company's corporate governance practices to ensure compliance with the CG Code.

## **Other Information**

#### **MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS**

The Company has adopted the Model Code as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions. Having made specific enquiry by the Company, all Directors have confirmed that they have fully complied with the Model Code throughout the Period.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company established the audit committee (the "Audit Committee") which comprises three independent non-executive Directors namely, Mr. Zong Shijian (chairman of the audit committee), Mr. Lei Zhiwei and Mr. Liu Xiaodong. The Audit Committee had reviewed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, risk management system, internal control systems and financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for the Period before recommending them to the Board for approval. The Audit Committee is established with specific terms of references which deal clearly with the committee's authority and duties and is available on the website of the Stock Exchange and the Company.