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PUTIAN COMMUNICATION GROUP LIMITED

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CORPORATE INFORMATION

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Ms. Wang Qiuping
(*Chairlady and Chief Executive Officer*)
Mr. Zhao Xiaobao (alias Zhao Baohua)
Ms. Zhao Moge

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Ms. Cheng Shing Yan
Mr. Liu Guodong
Mr. Xie Haidong

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Ms. Cheng Shing Yan (*Chairlady*)
Mr. Liu Guodong
Mr. Xie Haidong

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Liu Guodong (*Chairman*)
Ms. Cheng Shing Yan
Mr. Xie Haidong

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Xie Haidong (*Chairman*)
Ms. Cheng Shing Yan
Mr. Liu Guodong

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COMPANY PROFILE

Putian Communication Group Limited (the “**Company**”) (Stock code: 1720) (together with its subsidiaries, collectively referred to as the “**Group**”) is a well-established and fast-growing data and communications cables manufacturer and structured cabling system product provider based in Jiangxi Province, the People’s Republic of China (the “**PRC**”).

The Group has commenced its data and communications cables manufacturing since 2001. It provides a wide range of optical fibers and optical fiber cables, data and communications cables and structured cabling system products under the brand names of “普天漢飛” and “Hanphy”. Its optical fibers and optical fiber cables and data and communications cables are mainly used by major telecommunications network operators in the PRC for network construction and maintenance. Its structured cabling system products primarily include optical and copper jumper wires and connection and distribution components such as distribution frames, wiring closets, as well as data and audio modules and faceplates. Structured cabling system products are components of the wiring system, including optical fiber-based cabling system and copper-based system, within buildings for the information transmission. The Group is one of the most diversified suppliers in the communication cable industry in the PRC. Its superior product quality, constant availability, responsive customer services and competitive prices are well recognised by its customers.

The Group continues to strengthen its research and development capabilities which have enabled it to continuously develop new products and upgrade its existing products. Since 2006, one of the Group’s major wholly owned subsidiaries, Putian Cable Group Co., Ltd, has been consecutively recognised as a New High-tech Enterprise by Jiangxi Provincial Department of Science and Technology.

On 9 November 2017 (the “**Listing Date**”), the shares of the Company were successfully listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”). As at 31 December 2024, the Company had 1,100,000,000 issued shares.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024, the Group's operating results were summarised as follows:

- Total revenue increased by approximately 7.9% to approximately RMB663.9 million (2023: approximately RMB615.5 million).
- Gross profit increased by approximately 4.5% to approximately RMB141.4 million (2023: approximately RMB135.3 million).
- Gross profit margin decreased by approximately 0.7% to approximately 21.3% (2023: approximately 22.0%).
- Profit for the year attributable to the owners of the Company increased by approximately 141.6% to approximately RMB18.5 million (2023: approximately RMB7.6 million).
- Revenue from sale of optical fibers and optical fiber cables recorded an increase of approximately 41.7% to approximately RMB159.7 million (2023: approximately RMB112.7 million); revenue from sale of data and communications cables increased by approximately 0.3% to approximately RMB342.7 million (2023: approximately RMB341.6 million); revenue from sale of structured cabling system products increased by approximately 0.2% to approximately RMB161.5 million (2023: approximately RMB161.2 million).
- The Board did not recommend the payment of a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2024 (2023: Nil).

FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A summary of the consolidated results and the assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years, as extracted from the published audited financial statements and as appropriate, is set out below.

RESULT

		For the year ended 31 December			
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Revenue	663,865	615,504	646,253	624,540	544,059
Profit before income tax	14,964	8,053	34,853	56,175	40,242
Income tax credit/(expense)	3,511	(405)	(10,173)	(12,172)	(7,950)
Profit for the year	18,475	7,648	24,680	44,003	32,292
Profit for the year attributable to:					
Owners of the Company	18,475	7,648	24,680	44,003	32,292
Non-controlling interests	–	–	–	–	–
	18,475	7,648	24,680	44,003	32,292

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

		As at 31 December			
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Total assets	1,148,823	1,165,242	1,181,581	1,007,084	843,848
Total liabilities	(554,987)	(588,243)	(611,169)	(464,292)	(343,607)
	593,836	576,999	570,412	542,792	500,241
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	593,836	576,999	570,412	542,792	500,241
Non-controlling interests	–	–	–	–	–
	593,836	576,999	570,412	542,792	500,241

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



Wang Qiuping
Chairlady

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of the Company, I am pleased to present the annual results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2024 (the “**Year**”).

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

In 2024, amid challenges presented by the fluctuating global geopolitics and slowing domestic economic growth, the communications industry in China confronted the dual pressure imposed by demand contraction and intensifying competition. Championing the strategic orientation of “Cementing Foundation, Growing Increment, and Strengthening Coordination”, the Group has secured steady growth against headwinds by doubling down efforts in diversified business presence, optimized product structure and moving faster toward its “going global” ambition. During the Year, the Group recorded total revenue of approximately RMB663.9 million, which represented an increase of approximately 7.9% compared to the corresponding period of the pervious fiscal year (the “**Last Year**”). The gross profit recorded a 4.5% year-on-year increase to RMB141.4 million. The profit attributable to the owners of the parent company recorded a 141.6% year-on-year increase to RMB18.5 million. All core financial indicators outperformed the industry average, fully manifesting the operational resilience of the Company.

The increase in revenue was mainly because the sale of optical fibers and optical fiber cables increased by approximately 41.7% to approximately RMB159.7 million (the Last Year: approximately RMB112.7 million). Sale of data and communications cables increased by approximately 0.3% to approximately RMB342.7 million (the Last Year: approximately RMB341.6 million). The sale of structured cabling system products increased by approximately 0.2% to approximately RMB161.5 million (the Last Year: approximately RMB161.2 million).

In 2024, the communications industry in China witnessed steady growth and stayed on track for high-quality development. According to the 2024 Statistical Communique on the Telecommunications Industry released by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) in January 2025, China in 2024 took further its network infrastructure including 5G and gigabit optical networks and the popularisation of various applications. This has enabled the deep integration between the real economy and the digital economy, injecting great momentum into the ambitions of manufacturing power, cyberpower and Digital China.

During the Year, Putian Cable Group Co., Ltd. ("**Putian Cable**"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, made great headway amid a complex market landscape. It injected great power into furthering the strategies and sustaining the development of the Group through the coordination and innovation of the three core business segments. In terms of telecommunication operator business, it successfully claimed the 2024 centralised procurement projects of optical fiber cables of China Telecom and China Unicom. This has cemented the strategic value of the "fundamental business" in the operator market. Notably, through involvement in the preparation of technical standards and accumulation of scale-based delivery experience, it has taken the initiative in capturing the right of speech for the construction of 6G fronthaul network and green optical fiber cable technological standards. In terms data and communications cables, the Group furthered its coordination and innovation with China Mobile and China Unicom to ensure the high-quality delivery of the annual centralised procurement orders. Empowered by its swift technical response and optimized whole-process services, the Group has bettered its operator cooperation ecosystem for its growing share in future centralised procurement programs.

During the Year, the direct sales business forged ahead with multiple strategies and shaped a more resilient growth driver for the Group. In terms of channel expansion, it has newly set up branches in seven cities including Haerbin, Wuhu, and Dongguan. This marked the establishment of a three-dimensional marketing network covering the core economic belts in eastern, central and western China, which has significantly enhanced the response efficiency and the capacity for serving end customers in the regional market as support for future exploration in the lower-tier market. At the business expansion level, it was deeply involved in the national strategic project of "east data, west computing" and led the construction of the key section for the Qingyang data centre cluster in Gansu. This has not only verified the technological integration capacity of the Group in the new type of infrastructure field but also helped the Group take the initiative in capturing the digital economy magnet through the accumulation of benchmark projects. By leveraging its strategic cooperation with the leading new energy vehicle enterprises, it has become a player in the supporting business for communications of Internet of vehicles and extended the application scenario of products to the new energy industry. Meanwhile, working with the data centre project of head Internet and new media platforms has accelerated the upgrading for a cabling system that features high data rates and high density. This has brought leapfrog growth in the sales of optical fiber and supporting products and expanded the high value-added products matrix, which has further optimized the profitability structure and bolstered the right of speech in the industry. The direct sales business, leveraging the ecological closed loop of "regional penetration – strategic coordination – technological upgrading", has injected great power for the Group to weather periodic fluctuations and ensure its sustainable development.

It recorded leapfrog growth in the international business. Specifically, specialized products like ADSS optical fiber cables and air-blown optical fiber cables have elbowed into the emerging markets in the Middle East and South America. Structured cabling system products like distribution frames and optical splitters have left their footprints in the overseas market, making the Group a whole-link solution service provider from a one of single optical fiber cables with a growing capacity for brand premium. It participated in international telecommunications exhibitions held in eight countries including Dubai and Brazil, where we forged the intention of strategic cooperation with over 30 overseas customers. The global channel network has taken shape as strategic support for the establishment of a regional centre in Europe and the market expansion in the countries along the "Belt and Road" initiative in the future.

It secured coordinated breakthroughs in the three business segments and has enabled the annual revenue and profit of the Group to go up against headwinds, and laid a solid foundation for the middle and long-term high-quality development through technological accumulation, market expansion and ecosystem co-building.

OUTLOOK

In 2025, the communications industry in China will embrace a board development space for development dually driven by the country's continued policy empowerment and technological iteration and upgrading. According to the Notice on Initiating the Special Operation of "Signal Upgrades" (MIIT Communications [2023] No.256) jointly issued by 11 departments, including the MIIT, which clearly states that, in 2025, the 5G network coverage and quality will be further improved to ensure the realization of "5G reaching 95% of administrative villages" and "the average downlink access rate of the mobile networks shall not be less than 220Mbps under major scenarios". Meanwhile, the 5G-A pilot program will be promoted to provide network support for the Industrial Internet, smart cities and other scenarios that features ultra-low latency and high reliability. Also, the National Development and Reform Commission issued the 14th Five-Year Plan for Digital Economy Development, which clearly states that in 2025 the added value of the core business in the digital economy will account for 10% of the GDP and the comprehensive capacity of computing infrastructure will be significantly improved. The data centres will be intensive for accelerated green development. These aim to create long-term demand for the solutions of optical fiber and optical fiber cables, high-speed interconnection equipment and data centres.

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In this context, the Group will deepen the policy coordination to accelerate the production of new non-dispersive singlemode optical fiber in large quantities and the R&D of optical fiber cables for 5G-A base stations. The Group will expand the application scale of the high-speed MPO/MTP pre-terminated system in the “east data, west computing” hub and synchronously expand edge computing miniaturized optical connectivity solution. Furthermore, the Group will, under the “Belt and Road” digital cooperation framework, seek its presence in the Southeast Asia and Middle East markets and participate in the preparation of intentional standards. Following the closed strategic loop of “technology breakthrough – scenario exploration – global excellence”, Putian Cable will continue to enhance its core competitiveness in the digital communications and optical communications fields as a highly credible and green infrastructure underpinner for the country’s “Cyberpower” and global digital ecosystem drives.

BUSINESS PLAN

In 2025, guided by the national strategy of “Cyberpower”, Putian Cable will focus on breakthroughs in core technologies and deepening their scenario-based application for a “dual-wheel driven” development pattern. In the optical communications field, the Group will increase the production capacity for ultra-low-loss fiber across the board and give top priority to catering to the pressing demand for high-performing optical fiber cables of the construction of 5G-A base stations and the “east data, west computing” project. Meanwhile, the Group will take further the joint R&D efforts with the three major operators in the 6G fronthaul network optical fiber cables and the intelligent ODN cabling system. This aims to promote the scale-based application of high-speed pre-terminated products in ultra-large data centres and consolidate its technological leadership. In response to the Industrial Internet and intelligent manufacturing upgrading trend, the Group will launch the special R&D program of “Industrial Automation Intelligent Control Cable”. This aims to develop customized cable products that feature high EMI immunity and ultra-long service life to fill the gap in the high-end industrial control cable market in China and ensure the credible communications connection in such scenarios as intelligent factories and unmanned production lines.

In terms of expansion in international markets and emerging fields, the Group will, based on the efforts in its overseas offices, focus on seeking breakthroughs in smart cities in Southeast Asia and 5G infrastructure construction projects in the Middle East and securing more overseas market shares in ADSS and OPGW optical fiber cables and air-blown optical fiber cables. Meanwhile, we will additionally launch the R&D efforts of “Stealth Optical Guidance Cable for UAVs” to take the initiative in the low-altitude economy and specialized communications equipment market by seeking technological breakthroughs in lightweight, electromagnetic interference resistance and low detectability. On top of that, the Group will further its strategic cooperation with leading new energy enterprises to promote the iteration of automotive-grade data and communications cables products and dedicate itself to the upgrading of intelligent manufacturing and digital transformation of the supply chain. This aims to shape a whole-chain lean management system that covers R&D, production and delivery, laying a solid efficiency foundation for globalization competition. Guided by the closed strategic loop of “core business strengthening – pioneering sector positioning – operational efficiency upgrading”, Putian Cable will continue to empower the digital transformation of all industries and contribute its core power to the high-quality development of the national communications industry.

Through the above strategic initiatives, the Group will continue to consolidate its leadership in optical fiber, optical fiber cables and data centre cabling, and seek high-quality development driven by “technological leadership + scenario exploration + global linkage” to create long-term value for Shareholders and contribute to the efforts in a global communications network.

Wang Qiuping

Chairlady and CEO

31 March 2025

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

Revenue of the Group is mainly derived from sales of optical fibers and optical fiber cables, data and communications cables and structured cabling system products, which represent three reportable segments of the Group. Total revenue of the Group increased by approximately 7.9% from approximately RMB615.5 million for the Last Year to approximately RMB663.9 million for the Year. Among which, revenue derived from sale of optical fibers and optical fiber cables increased by approximately 41.7% from approximately RMB112.7 million for the Last Year to approximately RMB159.7 million for the Year, revenue derived from sale of communication copper cables increased by approximately 0.3% from approximately RMB341.6 million for the Last Year to approximately RMB342.7 million for the Year; revenue derived from sale of structured cabling system products increased by approximately 0.2% from approximately RMB161.2 million for the Last Year to approximately RMB161.5 million for the Year. The sales growth of optical fibers and optical fiber cables benefited from the China Telecom projects awarded to the Group, which began to deliver goods in batches in 2024.

Gross profit and margin

Gross profit increased by approximately 4.5% from approximately RMB135.3 million for the Last Year to approximately RMB141.4 million for the Year. The Group's gross profit margin decreased from approximately 22.0% for the Last Year to approximately 21.3% for the Year.

Selling and distribution expenses

Selling and distribution expenses increased by approximately 11.8% from approximately RMB40.7 million for the Last Year to approximately RMB45.5 million for the Year, which mainly due to an increase in transportation costs, because of the growth of sales business.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses amounted to approximately RMB57.8 million for the Year, which decreased by approximately 2.3% as compared to approximately RMB59.2 million for the Last Year, which mainly due to a decrease in salary payments for administrative staff.

Finance costs

Finance costs decreased by approximately 1.3% from approximately RMB19.7 million for the Last Year to approximately RMB19.4 million for the Year.

Income tax credit/(expense)

Income tax expense amounted to approximately RMB0.4 million for the year ended 31 December 2023 and an income tax credit amounted to approximately RMB3.5 million for the year ended 31 December 2024 primarily because of utilisation of tax losses previously not recognised and an additional tax reduction arising from the research and development expenses.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Profit for the Year

Profit for the Year increased by approximately 141.6% from approximately RMB7.6 million for the Last Year to approximately RMB18.5 million for the Year.

Cash position

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had restricted cash and cash and cash equivalents of approximately RMB50.9 million (2023: approximately RMB51.1 million) in aggregate, representing a decrease of approximately 0.3% as compared to that as at 31 December 2023. As at 31 December 2024, the Group had restricted cash of approximately RMB21.7 million (2023: approximately RMB23.8 million) that was pledged to banks for as security for letters of guarantee for product supply projects and bills payables. The restricted cash will be released upon the expiry of letters of guarantee or the settlement of relevant bills payables and bank.

Borrowings and charges on the Group's assets

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had bank and other borrowings of approximately RMB311.9 million (2023: approximately RMB341.2 million), of which approximately RMB239.9 million (2023: approximately RMB247.6 million) were secured by legal charge over the property, plant and equipment and trade receivables of the Group and the properties of the controlling shareholders of the Company and their family members, and the balances of RMB72.0 million (2023: approximately RMB93.6 million) were unsecured. Bank and other borrowings of approximately RMB215.4 million (2023: approximately RMB248.2 million) will be repayable within one year.

Pledge of assets

As at 31 December 2024, the carrying amounts of the Group's pledged assets were approximately RMB249.7 million (2023: approximately RMB275.2 million).

Save as disclosed in this report, the Group did not have any charges of assets as at 31 December 2024 (2023: Nil).

Significant investments

The Group did not hold any significant investments during the Year (2023: Nil).

Material acquisitions or disposals

During the Year, the Group did not conduct any material acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures (2023: Nil).

Gearing ratio

As at 31 December 2024, the gearing ratio of the Group, calculated by having the total liabilities divided by the total equity, was approximately 0.93 (2023: approximately 1.02).

Total debt to total asset ratio

As at 31 December 2024, the total debt to total asset ratio of the Group, calculated by having the total liabilities divided by the total assets, was approximately 0.48 (2023: approximately 0.50).

Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to cash flow interest rate risk due to the fluctuation of the prevailing market interest rate on bank and other borrowings. The Group does not have an interest rate hedging policy. However, the Directors will monitor interest rate exposure from time to time and will consider hedging significant interest rate exposure should the need arise.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Group's cash flow interest rate risk is mainly concentrated on the fluctuation of the interest rates quoted by the People's Bank of China arising from the Group's bank and other borrowings.

The Group's interest rate risk mainly arises from bank and other borrowings. Bank and other borrowings arranged at variable rates and fixed rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk and fair value interest rate risk, respectively. Certain bank and other borrowings of the Group as at 31 December 2024 and 2023 bore interest at floating rates. The interest rate and repayment terms of bank and other borrowings at the end of each reporting period are disclosed in note 28 to the consolidated financial statements.

Credit risk

At the end of the reporting period, the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk which will cause a financial loss to the Group was due to failure to discharge an obligation by the counterparties arising from the carrying amount of the respective recognised financial assets as stated in the consolidated statement of financial position.

In order to minimise the credit risk, the Directors have delegated a team responsible for determination of credit limits, credit approvals and other monitoring procedures to ensure that follow-up action are taken to recover overdue debts. In addition, the Directors review the recoverable amount of each individual receivable at the end of the reporting period to ensure that adequate impairment losses are made for irrecoverable amounts. In this regard, the Directors consider that the credit risk of the Group is significantly reduced.

The credit risks on bills receivables, bank and restricted cash balances are considered to be insignificant because the counterparties are financial institutions with good reputation and high credit ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The credit risk of the Group is concentrated on trade receivables from the Group's two largest customers at 31 December 2024 and 2023 amounted to approximately RMB206.9 million respectively, and accounted for approximately 38.7% of the Group's gross trade receivables. In order to minimise the credit risk, the Directors continuously monitor the level of exposure by frequent review of the public financial information and credit quality of its customers to ensure that prompt actions will be taken to lower exposure. The two largest customers of the Group are listed companies in the PRC and Hong Kong, and both of them have good past credit repayment history and records with the Group.

The Group considers the probability of default upon initial recognition of asset and whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk on an ongoing basis throughout each reporting period. To assess whether there is a significant increase in credit risk, the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the asset as at the reporting date with the risk of default as at the date of initial recognition. It considers available reasonable and supportive forwarding-looking information.

The Group measures expected credit losses for trade receivables at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, which is calculated using a provision matrix. In measuring the expected credit losses, the trade receivables have been assessed on a collective basis and debtors ageing is applied to assess expected credit losses for its customers because these customers consist of a large number of customers which share common risk characteristics that are representative of the customers' ability to pay all amounts due in accordance with the contractual terms. They have been grouped based on the days past due. The estimated ECL loss rates are estimated based on the Group's estimates of the market borrowing rates for each of the groupings, less risk-free rate, which reflect the credit risk of the debtors, over the expected life of the debtors and are adjusted forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort. The grouping is regularly reviewed by management to ensure relevant information about specific debtors is updated.

The Group considers a financial asset in default when contractual payments are 90 days past due. However, in certain cases, the Group may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Group is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Group. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Liquidity risk

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the Directors, which has built an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the Group's short, medium and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements. The Group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves and banking facilities.

Capital Commitments

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had capital commitments of capital expenditure contracted but not provided in respect of acquisition of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets amounting to approximately RMB36.0 million (2023: approximately RMB42.2 million). The capital commitments incurred at the end of the Year were mainly contracted for the purchase of equipment for an optical fiber production line.

Future plans for material investments

The Group will continue to invest in its development projects and acquire suitable plant and machinery, if it thinks fit.

Employees and remuneration policies

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had 412 employees (2023: 453 employees). For the Year, the Group incurred staff costs of approximately RMB52.4 million (2023: approximately RMB58.6 million). As required by applicable PRC laws and regulations, the Group participates in various employee benefit plans, including pension insurance and medical insurance. The Group adopts a competitive remuneration package for its employees. Remuneration packages are reviewed periodically with reference to the then prevailing market employment practices and legislation.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND PERFORMANCE

The Group is dedicated to reducing its impacts to the environment from its factories and offices through mitigating the environmental pollutions and utilising resource efficiently. The Group strives to complying with related environmental laws and legislations, and continual improvement on its performance. The Environmental, Social and Governance Report was set out on page 38 of this annual report in compliance with Appendix C2 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "**Listing Rules**").

KEY RELATIONSHIPS WITH ITS EMPLOYEES, CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

The Group strives to maintaining a good relationship with its employees, customers and suppliers. For more details on how it creates a motivated workplace for its employees, produce quality products to satisfy its customers' expectations and, establish long-term relationships with its suppliers, please refer to the Environmental, Social and Governance Report was set out on pages 38 to 55 of this annual report.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Save as disclosed in this annual report, during the Year, the Group was not aware of any non-compliance with any relevant laws and regulations that has a significant impact on it.

DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S PROFILE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Ms. Wang Qiuping (王秋萍), aged 61, is an executive Director, the chairlady of the Board and chief executive officer of the Company responsible for the overall business management and strategic planning of the Group. Ms. Wang is also the founder of the Group and one of the controlling shareholders. Before the establishment of the Group, Ms. Wang worked in the Jiangxi Province Communication and Electric Cable Factory* (江西省通信電纜廠) from 1984 to 1991, with her last position responsible for advertising. In November 1999, Ms. Wang set up Jiangxi Putian Building Intelligence Co., Ltd. (“**Jiangxi Building**”), which has been principally engaged in the sales of structured cabling system products since its incorporation. Save for Jiangxi Changtian Optical Communication Co., Ltd (“**Jiangxi Optical**”), Ms. Wang is a director of each of the subsidiaries of the Group. Ms. Wang is also a supervisor of Jiangxi Optical. Ms. Wang has been the deputy to the People’s Congress of Nanchang City (南昌市人大代表) since October 2016. Ms. Wang obtained a diploma in basic theory of Marxism* (馬列主義基礎理論) from Jiangxi Normal University (江西師範大學) in the PRC in December 1986.

Ms. Wang was awarded “May 1” Jinguo Biaobing (五一巾幗標兵) of Jiangxi Province by Jiangxi Federation of Trade Unions in March 2018 and was recognised as 2022 Outstanding Entrepreneur of Nanchang High-tech Industrial Development Zone by Nanchang High-tech Industrial Development Zone Government in March 2023.

Ms. Wang is the spouse of Mr. Zhao, the mother of Ms. Zhao Moge.

Mr. Zhao Xiaobao (趙小寶) (alias **Zhao Baohua** (趙保華)), aged 60, is an executive Director responsible for the overall sales of the Group. He joined the Group in June 2001. Mr. Zhao is a director of each of Putian Cable Group Co., Ltd and Jiangxi Optical and a supervisor of Jiangxi Building. Mr. Zhao has more than 23 years of experience in the production and sales in the telecommunications industry. Before joining the Group, he had worked as an officer at the regulatory division of the Administration for Industry and Commerce of Nanchang City from 1984 to 1999, responsible for the execution of relevant laws, rules and regulations relating to commodity trading markets in Nanchang.

Mr. Zhao obtained a diploma in business administration management (工商管理) from Wuhan University (武漢大學) in the PRC in July 1992.

Mr. Zhao is the spouse of Ms. Wang, the father of Ms. Zhao Moge.

Ms. Zhao Moge (趙默格), aged 36, is an executive Director responsible for the overall operation and finance of the Group.

Ms. Zhao joined the Group in July 2011 and had held various positions. She first started working for the Group as an administrative executive responsible for administrative matters. She became an accounting assistant in May 2012 and was promoted to accounting manager with responsibility for managing and overseeing the daily operation of accounting department in July 2014. In April 2015, she became the general manager of Putian Cable (Shanghai) Building Intelligence Co., Ltd (“**Putian Cable (Shanghai)**”) and was responsible for the marketing and sales in the PRC market. Ms. Zhao is a director of Putian Cable and a supervisor of Putian Cable (Shanghai). Ms. Zhao obtained a bachelor of engineering from Nanchang University (南昌大學) in the PRC in June 2011.

Ms. Zhao is the daughter of Ms. Wang and Mr. Zhao.

DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S PROFILE

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Ms. Cheng Shing Yan (鄭承欣) (“Ms. Cheng”), aged 50, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 21 October 2017. She is the chairlady of the audit committee of the Company (the “**Audit Committee**”) and a member of each of the nomination committee (the “**Nomination Committee**”) and the remuneration committee of the Company (the “**Remuneration Committee**”).

Ms. Cheng has about 27 years of experience in the fields of accounting and auditing. Ms. Cheng joined the group of Sanroc International Holdings Limited (“**Sanroc**”) (now known as Zhaobangji Lifestyle Holdings Limited), which is listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 1660), as the chief financial officer of Sanroc from April 2016 to April 2018 and as the chief financial officer of certain subsidiaries of Sanroc since April 2018. Ms. Cheng had also been the company secretary and an executive director of Sanroc International Holdings Limited from April 2016 to April 2018 and from April 2017 to April 2018, respectively. Ms. Cheng has been an independent non-executive director of Easy Smart Group Holdings Limited (stock code: 2442) since April 2023, Kwong Luen Engineering Holdings Limited (now known as FEG Holdings Corporation Limited) (stock code: 1413) from March 2021 to July 2024 and China Shenghai Food Holdings Company Limited (now known as Gaodi Holdings Limited) (stock code: 1676) from July 2017 to October 2019. Ms. Cheng has been a joint company secretary of China New Consumption Group Limited (stock code: 8275) since December 2023.

Ms. Cheng obtained a degree of Master of Arts in International Accounting at the City University of Hong Kong in November 2003, and was admitted as a member, and a fellow member, of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (the “**ACCA**”) in December 2000 and December 2005, respectively. She was also admitted as an associate of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants (now known as Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the “**HKICPA**”)) since July 2003. Ms. Cheng has also been admitted as an associate of both The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (now known as The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute) (the “**HKICS**”) and The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (now known as the Chartered Governance Institute) (the “**ICSA**”) in June 2017.

Mr. Liu Guodong (劉國棟), aged 48, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 21 October 2017. He is the chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of each of the Audit Committee and Nomination Committee.

Mr. Liu has more than 20 years of experience in the optical research field. He has been a professor of Jiangxi Science & Technology Normal University (江西科技師範大學) (formerly known as Jiangxi Science & Technology Normal College* (江西科技師範學院) since December 2004. He has served as the executive director (常務理事) and secretary-general of Optical Society of Jiangxi Province* (江西省光學學會) from 2004 until now. He served as a member of Biomedical Photonics Committee of China Optical Society* (中國光學學會生物醫學光子學專業委員會) from August 2009 to August 2013. He served as a member of Optoelectronic Technology Committee of China Optical Society* (中國光學學會光電技術專業委員會) from September 2007 to September 2011. From October 2006 to October 2010, Mr. Liu served as a member of editorial board for “Applied Optics”. Mr. Liu served as the vice chairman of the National Optical Youth Academic Forum* (全國光學青年學術論壇) from December 2009 to December 2013.

Mr. Liu obtained a doctorate degree in optical science and engineering (光學工程) from Tsinghua University (清華大學) in the PRC in January 2004.

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Mr. Xie Haidong (謝海東), aged 53, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 21 October 2017. He is the chairman of the Nomination Committee and a member of each of the Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee. Mr. Xie is currently an associate professor and a tutor for master students (碩士生導師) of Finance Department of School of Economics and Management of Nanchang University* (南昌大學經濟管理學院). He also serves as a director of the eighth board of Council of Finance of Jiangxi Province* (江西省金融學會). From January 2016 to October 2018, Mr. Xie served as the Head of Finance Department of School of Economics and Management of Nanchang University. From November 2009 to November 2012, Mr. Xie served as a special researcher of Development Research Center of the People's Government of Jiangxi Province* (江西省政府發展研究中心). From September 2010 to December 2016, Mr. Xie served as deputy director of Industrial Economics Research Institute of Central China Economic and Social Development Research Center of Nanchang University* (南昌大學中國中部經濟社會發展研究中心產業經濟研究所). From 2013 to 2015, Mr. Xie served as a consulting expert in relation to issuance of corporate bond for Reform and Development Commission of Jiangxi Province* (江西省發展與改革委員會). Prior to the aforesaid, he worked for enterprise investigation team of Statistics Bureau of Jiangxi Province* (江西省統計局) from January 1997 to December 2004. He was a business director of Jiangxi Branch of business department of Kunwu Jiuding Investment Management Co., Ltd.* (昆吾九鼎投資管理有限公司), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Jiangxi Zhong Jiang Real Estate Co., Ltd. (江西中江地產股份有限公司) (currently known as Kunwu Jiuding Investment Holdings Co., Ltd., 昆吾九鼎投資控股股份有限公司), whose shares are listed on Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 600053) and principal business includes investment management and investment consulting, from February 2011 to October 2011. He was a guest faculty (訪問學者) in the department of finance at University of Notre Dame in the United States from August 2014 to August 2015. Since from August 2020, Mr. Xie has been appointed as the independent director of Jiangxi Salt Industry Group Co Ltd whose shares are listed on Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 601065). Since July 2024, Mr. Xie has been appointed as an independent director of Nanchang Rural Commercial Bank Co., Ltd.

Mr. Xie graduated from Nanchang University (南昌大學) in the PRC with a bachelor of economics degree in July 1994. He further earned a master of economics degree from Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics (江西財經大學) in the PRC in June 2002 and a doctorate degree in political economics from Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (上海財經大學) in the PRC in January 2007.

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Mr. Zeng Haowen (曾浩文), aged 54, is the production director of the Group responsible for overseeing the overall production of the Group. Mr. Zeng has over 33 years of working experience in the field of cable and wire. Mr. Zeng joined the Group in February 2006 and first served as a manager of production department before he was promoted to the current position in March 2011. Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Zeng worked for Jiangxi Fan Ya Electric Wire and Cable Co., Ltd* (江西泛亞電線電纜有限公司) from August 1991 to January 2006, and he last served as the person in charge of the maintenance section of equipment department. Mr. Zeng obtained a diploma in mold design and manufacturing (模具設計與製造) from Jiangxi Science & Technology Normal University (江西科技師範大學) in the PRC in January 2013. He obtained the qualification as safety management associate* (安全管理人員) from Administration of Work Safety of Nanchang City (南昌市安全生產監督管理局) in August 2015. He also obtained the qualifications as electric welder (電焊工) and bench worker (鉗工) from Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security of the People's Republic of China (中華人民共和國勞動和社會保障部) in April 2001 and May 2004 respectively.

Ms. Zhou Zhi (周治), aged 48, is a chief business officer of business center of the Group responsible for overall sales strategies and planning of the Group. Ms. Zhou joined the Group in September 2004 and first served as a manager of sales department and was promoted to the current position in July 2012. Prior to joining the Group, Ms. Zhou worked as a sales officer at the grid information group of Taihao Technology Company Limited* (泰豪科技股份有限公司) from 1999 to August 2004, responsible for sales. Ms. Zhou obtained a diploma in engineering and civil communication* (工程與民用通訊) from Jiangxi Radio & TV University (江西廣播電視大學) in the PRC in June 1999.

* For identification purposes only

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COMPANY SECRETARY

Ms. Chan Sze Ting (陳詩婷) was appointed as the company secretary of the Company on 1 October 2023. Ms. Chan is a director of the company secretarial services division of Tricor Services Limited (a member of Vistra Group), which is a global professional services supplier specialising in integrated business, corporate and investor services. Ms. Chan has over 19 years of experience in the corporate secretarial field and has been providing professional corporate services to Hong Kong listed companies as well as multinational, private and offshore companies. Ms. Chan is a Chartered Secretary (CS), a Chartered Governance Professional (CGP) and a Fellow of both The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute (HKCGI) and The Chartered Governance Institute (CGI) in the United Kingdom. Ms. Chan holds a bachelor of arts degree from Hong Kong Polytechnic University and a bachelor's degree in law from the University of London, Britain.

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The Board presents to the shareholders of the Company this annual report together with the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the Year.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of the Group are production and sale of optical fibers and optical fiber cables, data and communications cables and structured cabling system products in the PRC. The principal activities of the subsidiaries are set out in note 34 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. There was no significant change in the Group's principal activities during the Year.

RESULTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

The results of the Group for the Year are set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on page 60 of this annual report.

The Board did not recommend the payment of a final dividend for the Year.

DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

As at 31 December 2024, the Company had reserves amounted to approximately RMB64.5 million available for distribution as calculated based on the Company's share premium and accumulated losses under applicable provisions of the Companies Law in the Cayman Islands. Details of the distributable reserves of the Company are set out in note 33 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment of the Group during the Year is set out in note 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

SHARE CAPITAL

Details of movements during the Year in the share capital of the Company are set out in note 30 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries had sold, purchased or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the Year, (including sales of treasury shares (the "**Treasury Shares**") within the meaning under the Listing Rules). As at 31 December 2024, the Company did not hold any Treasury Shares.

GROUP FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A summary of the results and the assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years is set out on page 5 of this annual report. This summary does not form part of the audited financial statements.

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BUSINESS REVIEW

The review of the business of the Group during the Year and the discussion on the Group's future business development are set out in the sections headed "Chairman's Statement" and "Management Discussion and Analysis", and the description of principal risks and uncertainties facing the Group and key financial performance indicators are set out in the section headed, "Management Discussion and Analysis". The financial risk management objectives and policies of the Group are set out in note 38 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. In addition, discussions on the Group's relationships with key stakeholders, environmental policies and performance and compliance with relevant laws and regulations which have a significant impact on the Group are as follows:

Relationship With Key Stakeholders

The Group's success depends on the support from key stakeholders which comprise employees, customers and suppliers.

Employees

The Group is committed to establishing a close and caring relationship with its employees. The Group provides a fair and safe workplace, promotes diversity to the staff, provides competitive remuneration and benefits and career development opportunities based on their merits and performance. The Group also puts ongoing efforts to provide adequate trainings and development resources to the employees so that they can keep abreast of the latest development of the market and the industry and, at the same time, improve their performance and self-fulfillment in their positions.

Customers and suppliers

During the Year, the Group's five largest suppliers contributed approximately 59.6% of the Group's total purchase. The largest supplier has attributed to approximately 17.4% of the Group's total purchase. The Group sold products directly to customers which included the major telecommunication network operators in the PRC. The largest customer has accounted for approximately 24.3% of the total sales. The Group's sales generated from top five customers has attributed to approximately 40.2% of the Group's total sales. Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors, their respective close associates or any shareholders of the Company (which to the knowledge of the Directors owns more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital) have any interest in any of the Group's five largest customers and suppliers.

The Group is able to build up close working relationship with its business partners and bring together the customers and suppliers to develop foundation technology. The Directors have frequent interactions with the customers regarding their feedbacks on the quality of our products which would then be reflected to the suppliers. Through this solid communication channel together with our experienced management team, the Directors believe that we are able to better understand our customers' needs as well as the market trend in order to make appropriate modifications or improvements to our products.

Environmental Policies And Performance

We believe that our business also depends on our ability to meet our customers' requirements in respect of safety, quality and environmental aspects. To fulfil our customers' requirements on safety, quality and environmental aspects, we have established and implemented various quality control measures in our operation process. Through the systematic and effective control of our operations, compliance with safety, quality and environmental requirements can be further assured.

Compliance With Relevant Laws And Regulations

The Directors confirmed that during the Year and up to the date of this annual report, the Group had obtained all the registrations and certifications required for its business and operations and had complied with the applicable laws and regulations in the PRC.

DIRECTORS

The Directors during the Year and up to the date of this annual report were:

Executive Directors

Ms. Wang Qiuping (*Chairlady and Chief Executive Officer*)

Mr. Zhao Xiaobao (alias Zhao Baohua)

Ms. Zhao Moge

Independent Non-Executive Directors

Ms. Cheng Shing Yan

Mr. Liu Guodong

Mr. Xie Haidong

Information regarding directors' emoluments are set out in note 14 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Directors' biographical details are set out in the section headed "Directors and Senior Management's Profile" in this annual report.

In accordance with article 83(3) of the Articles of Association of the Company (the "**Articles**"), any Director appointed by the Board either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office only until the next following general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

Pursuant to article 84(1) of the Articles, at every annual general meeting of the Company one-third of the Directors for the time being, or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to, but not less than, one-third, shall retire from office by rotation, provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific term) shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. A retiring Director shall retain office until the close of the meeting at which he retires and shall be eligible for re-election thereat. The Company at any annual general meeting at which any Directors retire may fill the vacated office by electing a like number of persons to be Directors.

Accordingly, Ms. Zhao Moge and Mr. Xie Haidong will retire from office as Directors at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company. All of them being eligible will offer themselves for re-election.

The Company has received from each of the independent non-executive Directors, an annual confirmation of his/her independence pursuant to rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Company considers all of the independent non-executive Directors are independent.

DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACT

Each of the executive Directors has entered into a service contract with the Company which is initially for a fixed term of 3 years, commencing from the Listing Date and renewable automatically for successive terms of one year each commencing from the day next after the expiry of the then current term, and shall continue thereafter until terminated by not less than one month's written notice to the other party.

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Each of the independent non-executive Directors has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company which is initially for a fixed term of 2 years, commencing from the Listing Date and renewable automatically for successive terms of one year each commencing from the day next after the expiry of the then current term. The appointment is subject to termination under certain circumstances as stipulated in the said letter of appointment, and the provisions of the Articles with regard to vacation of office of Directors, removal and retirement by rotation of Directors.

Each of the executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors is subject to termination provisions therein and provisions on retirement by rotation of Directors as set out in the Articles.

Apart from the foregoing, none of the Director proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has a service contract with the Company which is not determinable by the Company within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

At no time during the Year were rights to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company granted to any of the Directors or their respective spouses or minor children, or were any such rights exercised by them; or was the Company, its holding companies, or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors to acquire such rights in any other body corporate.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS, ARRANGEMENTS OR CONTRACTS

No Director nor a connected entity of a Director had a material interest, either directly or indirectly, in any transactions, arrangements or contracts of significance to the business of the Group to which the Company, the holding companies of the Company, or any of the Company's subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries was a party during the Year.

PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISION

A permitted indemnity provision as defined in the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) was in force for an indemnity against a liability incurred by Directors to a third party during the Year and up to the date of this annual report.

DIVIDEND POLICY

The proposal of payment and the amount of dividends will be made at the discretion of the Board and will depend on the Group's general business condition and strategies, cash flows, financial results and capital requirements, the interests of the shareholders, taxation conditions, statutory and regulatory restrictions and other factors that the Board deems relevant.

In addition, as the Company is a holding company registered in the Cayman Islands and our operations are conducted through our subsidiaries, some of which are incorporated in the PRC, the availability of funds to pay distributions to shareholders and to service the Group's debts depends on dividends received from these subsidiaries.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 31 December 2024, the interests and short positions of the Directors or chief executive of the Company in the shares of the Company (the “**Shares**”), or any of the 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 shall have to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including any interest or short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or shall be required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein, or shall be required, pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “**Model Code**”), to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

Long Positions in the Shares

Name of director	Capacity/Nature of interest	Number of shares held (Note 1)	Approximate percentage of shareholding
Ms. Wang Qiuping	Interest in a controlled corporation (Note 2)	408,375,000	37.13%
Mr. Zhao Xiaobao	Interest in a controlled corporation (Note 3)	358,875,000	32.63%

Notes:

- All interests stated are long positions.
- These Shares are held by Arcenciel Capital Co., Ltd (“**Arcenciel Capital**”), which is wholly owned by Ms. Wang. By virtue of the SFO, Ms. Wang is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Arcenciel Capital.
- These Shares are held by Point Stone Capital Co., Ltd (“**Point Stone Capital**”), which is wholly owned by Mr. Zhao. By virtue of the SFO, Mr. Zhao is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Point Stone Capital.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2024, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company had registered an interest or short position in the Shares or underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which he was taken or deemed to have under provision of the SFO) or were required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be recorded in the register referred to therein or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

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SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 31 December 2024, so far as is known to the Directors or chief executive of the Company, the following persons (other than Directors or chief executive of the Company), who had interests or short positions in the Shares, the underlying Shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporation within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO which were required to be disclosed pursuant to the provision of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were required, pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO, to be recorded in the register referred to therein, were as follows:

Name of shareholder	Capacity/Nature of interest	Number of shares held (Note 1)	Approximate percentage of shareholding
Arcenciel Capital	Beneficial owner (Note 2)	408,375,000	37.13%
Point Stone Capital	Beneficial owner (Note 3)	358,875,000	32.63%

Notes:

1. All interests stated are long positions.
2. These Shares are held by Arcenciel Capital, which is wholly owned by Ms. Wang Qiuping. By virtue of the SFO, Ms. Wang is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Arcenciel Capital.
3. These Shares are held by Point Stone Capital, which is wholly owned by Mr. Zhao Xiaobao. By virtue of the SFO, Mr. Zhao is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Point Stone Capital.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2024, the Company had not been notified by any persons (other than Directors or chief executive of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares or debentures of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were required, pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO, to be recorded in the register referred to therein.

EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENTS

Save as disclosed under the section headed "Share Option Scheme" below, no equity-linked agreements were entered into by the Group, or existed during the Year.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Pursuant to the shareholder written resolutions passed on 21 October 2017, the Company adopted a share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme"). The Share Option Scheme will remain in force for a period of 10 years commencing on 21 October 2017. As at 31 December 2024, the remaining life of the Share Option Scheme is approximately 3 years. No share options have been granted under the Share Option Scheme since its effective date and up to 31 December 2024 and hence there was no outstanding options as at 31 December 2024. The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to enable the Group to grant options to selected participants as incentives or rewards for their contribution to the Group.

Under the Share Option Scheme, the Board may, at its discretion, grant options to subscribe for shares in the Company to eligible participants (the “**Eligible Participants**”) who contribute to the long-term growth and profitability of the Company. Eligible Participants include (i) any employee (whether full-time or part-time including any executive Director but excluding any non-executive Director) of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any entity (the “**Invested Entity**”) in which any member of the Group holds an equity interest; (ii) any non-executive Directors (including independent non-executive Directors) of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any Invested Entity; (iii) any supplier of goods or services to any member of the Group or any Invested Entity; (iv) any customer of any member of the Group or any Invested Entity; (v) any person or entity that provides research, development or other technological support to any member of the Group or any Invested Entity; (vi) any shareholder of any member of the Group or any Invested Entity or any holder of any securities issued by any member of the Group or any Invested Entity; (vii) any adviser (professional or otherwise) or consultant to any area of business or business development of any member of the Group or any Invested Entity; and (viii) any other group or classes of participants who have contributed or may contribute by way of joint venture, business alliance or other business arrangement to the development and growth of the Group and, for the purposes of the Share Option Scheme, the options may be granted to any company wholly owned by one or more Eligible Participants. For the avoidance of doubt, the grant of any options by the Company for the subscription of Shares or other securities of the Group to any person who falls within any of the above classes of Eligible Participants shall not, by itself, unless the Directors otherwise determined, be construed as a grant of option under the Share Option Scheme.

The maximum number of shares which may be allotted and issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes adopted by the Group shall not exceed 30% of the share capital of the Company in issue from time to time. The total number of shares which may be allotted and issued upon exercise of all options (excluding, for this purpose, options which have lapsed in accordance with the terms of the Share Option Scheme and any other share option scheme of the Group) to be granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option scheme of the Group must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the shares in issue as at the Listing date (i.e. not exceeding 110,000,000 shares).

The maximum entitlement of each Eligible Participants under the Share Option Scheme shall be:

(a) Subject to paragraph (b) below, the total number of Shares allotted and issued and which may fall to be allotted and issued upon exercise of the options and the options granted under any other share option scheme of the Group (including both exercised or outstanding options) to each Eligible Participant in any 12-month period shall not exceed 1% of the issued share capital of the Company for the time being. Any further grant of options in excess of such limit in any 12-month period up to and including the date of such further grant shall be subject to the issue of a circular to the Shareholders and the Shareholders’ approval in general meeting of the Company with such participant and his close associates (or his associates if the participant is a connected person) abstaining from voting. The number and terms (including the exercise price) of options to be granted to such participant must be fixed before Shareholders’ approval and the date of board meeting for proposing such further grant should be taken as the date of grant for the purpose of calculating the exercise price under note (1) to Rule 17.03(9) of the Listing Rules; and

(b) 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 (excluding any independent non-executive Director who is the proposed grantee of the option). In addition, any share options granted to a substantial shareholder or an independent non-executive Director, 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 the grant) in excess of HKD5,000,000, within any twelve month period, are subject to shareholders’ approval in advance in a general meeting.

The offer of a grant of share options may be accepted within 21 days from the date of the offer, upon payment of a nominal consideration of HKD1 in total by the grantee. The exercise period of the share options granted is determinable by the Directors, save that such period shall not be more than ten years from the date of the offer of the share options, subject to the provisions for early termination as set out in the Share Option Scheme. Unless otherwise determined by the Directors at their absolute discretion, there is no requirement of a minimum period for which an option must be held before an option can be exercised. In addition, there is no performance target which must be achieved before any of the options can be exercised.

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The exercise price of the share options is determinable by the Directors, but may not be less than the highest of (i) the Stock Exchange closing price of the Company's shares on the date of the offer of the share options; (ii) the average Stock Exchange closing price of the Company's shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of the offer; and (iii) the nominal value of the Company's shares on the date of the offer.

No option was granted, exercised, cancelled or lapsed under the Share Option Scheme since from the date adopted this Share Option Scheme till the end of the Last Year and there was no outstanding share option as at 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024.

No share-based payment expense was recognised for the Year in relation to share options granted by the Company.

As at the date of this annual report, the Company may grant up to 110,000,000 share option under the Share Option Scheme, which represented 10% of the Company's shares in issue as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution adopting the Share Option Scheme and 10% of the Company's shares in issue as at the date of this annual report.

CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

The Group had not entered into any transactions constituted connected transactions (including continuing connected transactions) which is subject to the disclosure requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules during the Year.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The significant related party transactions entered into by the Group during the Year are set out in note 32 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. The related party transactions of the Group do not fall under the definition of "connected transaction" or "continuing connected transaction" under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

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

COMPETING BUSINESS

The Company received confirmations from the controlling shareholders of the Company in March 2025 on their compliance of the non-competition undertaking under the deed of non-completion as disclosed in the section headed "Relationship with Controlling Shareholders" in the prospectus of the Company dated 27 October 2017 (the "**Deed of non-competition**") for the Year. The independent non-executive Directors have reviewed the confirmations and evaluated the effectiveness of the implementation of the Deed of non-competition and concluded that none of the controlling shareholders and their respective associates had any interests in a business, apart from the business of the Group, which competes or may compete with the business of the Group or has any other conflict of interest with the Group which would be required to be disclosed under Rule 8.10 of the Listing Rules and pursuant to the Deed of non-competition during the Year.

EMOLUMENT POLICY

The emolument policy of the employees of the Group was set up by the Board on the basis of their merit, qualifications and competence. The emolument of the Directors are decided by the Remuneration Committee, having regard to the Company's operating results, individual performance and comparable market statistics.

The Company has adopted a Share Option Scheme as an incentive to eligible persons, details are set out in the section headed "Share Option Scheme" in this annual report and the section headed "Statutory and General Information – 15. Share option scheme" in the prospectus of the Company dated 27 October 2017.

REMUNERATION PAID TO MEMBERS OF SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Pursuant to code provision E.1.5 of the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules ("CG Code"), the members of the senior management (other than the Directors) whose particulars are set out in the section headed "Directors and Senior Management's Profile" in this annual report and their remuneration for the Year by band is set out in the corporate governance report in this annual report.

RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEME

Details of the Group's retirement benefit schemes are set out in note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

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

SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors as at the date of this annual report, the Company has maintained sufficient public float throughout the Year as required under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

The percentages of the Group's turnover and purchases attributable to major customers and suppliers during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2024 are as follows:

	For the year ended 31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Percentage of turnover		
From the largest customer	24.3%	15.7%
From the five largest customers in aggregate	40.2%	42.0%
Percentage of purchase		
From the largest supplier	17.4%	20.4%
From the five largest suppliers in aggregate	59.6%	56.3%

At no time during the Year did a Director, an associate of a Director or a shareholder of the Company (which to the knowledge of the Directors owns more than 5% of the number of issued shares of the Company) have an interest in any of the Group's five largest suppliers or customers.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Save as disclosed above, there was no other significant event relevant to the business or financial performance of the Group that came to the attention of the Directors after the Year.

AUDITOR

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 has been audited by Moore CPA Limited. Moore CPA Limited shall retire in the forthcoming AGM and being eligible, will offer themselves for reappointment. A resolution will be proposed in the forthcoming AGM to re-appoint Moore CPA Limited as auditor of the Company.

On behalf of the Board

Wang Qiuping

Chairlady

Hong Kong, 31 March 2025

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Board is pleased to present the corporate governance report of the Company for the Year.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CULTURE AND VALUE

The Company is committed to ensuring that its affairs are conducted in accordance with high ethical standards. This reflects its belief that, in the achievement of its long-term objectives, it is imperative to act with probity, transparency and accountability. By so acting, the Company believes that Shareholder wealth will be maximised in the long term and that its employees, those with whom it does business and the communities in which it operates will all benefit.

Corporate governance is the process by which the Board instructs management of the Group to conduct its affairs with a view to ensuring that its objectives are met. The Board is committed to maintaining and developing robust corporate governance practices that are intended to ensure:

- satisfactory and sustainable returns to Shareholders;
- that the interests of those who deal with the Company are safeguarded;
- that overall business risk is understood and managed appropriately;
- the delivery of high-quality products and services to the satisfaction of customers; and
- that high standards of ethics are maintained.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company is committed to maintaining a high standard of corporate governance and believes that a good corporate governance can (i) enhance management effectiveness and efficiency; (ii) increase the transparency of the Company; (iii) enhance risk management and internal control of the Company; and (iv) safeguard the interests of the shareholders of the Company and the Company as a whole.

The Company has adopted the CG Code as set out in Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules as its own code of corporate governance practices. Save for the deviation as disclosed herein below, the Company has complied with the applicable code provisions as set out in the CG Code during the Year. The key corporate governance principles and practices of the Company are outlined in this report.

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Provision C.2.1 of the CG Code provides that the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The division of responsibilities between the chairman and the chief executive should be clearly established and set out in writing.

Ms. Wang is the chairlady of the Board and the chief executive officer of the Company. This deviates from the practice under provision C.2.1 of the CG Code, where it provides that the two positions should be held by two different individuals. However, as Ms. Wang has considerable and extensive knowledge and experience in the industry and in enterprise operation and management in general, the Board believes that it is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders as a whole to continue to have Ms. Wang as the chairlady of the Board so that the Board can benefit from her knowledge of the business and her capability in leading the Board in the long term development of the Group. From a corporate governance point of view, the decisions of the Board are made collectively by way of voting and therefore the chairman should not be able to monopolise the voting of the Board. The Board considers that the balance of power between the Board and the senior management of the Company can still be maintained under the current structure. The Board shall review the structure from time to time to ensure appropriate action is taken should the need arise.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

Independent Non-Executive Directors

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Board has at all times met the requirements of the Listing Rules relating to the appointment of at least three independent non-executive Directors representing one-third of the Board with one of whom possessing appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise.

The Company has received written annual confirmation from each of the independent non-executive Directors in respect of his/her independence in accordance with the independence guidelines set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Company is of the view that all independent non-executive Directors are independent.

THE BOARD

Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the overall leadership of the Group, overseeing the Group's strategic decisions and monitoring its business and performance. The Board has delegated the authority and responsibility for day-to-day management and operation of the Group to the senior management of the Group. To oversee particular aspects of the Company's affairs, the Board has established the Audit Committee, the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee. The Board has delegated to the Board committees responsibilities as set out in their respective terms of reference.

All Directors have carried out duties in good faith and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and have acted in the interests of the Company and the shareholders of the Company at all times.

The Company has arranged appropriate liability insurance in respect of legal action against the Directors. The insurance coverage will be reviewed on an annual basis.

BOARD COMPOSITION

During the Year and up to the date of this annual report, the composition of the Board is as follows:

Executive Directors:

Ms. Wang Qiuping (*Chairlady and Chief Executive Officer*)

Mr. Zhao Xiaobao (alias Zhao Baohua)

Ms. Zhao Moge

Independent Non-Executive Directors:

Ms. Cheng Shing Yan

Mr. Liu Guodong

Mr. Xie Haidong

To the best knowledge of the Directors, save and except Ms. Wang Qiuping and Mr. Zhao Xiaobao are spouse and Ms. Zhao Moge is the daughter of Ms. Wang Qiuping and Mr. Zhao Xiaobao, there was no other relationship (including financial, business, family or other material/relevant relationship) among members of the Board.

The biographies of the Directors are set out under the section headed "Directors and Senior Management's Profile" of this annual report.

During the Year, the Company has been in compliance with the requirements under Rules 3.10(1) and 3.10(2) of the Listing Rules relating to the appointment of at least three independent non-executive Directors with at least one independent non-executive Director possessing appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise. The Company has also complied with Rule 3.10A of the Listing Rules relating to the appointment of independent non-executive Directors representing at least one-third of the Board.

The Company believes that the diversity of the Board members will be immensely beneficial for the enhancement of the Company's performance. Therefore, the Company has adopted a Board diversity policy to ensure that the Company will, when determining the composition of the Board, consider the Board diversity in terms of, among other things, age, cultural and educational background, professional experience, skills and knowledge. The Board diversity policy sets out the approach towards achieving diversity on the Board. Pursuant to the Board diversity policy, all Board appointments will be based on merits, and candidates will be considered against objective criteria, having due regard for the benefits of diversity of the Board. As each of the independent non-executive Directors has confirmed his/her independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules, the Company considers all of them to be independent parties. All Directors, including independent non-executive Directors, have brought a wide spectrum of valuable business experience, knowledge and professionalism to the Board for its efficient and effective functioning. Independent non-executive Directors are invited to serve on the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee.

As regards the CG Code provision requiring directors to disclose the number and nature of offices held in public companies or organisations and other significant commitments as well as the identity and the time involved to the issuer, the Directors have agreed to disclose their commitments and any subsequent change to the Company in a timely manner.

Directors' Continuing Professional Development

Each Director was provided with the necessary training and information to ensure that he/she has proper understanding of the responsibilities under the Listing Rules and the applicable law, rules and regulations. The Directors are encouraged to participate in continuous professional development courses and seminars to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills. The Company will continue to arrange suitable training and regular seminars to provide the Directors with updates on the latest developments and changes in the Listing Rules and other relevant legal and regulatory requirements from time to time.

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The training records of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 2024 are summarized as follows:

Name of Directors	Type of Training (Note)
Executive Directors	
Ms. Wang Qiuping (<i>Chairlady and Chief Executive Officer</i>)	B
Mr. Zhao Xiaobao (alias Zhao Baohua)	B
Ms. Zhao Moge	B
Independent Non-Executive Directors	
Ms. Cheng Shing Yan	B
Mr. Liu Guodong	B
Mr. Xie Haidong	B

Note:

Types of Training

A: Attending training sessions, including but not limited to, briefings, seminars, conferences and workshops

B: Reading relevant news alerts, newspapers, journals, magazines and relevant publications

Appointment and Re-election of Directors

Each of the executive Directors has signed a service contract with the Company for a term of three years commencing from their respective date of appointment and renewable automatically for successive terms of one year each commencing from the day next after the expiry of the then current term, subject to termination as provided in the service contract.

Each of the independent non-executive Directors has signed an appointment letter with the Company for a term of two years commencing from the Listing Date and renewable automatically for successive terms of one year each commencing from the day next after the expiry of the then current term.

The appointments of executive Directors, non-executive Director and independent non-executive Directors are subject to the provisions of retirement and rotation of Directors under the articles of association of the Company (the “**Articles**”) and the applicable Listing Rules. The procedures and process of appointment, re-election and removal of Directors are set out in the Articles.

In accordance with the article 84(1) of the Articles, at every annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to, but not less than, one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific term) shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. Any Director appointed pursuant to article 83(3) of the Articles shall not be taken into account in determining which Directors are to retire by rotation. A retiring Director shall retain office until the close of the meeting at which he retires and shall be eligible for re-election thereat. The Company at any annual general meeting at which any Directors retire may fill the vacated office by electing a like number of persons to be Directors.

Board Meetings, General Meetings and Attendance of Directors

The Board is committed to holding regular board meetings at least four times a year at approximately quarterly intervals. The Group establishes an effective communication among all the Directors.

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During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Company held 4 Board meetings, 2 Audit Committee meetings, 1 Remuneration Committee meeting and 1 Nomination Committee meeting. Apart from regular Board meetings, the Chairman also held a meeting with the independent non-executive Directors without the presence of other executive Directors during the year. The attendance record of each Director at the abovementioned Board meetings and committee meetings has been set out below.

Name of Directors	Attendance/Number of				
	Board Meeting	Audit Committee Meeting	Remuneration Committee Meeting	Nomination Committee Meeting	General Meeting
Executive Directors					
Ms. Wang Qiuping (<i>Chairlady and Chief Executive Officer</i>)	4/4	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Mr. Zhao Xiaobao (alias Zhao Baohua)	4/4	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Ms. Zhao Moge	4/4	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Independent Non-executive Directors					
Ms. Cheng Shing Yan	4/4	2/2	1/1	1/1	1/1
Mr. Liu Guodong	4/4	2/2	1/1	1/1	1/1
Mr. Xie Haidong	4/4	2/2	1/1	1/1	1/1

COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE

The Company has adopted the Model Code set out in Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors. The Company has made enquiries to all Directors regarding any non-compliance with the Model Code.

All the Directors confirmed that they have fully complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code during the Year.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

The Board is responsible for all major matters of the Company, including approval and monitoring of all policy matters, overall strategies and budgets, internal control and risk management systems, financial information, appointment of Directors and other significant financial and operational matters. Directors could have recourse to seek independent professional advice in performing their duties at the Company's expense. The daily management, administration and operation of the Group are delegated to the senior management. The delegated functions and responsibilities are periodically reviewed by the Board. Approval has to be obtained from the Board prior to any significant transactions entered into by the management.

BOARD COMMITTEE

The Board has established the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee and delegated various responsibilities to these committees, which assist the Board in discharging its duties and overseeing particular aspects of the Group's activities.

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Audit committee

The Company established an Audit Committee on 21 October 2017 with written terms of reference in compliance with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules and paragraph D.3 of the CG Code. The duties of the Audit Committee include, without limitation, (a) making recommendations to our Board on the appointment, re-appointment and removal of the external auditor, approving the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditor, and any questions of its resignation or dismissal; (b) monitoring integrity of our financial statements, our annual report and accounts and our half-year report, and reviewing significant financial reporting judgments contained therein; and (c) reviewing our financial controls, internal control and risk management systems. The terms of reference of the Audit Committee are currently made available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company.

The Audit Committee consists of three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Ms. Cheng Shing Yan, Mr. Liu Guodong and Mr. Xie Haidong. Ms. Cheng Shing Yan who possesses the appropriate professional qualifications as required under Rule 3.10(2) and 3.21 of the Listing Rules is the chairlady of the Audit Committee. The quorum of meetings of the Audit Committee shall be any two members.

The Audit Committee will hold at least two meetings a year and will also meet the external auditor at least twice a year without the presence of the executive Directors. Terms of reference adopted by the Audit Committee are aligned with the Code Provisions set out in the CG Code.

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Audit Committee had held 2 meetings, together with the management of the Company and external independent auditor, reviewed the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and 30 June 2024, and considered that they were prepared in compliance with the relevant accounting standards and that the Company has made appropriate disclosure thereof.

Remuneration committee

The Company established a Remuneration Committee on 21 October 2017 with written terms of reference in compliance with Rule 3.25 of the Listing Rules and paragraph E.1 of the CG Code. The duties of the Remuneration Committee, under the principle that no Director should be involved in deciding his own remuneration, include, without limitation, (a) making recommendations to our Board on our policy and structure for the remuneration of all of our Directors and senior management and on the establishment of a formal and transparent procedure for developing remuneration policies; (b) making recommendations to our Board on the remuneration packages of our executive Directors and senior management, including benefits in kind, pension rights and compensation payments, including any compensation payable for loss or termination of their offices or appointments, and making recommendations to our Board of the remuneration of our independent non-executive Directors; and (c) reviewing and approving our management's remuneration proposals with reference to our Board's corporate goals and objectives. The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee are currently made available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company.

The Remuneration Committee consists of Mr. Liu Guodong, Ms. Cheng Shing Yan and Mr. Xie Haidong. Mr. Liu Guodong is the chairman of the Remuneration Committee. The quorum of meetings of Remuneration Committee shall be any two members.

The Remuneration Committee will meet at least once a year to review and make recommendation to the Board on the remuneration policy and structure of the Company, and the remuneration packages of the executive Directors and senior management of the Group and other related matters. Terms of reference adopted by the Remuneration Committee are aligned with the Code Provisions set out in the CG Code.

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Remuneration Committee held 1 meeting which had been supplied with the necessary information of the Group for members to consider, review and access significant issues arising from the work conducted.

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Pursuant to code provision E.1.5 of the CG Code, the remuneration of the members of senior management (other than the Directors) by band for the year ended 31 December 2024 is set out below:

Remuneration (RMB)	Number of Individuals
Less than 100,000	0
100,000-500,000	2

Nomination committee

The Company established a Nomination Committee on 21 October 2017 with written terms of reference in compliance with Rule 3.27A of the Listing Rules and paragraph B.3 of the CG Code. The duties of the Nomination Committee include, without limitation, (a) reviewing the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) of our Board at least annually and making recommendations on any proposed changes to our Board to complement our corporate strategy; (b) identifying individuals suitably qualified to become members of our Board and selecting or making recommendations to our Board on the selection of individuals nominated for directorships; (c) assessing the independence of our independent non-executive Directors; and (d) making recommendations to our Board on the appointment or re-appointment of our Directors and succession planning for our Directors, in particular the chairman and the chief executive. The terms of reference of the Nomination Committee are currently made available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company.

The Nomination Committee consists of Mr. Xie Haidong, Ms. Cheng Shing Yan and Mr. Liu Guodong. Mr. Xie Haidong is the chairman of the Nomination Committee. The quorum of meetings of the Nomination Committee shall be any two members.

The Nomination Committee will meet at least once a year to review the structure, size and diversity of the Board and the independence of the independent non-executive Directors and to consider the qualifications of the retiring Directors standing for election at annual general meetings. Terms of reference adopted by the Nomination Committee are aligned with the Code Provisions set out in the CG Code.

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Nomination Committee held 1 meeting which had been supplied with the necessary information of the Group for members to consider, review and access significant issues arising from the work conducted.

BOARD DIVERSITY POLICY

The Board adopts a board diversity policy. The Company recognises and embraces the benefits of having a diverse Board to enhance the quality of its performance. Diversity of Board members can be achieved through consideration of a number of factors, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural background and ethnicity, in addition to educational background, professional qualifications, industry and regional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service. All the Board appointments will be based on meritocracy, and candidates will be considered against appropriate criteria, having due regard for the benefits of diversity on the Board.

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GENDER DIVERSITY

The Company values gender diversity across all levels of the Group. The following table sets out the gender ratio in the workforce of the Group, including the Board and senior management as at the date of this Annual Report:

	Female	Male
Board	50% (3)	50% (3)
Senior Management	50% (1)	50% (1)
Other employees	45% (180)	55% (224)
Overall workforce	45% (184)	55% (228)

The Board is committed to improving greater gender diversity in the Board, senior management and other employees of the Group and wishes to achieve at least 50% of female Directors, 50% of female senior management and 45% of female employees by the end of 31 December 2025.

Details on the gender ratio of the Group together with relevant data can be found in the Environmental, Social and Governance Report on pages 48 to 50 of this annual report.

DIRECTOR NOMINATION POLICY

The Board has delegated its responsibilities and authority for selection and appointment of Directors to the Nomination Committee of the Company.

The Company has adopted a Director Nomination Policy which sets out the selection criteria and process and the Board succession planning considerations in relation to nomination and appointment of Directors of the Company and aims to ensure that the Board has a balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspectives appropriate to the Company and the continuity of the Board and appropriate leadership at Board level.

The Director Nomination Policy sets out the factors for assessing the suitability and the potential contribution to the Board of a proposed candidate, including but not limited to the following:

- Character and honesty: The candidate should be persons of integrity, honesty and good reputation;
- Diversity in aspects: including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, professional experience, skills, knowledge, length of service and diversity aspects under the Board Diversity Policy that are relevant to the business and corporate strategies of the Company;
- Availability: The candidate should have sufficient time for the proper discharge of the duties of a Director, including devoting adequate time for the preparation and participation in meetings, training and other Board or Company associated activities;
- Independence: Requirement for the Board to have independent directors in accordance with the Listing Rules (as amended from time to time) and whether the candidates would be considered independent with reference to the independence guidelines set out in the Listing Rules; and
- Other relevant factors considered by Nomination Committee on a case-by-case basis.

The Director Nomination Policy also sets out the procedures for the selection and appointment of new Directors and re-election of Directors at general meetings. During the year ended 31 December 2024, there was no change in the composition of the Board.

The Nomination Committee will review the Director Nomination Policy, as appropriate, to ensure its effectiveness.

DIRECTORS' AND AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group. In preparing the financial statements which give a true and fair view, it is fundamental that the appropriate accounting policies are selected and applied consistently. The reporting responsibilities of the Directors and the Company's external auditor on the consolidated financial statements of the Group are set out in the independent auditor's report on pages 56 to 59 of this annual report. The Directors were not aware of any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions which may cast significant doubt upon the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

The remuneration for the audit services provided by the auditor to the Group during the Year amounted to HKD1,000,000.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FUNCTIONS

The Board is responsible for performing the functions set out in the code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code.

During the year, the Board had reviewed the Company's corporate governance policies and practices, training and continuous professional development of Directors and senior management, the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the compliance of the Model Code and the Employees Written Guidelines, and the Company's compliance with the CG Code and disclosure in this Corporate Governance Report.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

Responsibilities of the Board

The Board acknowledges its responsibility for overseeing the Group's risk management and internal control systems and reviewing the effectiveness of such systems through the Audit Committee on annual basis. The Audit Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its oversight and corporate roles in the Group's financial, operational, compliance, risk management, internal controls, while senior management designs, implements and monitors the risk management and internal control systems, and provides reports to the Board and the Audit Committee on the effectiveness of these systems. However, systems and internal controls can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss, as they are designed to manage, rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve the Group's business.

Risk Management and Assessment

The Company has established formal risk assessment criteria for the Group. Senior management identifies risks that potentially impact the key processes of the operations on an annual basis. Risks are scored and ranked by their impact on the business and the likelihood of their occurrence. Senior management assesses the effectiveness of the existing controls and formulates risk mitigating activities. Results of the annual risk assessment are reported to the Audit Committee, including amongst other things, significant risks of the Group and the appropriate control activities to mitigate and/or transfer the identified risks objectives.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

Internal Control

The Company has established defined levels of responsibilities and reporting procedures. Controls have been designed and established to ensure that assets are safeguarded against improper use or disposal, financial and accounting records are maintained in accordance with relevant accounting standards and regulatory reporting requirements, and key risks that may impact on the Group's performance are identified and assessed.

The Company has internal audit function which is primarily responsible for developing various internal control manuals and procedures, conducting reviews on the key operational processes and the related internal controls to ensure compliance with the Group's risk management and internal control policies and procedures.

The Group has engaged a consulting firm to conduct an annual review of the effectiveness of the internal control system of the Group including making recommendations to enhance the overall internal control system for the year ended 31 December 2024. The internal control review report has been approved by the Audit Committee and the Board. Based on the internal control review report and its own assessment, the Board considered that the Company's internal control system is adequate and effective.

Review of Risk Management and Internal Control Systems

The Audit Committee assists the Board in the review of the effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems on an ongoing basis. The Directors through the Audit Committee are kept informed of significant risks that may impact on the Group's performance. For the Year, the Board considered the risk management and internal control systems of the Group to be effective and adequate. The Audit Committee has reviewed and is satisfied with the adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programmes and budget of the Group's accounting, and financial reporting function.

Procedures and Controls over Handling and Dissemination of Inside Information

The Company is aware of its obligation under relevant sections of the SFO and the Listing Rules. An Inside Information Policy has been established to lay down practical guidelines on definition of inside information, compliance and reporting, disclosure and announcement of inside information. All members of the Board, senior management, head of departments, and staff who are likely to possess inside information are strictly bound by this policy. Staff who have access to inside information is required to keep the unpublished inside information confidential until relevant announcement is made. Failure to comply with such requirements may result in disciplinary actions.

COMPANY SECRETARY

Ms. Chan Sze Ting was appointed as the Company's company secretary on 1 October 2023. Ms. Chan is a director of the company secretarial services division of Tricor Services Limited (a member of Vistra Group), a global professional services provider specializing in integrated business, corporate and investor services.

All Directors have access to the advice and services of the company secretary on corporate governance and board practices and matters. Ms. Zhao Moge, an executive Director, is the primary contact person at the Company which would work and communicate with Ms. Chan Sze Ting on the Company's corporate governance and company secretarial matters.

For the year ended 31 December 2024, Ms. Chan has undertaken not less than 15 hours of relevant professional training respectively in compliance with Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules.

COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTOR RELATIONS

The Company considers that effective communication with the Shareholders is essential for enhancing investor relations and understanding of the Group's business, performance and strategies. The Company also recognises the importance of timely and non-selective disclosure of information, which will enable the Shareholders and investors to make the informed investment decisions. To promote effective communication, the Company adopts a shareholders communication policy which aims at establishing a two-way relationship and communication between the Company and the Shareholders and maintains a website of the Company at www.potel-group.com, where up-to-date information on the Company's business operations and developments, financial information, corporate governance practices and other information are available for public access.

SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

The Company seriously takes care the Shareholders' interest to ensure that they are treated fairly and are able to exercise their Shareholders' rights effectively. Shareholders are entitled by the Articles and are also encouraged to participate in the Company's general meetings.

Convening of extraordinary general meeting

In accordance with the Articles, any one or more Shareholders holding, at the date of deposit of the requisition, not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company having the right of voting at general meetings shall have the right, by written notice, to require an extraordinary general meeting (the "EGM") to be called by the Directors for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition. Such requisition shall be made in writing to the Board or the company secretary of the Company which is situated at Room 1919, 19/F, Lee Garden One, 33 Hysan Avenue, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. The EGM shall be held within two months after the deposit of such requisition. If the Directors fail to proceed to convene such meeting within 21 days of such deposit, the requisitionist(s) himself (themselves) may do so in the same manner, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Directors shall be reimbursed to the requisitionist(s) by the Company.

Procedures for putting forward proposals by Shareholders at Shareholders' meeting

To put forward proposals at a general meeting of the Company, a Shareholder should lodge a written notice of the proposal (the "Proposal") with his/her/its detailed contact information at the Company's headquarters and principal place of business of the Company in Hong Kong, with a copy of the Proposal served to the Company's Hong Kong share registrar at their respective address. The request will be verified with the Company's Hong Kong share registrar and upon their confirmation that the request is proper and in order, the Board will be asked to include the Proposal in the agenda for the general meeting.

Enquiries to the Board

Shareholders who intend to put forward their enquiries about the Company to the Board could send their enquiries to the Hong Kong office of the Company at Room 1919, 19/F, Lee Garden One, 33 Hysan Avenue, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

CHANGE IN CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENT

There is no significant change in the Company's constitutional documents during the Year.

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

ABOUT THE REPORT

Putian Communication Group Limited (hereafter, “**Putian**” or the “**Company**”) and its subsidiaries (collectively known as the “**Group**” or “**we**”) are pleased to present the Environmental, Social and Governance (“**ESG**”) report mainly focuses on the Group’s principle activities during 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 (the “**Year**” or the “**Reporting Period**”). The aim of the ESG Report is to provide our stakeholders with a comprehensive understanding of our environmental, social and governance (“**ESG**”) performance, initiatives and achievements, and to illustrate our longterm commitment to fulfilling our corporate social responsibility.

Scope of the Report

The ESG report mainly covers the environmental and social policies of the Group’s business in manufacturing communication cable. Our ESG report will cover environmental and social data of two major subsidiaries, Putian Cable Group Co., Ltd. (“**Putian Cable**”) and Jiangxi Changtian Optical Communication Co., Ltd. (“**Optical Communication**”). The key performance indicators (“**KPIs**”) disclosed for the Year focus on two factories located in Jiangxi Province, People’s Republic of China (“**PRC**”).

The abovementioned reporting boundaries were carefully determined by the Group based on the material entities and operations that have or will exert a great impact on the Group’s business in long run. For the details of corporate governance, please refer to the Corporate Governance Report on pages 27 to 37 of this annual report.

Reporting Framework

The ESG report is prepared in accordance with Appendix C2 the “Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide” under Main Board Listing Rules on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) and in compliance with the “comply or explain” provision.

Reporting Principles

The content of the ESG report is determined through stakeholder engagement and materiality assessment process, which includes the identification of ESG-related issues, review of the management and stakeholders’ opinions, assessing process for the relevance and materiality of the issues, preparation of the report, and validation of the disclosed information. The opinions of our stakeholders are adopted for identifying the key issues which are covered and discussed in this ESG report. Please refer to the section “Stakeholders Engagement” for details.

Quantitative environmental and social KPIs are disclosed in the ESG report so that stakeholders are able to have a comprehensive understanding of the Group’s ESG performance. Information of the standards, methodologies, references and source of key emission of KPIs are stated wherever appropriate. The Report is prepared on an unbiased picture of our performance without any sections, omission, or presentation that may inappropriately influence decision by reader. To enhance the comparability of the ESG report, the Group adopts consistent reporting format and methodologies for calculating KPIs as far as practicable. In case of any changes, explanation will be provided in the corresponding sections to facilitate information interpretation.

Information and Feedback

For more information on the Group’s environmental and corporate governance, please refer to the official website (www.potel-group.com) and the annual report of the Group. If you have any comments or suggestions on this ESG report, please feel free to contact us via email at info@potel-group.com.

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ESG BOARD STATEMENT

The Group believes that a sound ESG and sustainability framework builds the foundation for an optimum ESG performance and well-rounded sustainable development. In order to better monitor and manage the Group's policies, measures and work regarding ESG, the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) is directly responsible for the oversight of the Group's ESG-related issues, including formulating strategies and reporting material ESG matters, as well as assessing and determining ESG-related risks. The ESG performance of the Group is evaluated regularly to ensure its consistency with the Group's visions and initiatives, and the annual ESG report is reviewed and discussed to ensure its content is aligned with the Board's requirements and the Group's strategies.

Furthermore, the Board is responsible for executing and evaluating the stakeholder engagement process. The Board understands that ESG management involves various topics and therefore has conducted materiality assessment to identify issues that are likely to influence the business and our stakeholders, especially the environmental and social aspects. The issues would be reviewed and prioritised, and those with high significance to the Group and stakeholders are considered as material. The Board has concluded our material issues in “Stakeholders Engagement” section.

In order to further motivate the Group in pursuing higher ESG-related standards, the Board will continue to keep track with the latest announcement of the ESG reporting requirements in Hong Kong and set various goals and targets on ESG performance with reference to the Group's most material issues to its business and stakeholders whenever necessary. The Group also shares its progress in ESG with different stakeholders, most notably through the Group's annual ESG report.

STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT

The Group highly values the communication with its key stakeholders and takes the opinions from stakeholders as the basis for its formulation and implementation of short-term and long-term sustainability strategies. During the Year, stakeholders engagement and materiality assessment have been conducted, which enable us to understand the needs of stakeholders and identify our material topics regarding ESG.

Communication with Stakeholders

The Group promotes its approach and practices in ESG to stakeholders through effective communication channels, such as meetings, announcements, company websites and emails, as well as understanding and taking corresponding measures to meet stakeholders' requirements and expectations. The table below indicates our stakeholders' requirements and expectations of the Group, and the corresponding communication channels and responses for the stakeholders.

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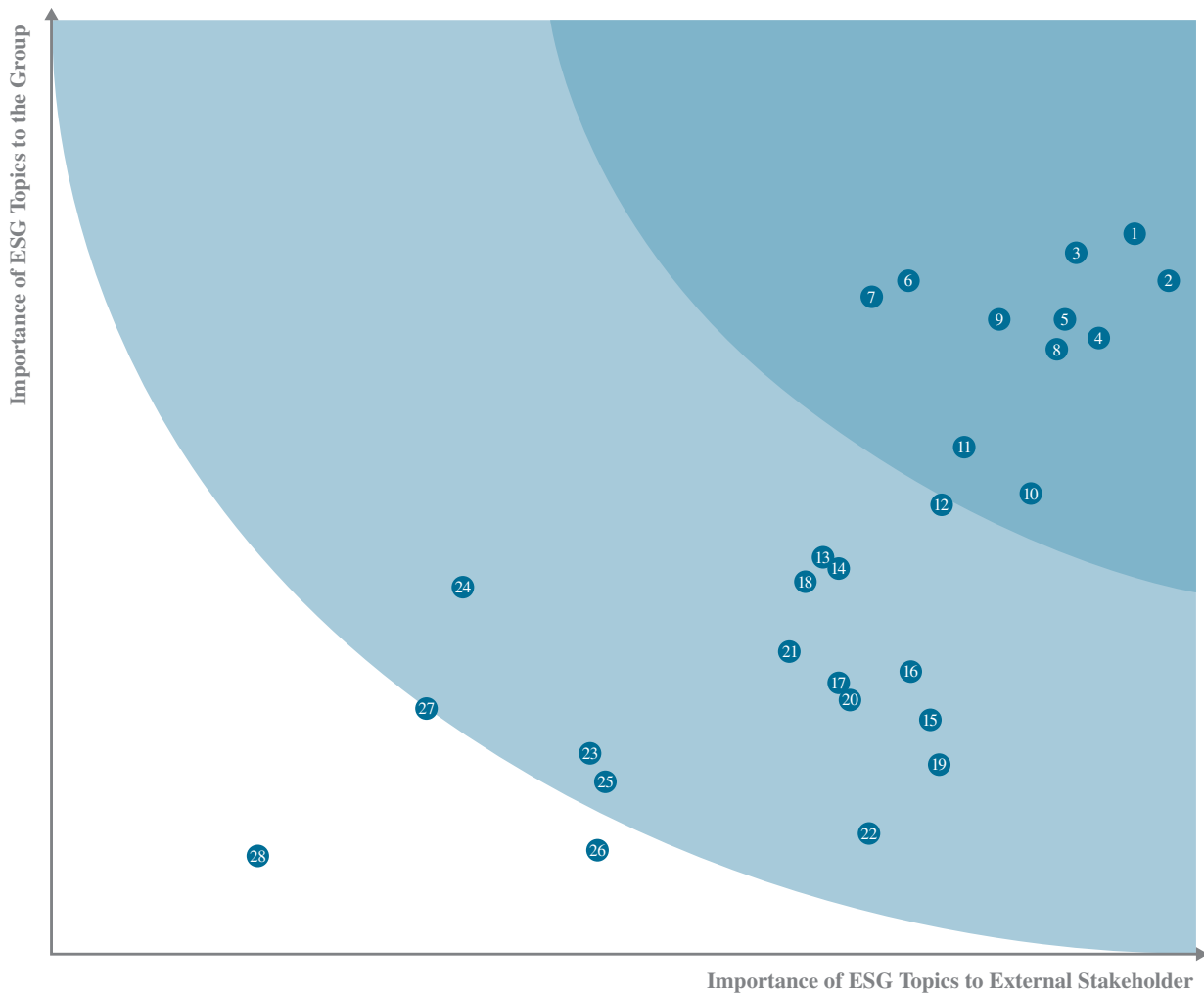
Stakeholders	Requirements and Expectations	Means of Communication and Response
Government and Regulators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with national policies, laws and regulations • Support local economic growth • Drive local employment • Pay taxes in full and on time • Ensure production safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with national policies, laws and regulations • Support local economic growth • Drive local employment • Pay taxes in full and on time • Ensure production safety
Shareholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returns • Compliant operation • Raise company value • Transparency in information and effective communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Meetings • Announcements • Email, telephone communication and company website • Dedicated reports • Site visits
Business Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate with integrity • Equal Rivalry • Performance of contracts • Mutual benefit and win-win result 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and appraisal meetings • Business communications • Exchanges and discussions • Engagement and cooperation
Customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding products and services • Health and safety • Performance of contracts • Operate with integrity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding products and services • Health and safety • Performance of contracts • Operate with integrity
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliant emission • Energy saving and emission reduction • Ecosystem protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate with local environmental department • Communicate with the locals • ESG Reporting
Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of industry standards • Drive industry development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in industry forums • Visits and inspections
Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of rights • Occupational health and safety • Remunerations and benefits • Career development • Humanity cares 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee communication meetings • House journal and intranet • Employee mailbox • Training and workshop • Employee activity
Community and the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve community environment • Participation in charity • Transparent information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve community environment • Participation in charity • Transparent information

Materiality Assessment

In identifying potential material topics in respect of the Group's ESG performance that might affect its business or stakeholders, the Group conducting annual questionnaire survey to understand the opinions and expectations of the stakeholders for the Group's responses and the disclosure of ESG issues. Based on actual business activities and the industry characteristics, the Group identified and determined 28 environmental, social and governance related issues and invited both internal and external stakeholders to express their opinion on such 28 issues in terms of materiality.

The following matrix states all related issues which are material to the stakeholders, whilst the results shown on the top-right area represent the issues that are more significant for the Group in formulating future environmental, social and governance plans and objectives, aiming to create sustainable value for stakeholders.

Materiality Assessment Matrix



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Item	ESG Topic	Item	ESG Topic
1	Energy use (e.g. electricity, gas, fuel)	15	Environmentally preferable products and services
2	Water use	16	Environmental risks (e.g. pollution) and social risks (e.g. monopoly) of the suppliers
3	Greenhouse gas emissions	17	Selection and monitoring of suppliers
4	Climate change	18	Product and service labelling
5	Air emissions	19	Product health and safety
6	Mitigation measures to protect environment and natural resources	20	Customer satisfaction
7	Use of materials (e.g. paper, packaging, raw materials)	21	Customer information and privacy
8	Hazardous waste production	22	Observing and protecting intellectual property rights
9	Non-hazardous waste production	23	Marketing communications (e.g. advertisement)
10	Employee development and training	24	Anti-corruption training provided to directors and staff
11	Preventing child and forced labour	25	Anti-corruption policies and whistle-blowing procedure
12	Employee remuneration, benefits and rights (e.g. working hours, rest periods, working conditions)	26	Number of concluded legal cases regarding corrupt practices, e.g. bribery, extortion, fraud and money laundering
13	Diversity and equal opportunity of employees	27	Cultivation of local employment
14	Occupational health and safety	28	Community support (e.g. donation, volunteering)

By analysing the results of the questionnaire survey and the materiality maps related to the business with consideration to the actual business operation, the Group has identified 7 material topics which are disclosed in detail in the ESG report.

Material topics	Corresponding sections
Energy Management	Environmental Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resources Conservation
Waste Management	Environment Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emission Treatment
Employment Compliance and Labor Management	Value of Our People
Operational Compliance	Operating Practices
Material Sourcing & Efficiency	Operating Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supplier Management
Quality Management	Operating Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality Assurance
Business Ethics	Operating Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect of Intellectual Property Rights and Privacy Anti-Corruption

After reviewing the identified materials topics related to the ESG aspects, the importance of the ESG performance is recognised and that would be our ongoing process in reaching our future improvements.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

As a communication cable manufacturer and a structured cabling system product provider, the Group protects the environment at the area where it operates while striving to develop business. The Group strictly complies with relevant laws and regulations concerning wastes, air emissions and wastewater, such as the Environmental Protection Law of the PRC, the Energy Conservation Law of the PRC and the National Environmental Emergency Response Plan. The Group strives to reduce its carbon footprint during the course of business, and attach great importance on emission control, recognized by GB/T24001-2016/ISO14001:2015 Environmental Management System Certification Certificate.

To ensure the safety of the surroundings as well as to raise the awareness of employees in each division to deal with emergency issues, the Group has implemented a complete emergency planning system and conducts regular drills for its employees. In case of an environmental pollution incident, will take prompt action and response to minimise hazards and prevent deterioration of the incident. Looking forward, we will deliberate on the prevention of hazards and environmental pollution, and energy and resources conservation at the research and development stage, as well as consider environmentally friendly development and advocate the use of harmless and safe technology during product design, on the premise that the product quality is assured.

Emissions Treatment

During the reporting period, air emissions were generated from vehicles and oil fume from canteen. The oil fumes from canteens will be emitted at high altitude after being treated by oil fume purifiers. To reduce air emissions and maintain efficiencies of oil fume purifiers, the Group keeps the oil fume purifiers clean in the canteens.

Frequent travel between factories is necessary. The use of vehicles is unavoidable due to the consideration of employees' health during the pandemic and inclusion of business activities of Optical Communication in the Year. In order to reduce the air emission, the Group performs regular maintenance and repairs on its vehicles to keep them in good condition.

The air emissions of the Group during the Year are as follows:

Air Emission	Unit	2024	2023
Nitrogen oxides (NO _x)	kg	95.4	122
Sulphur oxides (SO _x)	kg	0.15	0.17
Particulate matter (PM)	kg	9.14	11.69

Note:

- The above air emission data have been compiled with reference to "How to prepare an ESG Report — Appendix II: Reporting Guidance on Environmental KPIs" issued by the Stock Exchange.

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The greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions were composed of direct emissions from stationary combustion and use of vehicles; energy indirect emissions from purchased electricity, and other indirect emissions from electricity used for fresh water and sewage processing by local government and overseas business travel. As to the target of greenhouse gas emissions, we aim to reduce the overall emissions on a short-term basis through vehicle emissions, energy consumption and water consumption which account for the majority of total emissions. The objectives for the specific aspects are discussed in the relevant sections. The greenhouse gas emissions of the Group as follows:

GHG	Unit	2024	2023
Total GHG emissions	tonnes CO ₂ e	3,100.71	2,446.87
GHG emissions per square metre	tonnes CO ₂ e/M ²	0.05	0.04
GHG emissions per revenue	tonnes CO ₂ e/RMB'000	0.005	0.004
Scope 1 – Direct emissions	tonnes CO ₂ e	27.86	30.44
Scope 2 – Energy indirect emissions	tonnes CO ₂ e	3,019.91	2,382.51
Scope 3 – Other indirect emissions	tonnes CO ₂ e	52.94	33.92

Notes:

- The above air emission data have been compiled with reference to “How to prepare an ESG Report — Appendix II: Reporting Guidance on Environmental KPIs” issued by the Stock Exchange.
- The total GHG emissions were higher in 2024 when compared to 2023 due to the higher production level of the Group.

Waste scrap and incoming packaging materials from the production activities were the major non-hazardous wastes of the Group and were recycled as far as possible. Another type of non-hazardous wastes was domestic garbage, which is collected and processed collectively by the local environmental hygiene department in the Year. When there is hazardous waste produced, the Group will engage qualified companies for further handling. By means of enhancing production activities, the Group utilises the raw materials to the greatest extent to reduce waste scrap produced. During the Year, the Group has set a target for controlling the amount of paper waste. In order to achieve the target, the Group has spearheaded the initiatives of reusing paper and urged employees to reduce paper consumption in the workplace. The Group also encouraged its employees to reduce the usage of disposable and non-recyclable products in respect of waste reduction.

During the Year, there was no hazardous waste produced by the Group (2023: 0 tonne). The data of non-hazardous waste generated from the Group is as follows:

Waste	Unit	2024	2023
Total non-hazardous waste generated	tonnes	53.64	48.60
Total non-hazardous waste generated per square metre	tonnes/M ²	0.0008	0.0007
Total non-hazardous waste generated per revenue	kg/RMB'000	0.00008	0.00008

Note:

- The non-hazardous waste generated by the Group includes waste scrap and domestic waste only. The amount of waste scrap generated was based on the actual record of the Group. The amount of domestic waste was based on the daily estimated volume of domestic waste in office.

The Group did not produce or discharge any industrial wastewater in the production activities, while domestic sewage generated will be pretreated in the septic tank before discharging into the municipal sewage pipe network.

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Resources Conservation

We have formulated an Energy Conservation and Emission Reduction policy to promote the concept of low-carbon life and green office, and adopted various measures to reduce resource consumption and encouraging our staff to participate in environmental protection. We acknowledge the opportunities of reducing energy and water consumption through daily operation. Therefore, we have set directional targets for both energy and water reduction through raising the environmental awareness of employees. We provided various training for our employees to introduce the meaning of resources conservation and measures that they can practice to protect the environment. During the Year, the Group has organised additional environmental training to further enhance knowledge and promote the importance of energy and water conservation, as well as fostering a low-carbon lifestyle for employees.

The Group endeavours to improve energy management by reducing electricity consumption and using energy efficiently in different aspects. For electricity, employees are encouraged to switch off idle lighting system and other electronics, such as printers and computers, and take full advantage of sunlight whenever possible. We also recommend our employees to adjust the brightness of computers to protect not only the environment but also their eyesight. Energy-efficient lighting and air conditioners are adopted, and lighting appliances and filters for air conditioners are cleansed regularly to improve energy efficiency. We also advocate to turn off air-conditioning system one hour earlier each day and set the minimum temperature to around 26 degrees Celsius. We discourage employees to turn an air conditioner on and off repeatedly which could cause a waste of energy. By means of regular checking and maintenance, the possibility of leakage of refrigerant has been reduced. The energy consumption of the Group is as follows:

Energy Consumption	Unit	2024	2023
Total energy consumption	MWh	5,452.59	4,327.24
Energy consumption per square metre	MWh/M ²	0.08	0.06
Energy consumption per revenue	MWh/RMB'000	0.01	0.01
Purchased electricity	MWh	5,298.09	4,179.84
Gasoline	MWh	101.6	113.5
Liquefied petroleum gas (“LPG”)	MWh	52.9	33.9

Notes:

- The methodology adopted for reporting on consumptions set out above was based on “How to Prepare an ESG Report – Appendix 2: Reporting Guidance on Environmental KPIs” issued by the Stock Exchange.
- Based on the actual energy consumption record of the Group.
- The increases in electricity and LPG consumption are mainly due to the increased production volume of the Optical Communication factory during 2024; the decrease in gasoline consumption was due to the decreased in intra-plants traffic.

To raise the water saving awareness of employees, the Group has posted water saving notices in every lavatory and employees are reminded to turn off the faucet tight after use. The Group also conducts tests to hidden leaking pipes and monitors water meters regularly to prevent leaking and wasting water. Meanwhile, water is reused as far as possible. For instance, employees are encouraged to reuse the water for watering plants after scrubbing fruits and vegetables. In addition, we generally do not provide bottled water for meetings and employees are not allowed to wash containers with mineral drinking water. During the Year, the Group did not identify any issues in sourcing water for business operations.

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The water consumption of the Group is as follows:

Water consumption	Unit	2024	2023
Total water consumption	M ³	24,972.61	22,958.13
Water consumption per square metre	M ³ /M ²	0.37	0.34
Water consumption per revenue	M ³ /RMB'000	0.04	0.04

Notes:

- The methodology adopted for reporting on consumptions set out above was based on “How to Prepare an ESG Report – Appendix 2: Reporting Guidance on Environmental KPIs” issued by the Stock Exchange.
- Based on the actual water consumption record of the Group.
- The significant increase in water consumption is mainly due to the high production demand of Optical Communication factory and the daily water needs of employees.

Concerning the use of material, the Group conducts an evaluation on the usage of material to avoid overstock. During the Year, the Group used packaging materials including metal, wood, plastic, fibre fabric and paper, in which plastic and paper were used to pack products in both kilometres and pieces. Detailed usage of packaging materials is as follows:

Optical Fibre Cables and Communication Copper Cables:

Types of Package Material	2024		2023	
	Total Amount (kg)	Amount per Unit Produced (kg/km)	Total Amount (kg)	Amount per Unit Produced (kg/km)
Metal	181,803.00	1.3	353,573.00	1.7
Wood	15,212.00	0.1	30,969.00	0.1
Plastic	336,950.00	2.4	661,109.00	3.2
Fibre Fabric	33,585.00	0.2	64,429.00	0.3
Paper	197,440.00	1.4	401,623.00	2.0

Note:

- Based on the actual package material record of the Group.

Structured Cabling System Products:

Types of Package Material	2024		2023	
	Total Amount (kg)	Amount per Unit Produced (kg/km)	Total Amount (kg)	Amount per Unit Produced (kg/km)
Plastic	4,086,267.00	0.9969	2,616,199.00	1.009
Paper	7,816.00	0.0019	5,005.00	0.0019

Note:

- Based on the actual package material record of the Group.

Green Operation

As a responsible corporate citizen, the Group attaches great importance to sustainability development and strives to promote green operation among its employees, in a bid to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its business operation. For instance, in a bid to fortify the management of the use of office expenses and stationary, we purchase low-carbon and energy-efficient equipment. By posting reminders to advocate saving paper in office, the Group encourages employees to recycle and reuse paper, for example, using paper on both sides and using used paper to make notes, as well as to utilise digital means for internal and external communication to replace paper circulation. The amount of paper used is also counted on a regular basis to monitor the usage. In addition, employees are encouraged to use refillable pens instead of disposable markers and ball pens. Conducting video conferences is suggested to substitute for non-essential overseas business trips, while direct flights are recommended for inevitable overseas business trips to reduce greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions.

Climate Change

Climate change is rapidly emerging as one of the most significant issues across countries and is closely related to all businesses regardless of their nature. Being aware of the consequences brought by the changing climate, the Group has taken various measures to identify and mitigate climate-related risks. The Group regularly reviews global and local government policies and regulations regarding climate change to identify potential climate-related risks and opportunities that may have financial impacts on the Group’s business.

During the Year, the Group has recognised physical risk brought by the increased severity of extreme weather events. It may lead to transportation difficulties and supply chain interruptions, thus decreasing production capacity. Extreme weather also has negative effects on the physical structure of the Group’s facilities, thereby increasing maintenance cost, and employees’ health and safety may be threatened. The Group may also face transition risks such as policy risks due to increasingly stringent policies and enhanced emissions-reporting obligations. Reputation risk may also occur with growing concerns of stakeholders such as the Group’s responses to climate change, whether the goods and services provided are environmental-friendly, etc.

To mitigate climate-related risks, the Group has put effort into different aspects. We have formulated Emergency Plan for Extreme Weather Conditions and Natural Disasters Policy to ensure the safety of our employees and properties. Regular inspection of the factory structure and electric appliances will be carried out to eliminate any hidden dangers. Employees will receive training on the response and action when facing extreme weather such as floods, typhoons and heavy rainstorms. We will also issue early warnings based on information from local government and make sure employees stay in a safe indoor environment. On top of the above, to better address stakeholders’ concerns, the Group would communicate with and update our stakeholders regarding climate-related impacts and our climate change strategies in a timely manner.

VALUE OUR PEOPLE

The dedication and contributions of employees are essential to the long-term and sustainable development of the Group. We understand that well-established employment policies enable us to attract and retain talents. Apart from complying with the laws and regulations concerning employment, occupational safety and labour standards, including but not limited to the Labour Law of the PRC, the Labour Contract Law of the PRC, the Law on the Protection of Minors of the PRC, the Law of the PRC on the Prevention, the Control of Occupational Diseases and the Work Safety Law of the PRC, we established Staff Manual and comprehensive Company Welfare Policies to provide a positive working environment to our employees. During the Year, We have presented Year-end awards as an acknowledgement for employees’ contributions towards the Group.

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Employees' Rights and Interests

The Group has established a defined human resources procedure to regulate and manage recruitment procedures, aiming to recruit appropriate talents in a fair manner with integrity. During the recruitment process, each job applicant is entitled to equal opportunity of the job offer, regardless of his/her age, gender, ethnicity, religious belief, marital status and disability, as long as his/her working experience, technical expertise and qualification are fulfilling the job requirements. The Group always requires employees to preserve good discipline and create cordial and harmonious atmosphere in the workplace. We have no tolerance for any forms of discrimination, threat and humiliation. We shall investigate any misbehaviour cases reported and discipline the related parties. Upon receipt of resignation from an employee, we will conduct an exit interview to understand his/her reason for resignation.

To prevent misemploying child labour, job applicant's identification documents are also required for age verification. Once such labour practices are discovered, the Group would investigate the cases thoroughly and dismiss related employees immediately. With a view to safeguarding employees' rights and interests, we enter into employment contracts with employees before they report duties, which clearly define the job duties and working location to avoid forced labour.

As at 31 December 2024, the Group hired total 412 employees (2023: 450) and the turnover rate is 47% (2023: 67%). A higher number of employees and turnover rate were recorded due to the inclusion of employees from Optical Communication during the Year. Detailed numbers of employees and the corresponding turnover rate by different categories are as follows:

Number of Employees	2024	2023
By Gender		
Male	228	264
Female	184	186
By Age Group		
Below 30 years old	54	70
Between 30 to 50 years old	304	328
Over 50 years old	54	52
By Employment Type		
Full-time	412	450
Part-time	–	–
By Geographical Region		
The PRC	412	450
Hong Kong	–	–

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Turnover Rate (%)	2024	2023
By Gender		
Male	52%	74%
Female	40%	56%
By Age Group		
Below 30 years old	102%	104%
Between 30 to 50 years old	40%	61%
Over 50 years old	30%	52%
By Geographical Region		
The PRC	47%	67%
Hong Kong	—	—

Employees are valuable assets of the Group, therefore we provide our employees with attractive benefits. We strive to ensure the working hours and remuneration of employees are compliant with the requirements of relevant laws and regulations, in which our employees are entitled to compensation upon required overtime working, as well as the rights of taking vacation leaves. Meanwhile, according to the requirements of the local government, we also make contributions to the Social Insurances and Housing Provident Fund for our employees. Based on internal and external reference standards, our remuneration structure is annually reviewed so as to maintain the competitive remuneration offered to employees. We have also implemented annual appraisal system to evaluate the working performance of employees. Employees with outstanding performance may be rewarded with a pay rise or discretionary bonus in recognition of their contributions.

Training and Development

We have put great emphasis on providing training for employees in order to cater for the requirements of various positions. We have designed appropriate annual training programs for employees. We have provided induction training for new employees to familiarize with the corporate's culture, regulations and policy and the sense of safety production. We require every new hire to complete and pass a test after attending the training program. We provide monthly training to instill energy conservation and safety production, as well as senses of professionalism in our employees. We also provide them training courses related to production techniques and testing procedures, so as to enhance their technical and product knowledge as well as their understandings of quality standards in the industry and safety standards at the workplace. Besides, we offer tailor-made training to manager-level employees quarterly to enrich their managerial and operational skills, and enhance their abilities of resilience. The average training hours per employee and percentage of trained employees of the Group as follows:

Indicators	2024		2023	
	Average Training Hours per Employee (hours)	Percentage of Trained Employees (%)	Average Training Hours per Employee (hours)	Percentage of Trained Employees (%)
By Employee Category				
Senior	48	3%	48	3%
Intermediate	58	18%	56	20%
Junior	43	79%	44	77%
By Gender Category				
Male	47	55%	46	58%
Female	45	45%	46	42%

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A clear career path is offered to our employees. Apart from the demands for positions, employees with an outstanding performance during annual appraisal may be given promotion opportunities, so that suitable talents will be recognised.

Health and Safety

Work safety and personal safety of employees always come first during the business operation of the Group, thereby we have formulated Occupational Health and Safety Management Policy and Production Workshop Safety Manual to safeguard the safety of our staff. We have continued to implement safety guidelines and organised educational activities for promoting the prevention of occupational diseases on a regular basis, such as reminding employees to keep the workplace clean at all time and explaining the laws and regulations in respect of occupational diseases and preventive measures to strengthen employees' safety awareness. Employees shall strictly comply with the working and operational procedures, and the laws and regulations in respect of occupational health and safety, so as to prevent accidents and occupational diseases consciously.

The Group has obtained the certificate of GB/T 45001-2020/ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Health and Safety Management System Certification for its sound occupational health and safety management system. The Group provides various types of safety training which include safety techniques and education on safety knowledge and awareness for employees, especially those who may be exposed to occupational hazards.

During the Year, the Group has assigned related personnel to attend online safety training program organised by the governmental institution for enriching their knowledge pertaining to safety precaution.

Prior to work, employees at such positions are required to undergo occupational diseases examination to ensure their health condition, while those at particular positions have to attend the operation safety assessment and acquire qualified licenses. The Group carries out regular, surprise and special safety checks within the factories to discover any safety issue and take corrective actions accordingly for the prevention of incidents. Meanwhile, traffic signs have been placed within the industrial park to alert employees to road traffic safety.

The Group places high importance on fire safety and implements fire precaution measures. The Group conducts inspection regularly on fire safety equipment and extinguishers in particular. The plants, which have a relatively high risk of safety, are segregated from construction area and the office to minimise the impact of incidents. Furthermore, employees are not allowed to smoke outside the designated smoking area. During the Year, the Group has organised a training program pertaining to fire safety. The training has raised our employees' awareness towards safety production by introducing cases of fire accidents in PRC and the instruction of a fire extinguisher.

Moreover, hazardous chemicals are stored separately with clear labels, while personal protective equipment is provided to employees according to the needs of various positions. Designated personnel are assigned to monitor and ensure that employees wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Also, the Group conducts regular checks on the performance and effectiveness of occupational diseases protective equipment and personal protective equipment to make sure proper function, as well as identifies the occupational hazards in workplace annually, so as to create a healthy and safe working environment for its employees.

During the Year, the Group did not record work injuries and lost days due to work-related injury. The number and rate of work-related fatalities occurred in each of the past three years including the Year are as follows:

Indicators	For the year ended 31st Dec 2024	For the year ended 31st Dec 2023	For the year ended 31st Dec 2022
Number of work-related fatalities	0	0	0
Rate of work-related fatalities (%)	0	0	0

OPERATING PRACTICES

The Group aims to provide products and services of high quality in meeting customers' expectations. On top of complying with relevant laws and regulations concerning product quality and safety, advertising, labelling and privacy, including but not limited to the Product Quality Law of the PRC, Copyright Law of the PRC, Patent Law of the PRC and Advertising Law of the PRC, we strictly manage supply chain and monitor the quality of raw materials and products. Besides, we have taken measures to protect intellectual property rights and customer's privacy to safeguard their rights and interests.

Supplier Management

To secure a stable supply of goods, the Group has maintained a positive business relationship with suppliers. To this end, the Group continues to execute our supplier management system for the selection and evaluation of suppliers as set out in our Procurement Process Policy. The procurement department is responsible for the selection of suppliers of raw materials, production equipment and fixed assets, while the administration department is responsible for the selection of other suppliers such as office supplies and daily necessities. In order to minimise the environmental and social risk of our suppliers, several factors are taken into account when selecting suppliers that include product quality, production capacity, delivery time and reputation in the market. Only qualified suppliers who meet our requirements will be included in the list of qualified suppliers. We will then sign contracts with suppliers, indicating the requirements regarding quality, logistics packaging and storage, and the punctuality of delivery. Qualified suppliers are required to pass the annual assessments, which include reviewing their performances during the past year, and any suppliers with sub-standard performance will be removed from the list, thereby reducing the potential impacts of the supply chain on our products and services.

The following table summarises the geographical distribution of suppliers during the Year.

Geographical Region	2024	2023
Northern China	7	7
Northeastern China	–	–
Eastern China	94	95
South-central China	35	23
Southwestern China	2	2
Total	138	127

Moreover, the Group is conscious of practicing green procurement. The procurement department determines the demand of raw materials according to the monthly production and sales plan, and adjusts according to the inventory and in-transit quantities so as to avoid overstock which may lead to wastage. We also consider suppliers with minimum order quantity and minimum use of packaging. The Group also upholds an ethical procurement policy and is committed to sourcing raw materials from suppliers that value social responsibility. In addition, the environmental, health and safety performance of suppliers are factors that the Group will consider when selecting suppliers. We also give priority to suppliers with ISO quality or environmental management system certification.

Quality Assurance

A rigorous quality control system of products is vital for offering products and services of high quality. We have formulated the Quality Management Policy to ensure the quality of the entire process from procurement, production, product inspection to after-sale customer services, we adhere to our quality control system which analyses the factors that affecting our product quality, production efficiency and raw material utilisation rates, thereby reducing any issues that may affect the product quality. The Group has obtained the certificate for GB/T19001- 2016/ISO9001:2015 Quality Management System.

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Our quality control personnel conduct quality inspection on each batch of raw materials upon receipt. Only raw materials passed our tests are admitted into inventory, while defective items will be returned to the suppliers or be replaced. During the production process, we strictly follow the requirements of ISO9001:2015 standards for product quality control. Work-in-progress is tested after each production process, among which only those passing quality control tests are allowed to proceed to the next production stage. To ensure the quality and reliability of our products, finished products are tested in terms of structure as well as electrical and mechanical performance to ensure that the quality of products meets the requirements of customers. All work-in-progress and finished products are labeled for future traceability. In addition, we have specific packing and delivery instructions in place for each category of product to ensure the safety and quality of products during transportation. Upon the delivery of products, we will conduct onsite product inspection together with customers. In case of any unqualified products, reasons would be tracked and identified via labeling and production record keeping system. If the unqualified products are identified with quality issues, they will be reworked where possible and those unable to be processed will be treated as waste.

Customer Oriented

We have formulated After-sales Service and Technical Support Policy according to the needs of customers, extensive after-sales services are provided to customers, including technical training and exchange session, question and answer session respecting products, and regular communication. We typically offer a maintenance period of one to three years. Our employees are responsible for responding to our customers and conducting on-site examination upon receipt of any customer service request relating to the quality of products. Meanwhile, employees coordinate with technical team to diagnose and resolve the relevant technical issues. Our customer service team would respond to customer inquiries and service requests in a timely manner through various channels. Customer complaints are referred to relevant departments for handling, and customer service team would handle relevant complaints closely until they are resolved. We appreciate that customers' comments are beneficial to our improvements, for which we also conduct annual customer surveys to collect feedback on products and services and better understand the changing needs of customers. Furthermore, all public production sales and market information shall be reviewed to make sure that there is no false or misleading information that may cause any misunderstanding of our customers.

During the Year, the Group did not receive any complaints related to our products and service quality and no products sold are subjected to recalls for safety and health reasons.

Respect for Intellectual Property Rights and Privacy

The Group highly values the research and development and enhances the product design with reference to the developing trend of domestic and foreign technology and the market. During the Year, in addition to maintaining its status as a previously awarded Specialised 'Little Giant' Company (專精特新「小巨人」企業) recognised by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China, the Group was also designated as a Level 3 Safety Production Standardisation Enterprise (安全生產標準化三級企業) by the Nanchang Emergency Management Bureau.

We also understand the importance of protecting and enforcing our intellectual property rights, thereby we formulated Provisions on Intellectual Property Management Policy to safeguard our intellectual property rights. During the year, 12 new patents were authorised in the PRC, covering technologies related to optical fiber, cable manufacturing and processing, as well as integrated wiring systems. Being respectful for others' intellectual property rights, we strictly abide by the laws and regulations relating to intellectual property rights including but not limited to the Trademark Law of the PRC, the Patent Law of the PRC and the Copyright Law of the PRC, and conduct promotion and training for our employees on intellectual property rights. We require our employees to keep confidential for all information relating to our transactions, operation, management, technology and skills, etc., during their employment and within two years after resignation, as set out in Confidential Information Guidance. To avoid any infringement of the exclusive right of our trademarks, prior approval shall be obtained from us before other party intends to use our trademark and licensees shall follow Trademark Licensing Provisions developed by the Group.

Meanwhile, we attach great importance to the privacy of our customer and thereby established a confidentiality system. Our employees shall sign confidentiality agreements before their employment to undertake that they will not disclose any customers' information to any third party. To safeguard the information security and protect the customers' privacy and data, our employees are required to use the designated anti-virus software and shall not use any unauthorised software or hardware or bring any company's information away from their workplace. Employees shall encrypt the files that contain sensitive information of the Group as well for better data protection.

Anti-Corruption

To uphold our business integrity and provide quality service, the Group is dedicated to training our employees with a working attitude of acting by law including but not limited to the Criminal Law of the PRC and being honest and trustworthy. Besides, we continue to follow the internal mechanism in our Anti-Corruption Policy of preventing commercial bribery for which, our core personnel and those individuals and units that have business relationships with us shall sign up an agreement to avert commercial bribery and corruption in any kinds and to regulate the behaviours of the parties, aiming to uphold the integrity and be self-disciplined. The Group has designated a department to be in charge of the supervision and management of the commitment mechanism in accordance with relevant laws and regulations concerning bribery, thereby strictly prohibiting bribery and corruption from its source. Through conducting investigations and researches, we identify the characteristics of the misconduct of trading and commercial bribery, enabling us to adopt corresponding strategies and measures to deal with the potential risks arising from operation on a timely basis. Whistleblowing mailbox and hotline are set up for employees in reporting relevant commercial bribery and the identity of the whistle blower will be kept confidential.

At the same time, our employees should obey our requirements regarding conflict of interests and declare their possible conflict of interests, while being prohibited to solicit money or personal benefits by abusing their powers or convenience from their work, such as receiving gifts, money, loans, services or any compensation from units or individuals seeking to establish business relationship with us. In case of identifying any conducts or occurrences that may violate the requirements, employees are encouraged to report the event to his/her supervisor or via our established hotline or mailbox.

During the Year, the Group has no concluded legal cases regarding corrupt practices. Additionally, the Group has provided a total of 2,117 hours of anti-corruption related training to employees, including 3 directors and 409 staff. The training instils positive moral concepts and values to employees, especially to those from the financial and procurement departments. The training provides the essential anti-corruption information, such as the Group's commitment to honesty and integrity, precautionary actions, and control measures, to employees which enhance their awareness on the prohibition of commercial bribery and remind them the business ethics and responsibility.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Group acknowledges the obligation to make contributions to the community. The Group keeps on encouraging its employees to actively participate in social and charitable activities in the community, and provides disabilities with job opportunities so as to offer assistance to the vulnerable group.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of

Putian Communication Group Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

OPINION

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Putian Communication Group Limited (the “**Company**”) and its subsidiaries (together, the “**Group**”) set out on pages 60 to 108, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

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

BASIS FOR OPINION

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

KEY AUDIT MATTER

Key audit matter is the matter that, in our professional judgement, was of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. The matter was addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on the matter.

KEY AUDIT MATTER (CONTINUED)

Impairment Assessment of Trade Receivables

Refer to material accounting policy information in Note 4.4(ii), significant judgements and estimates in Note 5(ii) and disclosure of trade receivables in Notes 20 and 40(b) to the consolidated financial statements.

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had net trade receivables amounting to approximately RMB505,758,000, after making expected credit loss (“ECL”) allowance of approximately RMB28,904,000.

The Group’s ECL allowance is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECL based on management’s estimated loss rates for each category of trade receivables. The estimated loss rates take into account the ageing of the trade receivables, overdue balances, information regarding the ability and intent of the debtor to pay as well as historical data on default rates.

We have identified impairment assessment of trade receivables as a key audit matter due to considerable amount of judgement and estimates being required in conducting impairment assessment as mentioned in the forgoing paragraph.

Our key procedures

Our key procedures in relation to management’s impairment assessment of trade receivables included the followings:

- Obtaining an understanding of and assessing the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of key internal controls relating to credit control, debt collection and the calculation of the ECL;
- Assessing the trade receivables ageing report by group based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due by comparing the details of individual items with underlying invoices on a sample basis;
- Comparing cash receipts from debtors subsequent to the financial year end relating to trade receivable balances as at 31 December 2024 with relevant underlying documents on a sample basis; and
- Obtaining an understanding of the basis of management’s approach to measuring ECL of trade receivable balances and assessing the reasonableness of management’s ECL allowance estimates by examining the information used by management to form such judgements, including testing the accuracy of the historical default data, evaluating whether the historical loss rate is appropriately adjusted based on current economic conditions and forward-looking information.

OTHER INFORMATION

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Management Discussion and Analysis (but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon) and Financial Highlights, which we obtained prior to the date of this auditor’s report, and Corporate Information, Company Profile, Five-Year Financial Summary, Chairman’s Statement, Directors and Senior Management’s Profile, Report of the Directors, Corporate Governance Report and Environmental, Social and Governance Report, which are expected to be made available to us shortly after that date.

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

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

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OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

When we read the Corporate Information, Company Profile, Five-Year Financial Summary, Chairman's Statement, Directors and Senior Management's Profile, Report of the Directors, Corporate Governance Report and Environmental, Social and Governance Report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to audit committee of the Company and take appropriate action considering our legal rights and obligations.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

The directors of the Company are also responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process. The audit committee of the Company assists the directors of the Company in discharging their responsibilities in this regard.

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Our report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Moore CPA Limited

Certified Public Accountants

Tse Cheuk Man

Practising Certificate Number: P08087

Hong Kong, 31 March 2025

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Revenue	7	663,865	615,504
Cost of sales		(522,461)	(480,193)
Gross profit		141,404	135,311
Other income and gains	8	5,957	4,463
Selling and distribution expenses		(45,530)	(40,708)
Administrative expenses		(57,828)	(59,183)
Provision for expected credit losses on financial assets		(10,179)	(12,126)
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary	35	643	–
Share of loss of an associate	18	(56)	–
Finance costs	9	(19,447)	(19,704)
Profit before income tax	10	14,964	8,053
Income tax credit/(expense)	11	3,511	(405)
Profit for the year attributable to the owners of the Company		18,475	7,648
Other comprehensive loss			
<i>Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>			
Exchange differences arising on translation to presentation currency		(1,638)	(1,061)
Other comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax		(1,638)	(1,061)
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to the owners of the Company		16,837	6,587
Earnings per share	13		
– Basic and diluted (RMB)		0.017	0.007

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	16	401,613	418,765
Intangible assets	17	8,019	9,151
Investment in an associate	18	2,213	–
Prepayments for property, plant and equipment	21	2,854	15,051
Deferred tax assets	29	9,108	7,946
		423,807	450,913
Current assets			
Inventories	19	65,129	60,818
Trade and bills receivables	20	506,329	445,710
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables	21	95,994	153,747
Current tax recoverable		6,663	2,991
Restricted cash	22	21,662	23,782
Cash and cash equivalents	23	29,239	27,281
		725,016	714,329
Current liabilities			
Trade and bills payables	24	141,462	136,367
Contract liabilities	25	19,715	34,262
Accruals and other payables	26	53,166	49,505
Lease liabilities	27	1,068	708
Bank and other borrowings	28	215,363	248,196
		430,774	469,038
Net current assets		294,242	245,291
Total assets less current liabilities		718,049	696,204
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	27	1,182	48
Bank and other borrowings	28	96,580	93,000
Deferred tax liabilities	29	26,451	26,157
		124,213	119,205
NET ASSETS		593,836	576,999

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
EQUITY			
Share capital	30	9,361	9,361
Reserves	31	584,475	567,638
TOTAL EQUITY		593,836	576,999

The consolidated financial statements on pages 60 to 108 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 31 March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Wang Qiuping
Director

Zhao Xiaobao
Director

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Share capital RMB'000	Share premium* RMB'000 (Note 31)	Capital reserve* RMB'000 (Note 31)	Other reserve* RMB'000 (Note 31)	PRC statutory reserve* RMB'000 (Note 31)	Exchange reserve* RMB'000 (Note 31)	Retained earnings* RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Balance at 1 January 2023	9,361	130,289	190	3,028	63,041	(6,361)	370,864	570,412
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,648	7,648
Other comprehensive loss:								
Exchange differences arising on translation to presentation currency	-	-	-	-	-	(1,061)	-	(1,061)
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(1,061)	7,648	6,587
Appropriation to statutory reserve	-	-	-	-	2,199	-	(2,199)	-
Balance at 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	9,361	130,289	190	3,028	65,240	(7,422)	376,313	576,999
Profit the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,475	18,475
Other comprehensive loss:								
Exchange differences arising on translation to presentation currency	-	-	-	-	-	(1,638)	-	(1,638)
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(1,638)	18,475	16,837
Appropriation to statutory reserve	-	-	-	-	979	-	(979)	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	9,361	130,289	190	3,028	66,219	(9,060)	393,809	593,836

* The total of these accounts as at the reporting dates represents "reserves" in the consolidated statement of financial position.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before income tax		14,964	8,053
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets	10	42,639	42,145
Amortisation of intangible assets	10	1,132	1,132
Interest income	8	(327)	(646)
Finance costs	9	19,447	19,704
Provision for expected credit losses on financial assets	10	10,179	12,126
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	8	(339)	–
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary	35	(643)	–
Share of loss of an associate	18	56	–
Write down/(reversal of) inventories to net realisable value	10	1,878	(1,962)
Operating cash flows before working capital changes		88,986	80,552
(Increase)/decrease in inventories		(6,947)	19,422
Increase in trade and bills receivables		(79,795)	(74,851)
Decrease/(increase) in deposits, prepayments and other receivables		58,764	(53,642)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and bills payables		11,591	(842)
(Decrease)/increase in contract liabilities		(14,547)	14,841
Increase in accruals and other payables		4,107	5,524
Cash generated from/(used in) operations		62,159	(8,996)
Income taxes paid		(1,029)	(7,857)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities		61,130	(16,853)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(11,159)	(16,830)
Prepayments for property, plant and equipment		(1,984)	(3,261)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	16	3,385	–
Net cash outflow arising on disposal of a subsidiary		(425)	–
Interest received		327	646
Net cash used in investing activities		(9,856)	(19,445)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from new bank and other borrowings		286,800	242,700
Repayments of bank and other borrowings		(316,053)	(240,185)
Restricted cash pledged		(21,662)	(23,782)
Restricted cash released		23,782	37,719
Interests paid		(19,399)	(19,631)
Payment of interest element of lease liabilities		(48)	(73)
Payment of capital element of lease liabilities		(1,098)	(1,500)
Net cash used in financing activities		(47,678)	(4,752)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		3,596	(41,050)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		27,281	69,389
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(1,638)	(1,058)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		29,239	27,281

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Putian Communication Group Limited (the “**Company**”) is a limited liability company incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company under the Companies Law. The Company was listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) on 9 November 2017. The address of its registered office is located at Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands. The Company’s headquarters and principal place of business is located at the People’s Republic of China (the “**PRC**”).

The Company is an investment holding company. The principal activities of the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the “**Group**”) are production and sales of optical fibers and optical fiber cables, data and communications cables and structured cabling system products in the PRC.

In the opinion of the directors of the Company (the “**Directors**”), both Arcenciel Capital Co., Ltd. and Point Stone Capital Co., Ltd., companies incorporated in the British Virgin Islands (the “**BVI**”) and holding 37.13% and 32.63% of the Company’s shares respectively, are considered as the controlling shareholders of the Company. Ms. Wang Qiuping and Mr. Zhao Xiaobao (the “**Controlling Shareholders**”), both executive directors of the Company and who are spouses, being the shareholders of Arcenciel Capital Co., Ltd. and Point Stone Capital Co., Ltd. respectively, are the ultimate controlling parties of the Company.

The principal accounting policies and methods of computation used by the Group in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 are consistent with those adopted in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, except for the adoption of the amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“**HKFRSs**”) as explained in Note 2.1 below.

2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HKFRSS

2.1 Adoption of amendments to HKFRSs

In the preparation of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024, the Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA, for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the Group’s annual period beginning on 1 January 2024:

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

Except as described below, the application of the amendments to HKFRSs in the current year has had no material impact on the Group’s consolidated financial positions and performance for the current and prior years and/or on the disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

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2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HKFRSS (CONTINUED)

2.1 Adoption of amendments to HKFRSs (continued)

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

The Group has applied the amendments for the first time in current year.

The 2020 Amendments provide clarification and additional guidance on the assessment of right to defer settlement for at least twelve months from reporting date for classification of liabilities as current or non-current, which:

- specify that the classification of liabilities as current or non-current should be based on rights that are in existence at the end of the reporting period. Specifically, the classification should not be affected by management intentions or expectations to settle the liability within 12 months.
- clarify that the settlement of a liability can be a transfer of cash, goods or services, or the entity’s own equity instruments to the counterparty. If a liability has terms that could, at the option of the counterparty, result in its settlement by the transfer of the entity’s own equity instruments, these terms do not affect its classification as current or non-current only if the entity recognises the option separately as an equity instrument applying HKAS 32 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*.

For rights to defer settlement for at least twelve months from reporting date which are conditional on the compliance with covenants, the 2022 Amendments specifically clarify that only covenants that an entity is required to comply with on or before the end of the reporting period affect the entity’s right to defer settlement of a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date, even if compliance with the covenant is assessed only after the reporting date. The 2022 Amendments also specify that covenants with which an entity must comply after the reporting date (i.e. future covenants) do not affect the classification of a liability as current or non-current at the reporting date. However, if the entity’s right to defer settlement of a liability is subject to the entity complying with covenants within twelve months after the reporting period, an entity discloses information that enables users of financial statements to understand the risk of the liabilities becoming repayable within twelve months after the reporting period. This would include information about the covenants, the carrying amount of related liabilities and facts and circumstances, if any, that indicate that the entity may have difficulties complying with the covenants.

In accordance with the transition provision, the Group has applied the new accounting policy to the classification of liability as current or non-current retrospectively. The application of the amendments in the current year had no material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

Impacts on application of Amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7 – Supplier Finance Arrangements

The Group has applied the amendments to HKAS 7 for the first time in the current year.

The amendments add a disclosure objective to HKAS 7 *Cash Flow Statements* stating that an entity is required to disclose information about its supplier finance arrangements that enables users of financial statements to assess the effects of those arrangements on the entity’s liabilities and cash flows. In addition, HKFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* was amended to add supplier finance arrangements as an example within the requirements to disclose information about an entity’s exposure to concentration of liquidity risk.

In accordance with the transition provision, the Group is not required to disclose comparative information for any reporting periods presented before the beginning of the annual reporting period in the first year of application as well as the information required by HKAS 7.44 (b)(ii) and (b)(iii) above as at the beginning of the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies those amendments.

The Group has provided additional disclosures related to the amendments in Notes 24 and 40(c).

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2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HKFRSS (CONTINUED)

2.2 New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective

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

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

¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined.

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

³ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026.

⁴ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027.

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

HKFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements

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

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

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION

3.1 Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable HKFRSs, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“**HKASs**”) and Interpretations issued by the HKICPA and the applicable disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. In addition, the consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange.

3.2 Basis of measurement

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis.

3.3 Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group’s entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the “**functional currency**”). The functional currency of the Company and certain of its subsidiaries is Hong Kong dollars (“**HKD**”). As the major operations of the Group are within the PRC, the Group presents its consolidated financial statements in Renminbi (“**RMB**”) and are rounded to the nearest thousand except where otherwise indicated.

4. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

4.1 Basis of consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year. A subsidiary is an entity (including a structured entity), directly or indirectly, controlled by the Company. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee (i.e. existing rights that give the Group the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee).

The results of subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which the Group obtains control and continue to be consolidated until the date that such control ceases.

4.2 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment including buildings held for use in the production or supply of goods or for administrative purposes, other than construction in progress, are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

The cost of property, plant and equipment includes its purchase price and the costs directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset’s carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are recognised as an expense in profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

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4. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (*CONTINUED*)

4.2 Property, plant and equipment (*continued*)

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated so as to write off their costs net of estimated residual values over their estimated useful lives on straight-line method. The useful lives, residual value and depreciation method are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The useful lives are as follows:

Land and buildings	5 – 20 years
Machinery	5 – 10 years
Motor vehicles	5 years
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	3 – 5 years

No depreciation is provided for in respect of property, plant and equipment until it is completed and ready for its intended use.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter period of the lease term and the useful life of the underlying asset.

4.3 Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible assets acquired separately are recognised initially at cost. After initial recognition, intangible assets with finite useful lives are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and any impairment loss.

Intangible assets are tested for impairment as described in Note 4.7. Amortisation commences when intangible assets are available for use.

Amortisation of patent is amortised on the straight-line basis over 10 years.

4.4 Financial Instruments

(i) *Financial assets*

A financial asset (unless it is a trade receivable without a significant financing component) is initially measured at fair value plus, for an item not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. A trade receivable without a significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

Debt instruments

Subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the Group's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset.

Amortised cost: Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost. Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest rate method. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

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4. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (*CONTINUED*)

4.4 Financial Instruments (*continued*)

(ii) *Impairment loss on financial assets*

The Group recognises loss allowances for expected credit loss (“ECL”) on trade receivables and financial assets measured at amortised cost. The ECLs are measured on either of the following bases: 12-months ECLs: these are the ECLs that result from possible default events within the 12 months after the reporting date; and (2) lifetime ECLs: these are ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk.

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Group in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive. The shortfall is then discounted at an approximation to the assets’ original effective interest rate.

The Group measures loss allowances for trade receivables using HKFRS 9 simplified approach and has calculated ECLs based on lifetime ECLs. The Group has established a provision matrix that is based on the Group’s historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

For other debt financial assets, the ECLs are based on the 12-months ECLs. However, when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since origination, the allowance will be based on the lifetime ECLs.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECL, the Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information analysis, based on the Group’s historical experience and informed credit assessment and forward-looking information.

The Group assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due.

The Group considers a financial asset to be credit-impaired when: (1) the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Group in full, without recourse by the Group to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or (2) the financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

(iii) *Financial liabilities*

The Group classifies its financial liabilities, depending on the purpose for which the liabilities were incurred. Financial liabilities at amortised costs are initially measured at fair value, net of directly attributable costs incurred.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost including trade, bills and other payables, accruals and bank and other borrowings, are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method. The related interest expense is recognised in profit or loss.

Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the amortisation process.

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4. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (*CONTINUED*)

4.4 Financial Instruments (*continued*)

(iv) *Effective interest method*

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability and of allocating interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts or payments through the expected life of the financial asset or liability, or where appropriate, a shorter period.

(v) *Derecognition*

The Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the future cash flows in relation to the financial asset expire or when the financial asset has been transferred, and the transfer meets the criteria for derecognition in accordance with HKFRS 9.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation specified in the relevant contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

4.5 Inventories

Inventories are initially recognised at cost, and subsequently at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Cost is calculated using the weighted average method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

4.6 Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured based on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer, net of expected goods returns, discounts and sales related taxes. Revenue is recognised when performance obligation is satisfied.

Depending on the terms of the contract and the laws that apply to the contract, control of the goods may be transferred over time or at a point in time. Control of the goods is transferred over time if the Group's performance:

- provides all of the benefits received and consumed simultaneously by the customers;
- creates or enhances an asset that the customer controls as the Group performs; or
- does not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

If control of the goods transfers over time, revenue is recognised over the period of the contract by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation. Otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the customer obtains control of the goods or service.

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4. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

4.6 Revenue recognition (continued)

Sales of optical fibers and optical fiber cables, data and communications cables and structured cabling system products

Customers obtain control of the optical fibers and optical fiber cables, data and communications cables and structured cabling systems products when the goods are delivered to and have been accepted by the customers, as evidenced by the customers signing on delivery notes or similar documents. Revenue is thus recognised upon when the customers accepted the optical fibers and optical fiber cables, data and communications cables and structured cabling systems products. There is generally only one performance obligation.

Goods sold by the Group include warranties which require the Group to either replace or mend a defective product during the warranty period if the goods fail to comply with agreed-upon specifications. The Group offers a warranty period of up to 1 to 2 years for major customers and one week for some other customers. In accordance with HKFRS 15, such warranties are not accounted for as separate performance obligations and hence no revenue is allocated to them. Instead, a provision is made for the costs of satisfying the warranties in accordance with HKAS 37 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*. Based on historical data, no provision for such costs is recognised in the consolidated financial statements as the costs incurred by the Group for satisfying the warranty obligations are not significant.

Contract liabilities

A contract liability represents the Group's obligation to transfer goods to a customer for which the Group has received consideration (or an amount of consideration is due) from the customer.

4.7 Impairment of assets (other than financial assets)

At the end of each reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of the following assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss or an impairment loss previously recognised no longer exists or may have decreased:

- property, plant and equipment and intangible assets under cost model;
- prepayments for property, plant and equipment; and
- investments in subsidiaries.

If the recoverable amount (i.e. the greater of the fair value less costs of disposal and value in use) of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

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

Value in use is based on the estimated future cash flows expected to be derived from the asset, discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or cash generating unit.

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4. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

4.8 Government grants

Grants from the government are recognised at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received, and the Group will comply with all attached conditions. Government grants are deferred and recognised in consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income within “Other income and gains” over the period necessary to match them with the costs that the grants are intended to compensate.

Government grants relating to assets are included in liabilities as deferred income and are credited to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the expected lives of the related assets.

5. SIGNIFICANT JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Directors to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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

The Directors have considered the development, selection and disclosure of the Group’s critical accounting judgements and estimates. Our key sources of estimation uncertainty are as follows:

(i) Depreciation of property, plant and equipment

The Group depreciates the property, plant and equipment in accordance with the accounting policy stated in Note 4.2. The estimated useful lives reflect the Directors’ estimates of the periods that the Group intends to derive future economic benefits from the use of these assets. The management reassesses the estimated useful lives at the end of each reporting period.

(ii) Impairment of trade and other receivables

The impairment of trade and other receivables are based on assumptions about risk of default and ECL rates. The Group adopts judgement in making these assumptions and selecting inputs for computing such impairment loss, broadly based on the available customers’ historical data, existing market conditions including forward looking estimates at end of reporting period.

Where the expectation is different from the original estimate, such difference will impact the carrying amount of trade and other receivables and impairment losses in the periods in which such estimate has been changed.

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5. SIGNIFICANT JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES (CONTINUED)

(iii) Impairment of non-financial assets

The Group assesses whether there are any indicators of impairment for all non-financial assets at the end of each reporting period. Non-financial assets are tested for impairment when there are indicators that the carrying amounts may not be recoverable. An impairment exists when the carrying value of an asset or a cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. The calculation of the fair value less costs of disposal is based on such available data as binding sales transactions in an arm's length transaction of similar assets or observable market prices less incremental costs for disposing of the asset. When value-in-use calculation is undertaken, management must estimate the expected future cash flows from the asset of cash-generating unit and choose a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows.

(iv) Net realisable value of inventories

The Group recognises write-down on inventories based on an assessment of the net realisable value of the inventories. Write down is applied to the inventories where events or changes in circumstances indicate that the net realisable value is less than cost. The determination of net realisable value requires the use of judgement and estimates. Where the expectation is different from the original estimates, such difference will impact carrying value of the inventories and write-down on inventories charged to profit or loss in the period in which such estimate has been changed.

6. SEGMENT REPORTING

The Group identifies operating segments and prepares segment information based on the regular internal financial information reported to the executive Directors, who are the chief operating decision makers ("CODM"), for their decisions about resources allocation to the Group's business components and for their review of the performance of those components. The business components in the internal financial information reported to the CODM are determined following the Group's major operations. The measurement policies of the Group use for reporting segment results under HKFRS 8 *Operating Segments* are the same as those used in its financial statements prepared under HKFRSs.

Operating segments are managed separately as each business offers different returns and requires different business strategies.

The Group divides its cable products into three main categories: (a) Data and communications cables; (b) Optical fibers and optical fiber cables; and (c) Structured cabling system products. As a result, the Group has three major operations, each of which constitute an operating segment.

(a) Data and communications cables

Data and communications cable is a general term for electric cables which are mainly made of copper as the main conductive body. These cables are used widely; it can be used in transmission and distribution of electric energy, which is normally used in cities' underground electric network, power station as an extraction line. Data and communications cable can also be found in the industrial and mining enterprises for internal power supply and over the river or sea of underwater transmission lines or used as the network cabling for residential and commercial buildings.

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6. SEGMENT REPORTING (CONTINUED)

(b) Optical fibers and optical fiber cables

Optical fiber refers to the technology that transmits information as light pulses along a glass or plastic fiber. A fiber optic cable can contain a varying number of these glass fibers from a few up to a couple hundred.

Optical fiber cable is a similar product as data and communications cable, but in an enhanced version. The optical fiber cables are used in telecommunications, network operators, radio network and etc., with the better useful life, safety conditions, speed and stability of transmission compared to data and communications cables. The weight and size of optical fiber cables are comparably smaller than data and communications cables, therefore they are considered as the new trend as a replacement of data and communications cable. However, data and communications cables are still widely use in connecting the personal computer and other electronic devices as optical fiber cables have not yet 100% replaced data and communications cables.

(c) Structured cabling system products

Structured cabling system products primarily include optical and copper jumper wires and connection and distribution components such as distribution frames, wiring closets, as well as data and audio modules and faceplates. Commercial buildings and residential units are built in modern style nowadays, especially in developed cities, such as Beijing, Shanghai and etc. Structured cabling system products are widely used to meet the requirement of interior electronic applicable products and towards a more 'intelligent' way.

The CODM reviews the Group's assets and liabilities as a whole without allocation to each segment. In the opinion of the CODM, all strategic business units consume similar materials, and their products are produced by same machinery and equipment and then they are sold to same types of customers. As a result, it is not necessary to monitor the assets and liabilities under different segments. No segment information on assets and liabilities is presented accordingly.

(i) Business results

For the purposes of assessing segment performance and allocating resources between segments, the CODM monitors the results attributable to each reportable segment on the following basis:

Segment profit represents the profit earned/(loss incurred) by each segment without allocation of central administrative expenses (including emoluments of Directors and senior management), other income and gains, provision for ECLs on financial assets, gain on disposal of a subsidiary, share of loss of an associate and finance costs. This is the measure reported to the Group's CODM for the purposes of resource allocation.

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6. SEGMENT REPORTING (CONTINUED)

(i) Business results (continued)

The following table set outs the breakdown of the revenue and segment profit/(loss) by reportable segments:

	Data and communications cables RMB'000	Optical fibers and optical fiber cables RMB'000	Structured cabling system products RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Year ended 31 December 2024				
Revenue from external customers and reportable segment revenue				
– Point in time revenue recognition	342,706	159,668	161,491	663,865
Reportable segment profit	30,307	6,056	44,331	80,694
Year ended 31 December 2023				
Revenue from external customers and reportable segment revenue				
– Point in time revenue recognition	341,608	112,671	161,225	615,504
Reportable segment profit/(loss)	35,419	(748)	45,849	80,520

Reportable segment revenue is revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of HKFRS 15.

(ii) Reconciliation of reportable segment revenue and segment results

Revenue and expenses are allocated to the reportable segments with reference to sales generated and the expenses incurred by those segments. The measurement of segment results is the same as those used in preparing these consolidated financial statements under HKFRSs except that other income and gains, provision for ECLs on financial assets, gain on disposal of a subsidiary, share of loss of an associate, finance costs, income tax credit/(expense) and unallocated corporate administrative expenses not directly attributable to business activities of the operating segments are not included in arriving at the operating results of the operating segments.

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Segment results	80,694	80,520
Other income and gains	5,957	4,463
Unallocated depreciation and amortisation	(9,614)	(17,207)
Unallocated corporate administrative expenses (Note)	(33,034)	(27,893)
Provision for ECLs on financial assets	(10,179)	(12,126)
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary	643	–
Share of loss of an associate	(56)	–
Finance costs	(19,447)	(19,704)
Profit before income tax	14,964	8,053
Income tax credit/(expense)	3,511	(405)
Profit after income tax	18,475	7,648

Note: The unallocated administrative expenses were mainly consisted of staff cost, short-term lease expenses and sundry expenses.

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6. SEGMENT REPORTING (CONTINUED)

(ii) Reconciliation of reportable segment revenue and segment results (continued)

No operating segments have been aggregated in arriving at the three reportable segments of the Group. There were no inter-segment sales during the year (2023: Nil).

(iii) Geographic information

The Company is an investment holding company. The principal place of the Group's operations is in the PRC, which is considered as the Group's country of domicile for the disclosure purpose of HKFRS 8. Substantially all of the Group's non-current assets are located in the PRC as at 31 December 2024 and 2023.

The following table provides an analysis of the Group's revenue generated from external customers by geographical location of the customers. The geographical location of customers is based on the principal place of business of the customers.

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
The PRC	639,790	605,242
Overseas	24,075	10,262
	663,865	615,504

(iv) Information about major customers

Revenue from major customers, each of them accounting for 10% or more of the Group's revenue during the year, is set out below:

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Customer A (Note (i))	161,201	70,873
Customer B (Notes (ii) and (iii))	N/A	96,868

Notes:

- (i) Revenue from optical fibers and optical fiber cables, data and communications cables and structure cabling system products segments.
- (ii) Revenue from data and communications cables segment.
- (iii) Revenue from relevant customer was less than 10% of the Group's total revenue for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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7. REVENUE

The principal activities of the Group are the production and sales of optical fibers and optical fiber cables, data and communications cables and structured cabling system products. Further details regarding the Group's principal activities and revenue recognised under HKFRS 15 are disclosed in Note 6.

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Timing of revenue recognition		
Goods transferred at a point in time	663,865	615,504

The duration of all sales contracts outstanding at the end of the reporting periods are expected to be lesser than one year. The Group applied the practical expedient in paragraph 121 of HKFRS 15 to these sales contracts such that the information about revenue that the Group will be entitled to when it satisfies the remaining performance obligations under the contracts for sales of products that have an original expected duration of one year or less is not disclosed.

8. OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Bank interest income	327	646
Government grants (Note)	2,999	1,352
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	339	–
Others	2,292	2,465
	5,957	4,463

Note: There were no unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to government grants that had been recognised.

9. FINANCE COSTS

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Interests and finance charges on bank and other borrowings	19,399	19,631
Interests on lease liabilities	48	73
	19,447	19,704

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10. PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX

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

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Auditor's remuneration	923	907
Cost of inventories recognised as expenses (Note (i))	522,461	480,193
Transportation expenses (included in selling and distribution expenses)	15,001	9,050
Research expenditures (included in administrative expenses)		
– Employee benefit expenses	1,941	2,928
– Materials consumed	13,133	8,730
– Others	107	2,425
	15,181	14,083
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets (Note (ii) and Note 16)	42,639	42,145
Amortisation of intangible assets (included in cost of sales) (Note 17)	1,132	1,132
Write down/(reversal of) inventories to net realisable value (included in cost of sales)	1,878	(1,962)
Provision for ECLs on financial assets (Note 40(b))	10,179	12,126
Short-term lease expenses (Note (iii))	1,746	2,596
Employee benefit expenses (including Directors' emoluments (Note 14)) (Note (iv)):		
– Salaries and wages, allowances and discretionary bonuses	46,765	52,568
– Contribution to defined contribution schemes (Note (v))	5,606	6,054
	52,371	58,622

Notes:

- (i) Amounts included cost of materials of approximately RMB462,398,000 (2023: RMB432,534,000). During the year ended 31 December 2023, an amount of approximately RMB9,750,000 which related to the costs of the optical fibers production department during the period when production was suspended for installation and testing of newly constructed machineries, was included in administrative expenses.
- (ii) Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets of approximately RMB32,841,000 (2023: RMB24,721,000), RMB184,000 (2023: RMB217,000) and RMB9,614,000 (2023: RMB17,207,000) are included in cost of sales, selling and distribution expenses and administrative expenses, respectively.
- (iii) These expenses relate to short-term leases of office premises. They are directly charged as expenses and are not included in the measurement of lease liabilities under HKFRS 16. As at 31 December 2024, the amount of lease commitments for short-term leases was approximately RMB732,000 (2023: RMB907,000).
- (iv) Employee benefit expenses (including Directors' emoluments) of approximately RMB9,761,000 (2023: RMB12,959,000), RMB24,248,000 (2023: RMB26,242,000) and RMB18,362,000 (2023: RMB19,421,000) were included in cost of sales, selling and distribution expenses and administrative expenses, respectively.
- (v) The Group participates in a central pension scheme (the "Scheme") whereby subsidiaries of the Group in the PRC are required to contribute a certain percentage of the basic salaries of their employees to the Scheme to fund their retirement benefits. The only obligation of the Group with respect to the Scheme is to pay the ongoing required contributions under the Scheme. There are no provisions under the Scheme whereby forfeited contributions may be used to reduce future contributions.

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11. INCOME TAX (CREDIT)/EXPENSE

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Current tax – the PRC Enterprise Income Tax (“EIT”)		
Charge for the year	–	2,768
Over-provision in respect of prior year	(2,643)	(2,365)
Deferred tax (Note 29)		
(Credit)/Charge for the year	(868)	2
Income tax (credit)/expense	(3,511)	405

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the Group had no assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the year (2023: Nil).

No provision for income tax in the Cayman Islands and the BVI has been made as the Group had no assessable income in these jurisdictions during the year (2023: Nil).

Under the Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax (the “**EIT Law**”) and Implementation Regulations of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the Company’s PRC subsidiaries is 25% (2023: 25%) except as described below. Provision for the EIT for the year was made based on the estimated assessable profits calculated in accordance with the relevant income tax laws, and regulations applicable to the subsidiaries operated in the PRC.

Putian Cable (as defined in Note 34), one of the subsidiaries of the Company, was approved to be a high and new technology enterprise (“**HNTE**”) and is entitled to a preferential income tax rate of 15% (2023: 15%) for the year according to the PRC tax law, as it was awarded high-technology status by tax authority with a validity period of three years expiring in 2025. The HNTE certificate needs to be renewed every three years so as to enable Putian Cable to enjoy the reduced tax rate and additional 100% (2023: 100%) tax deduction (“**Tax Deduction**”) based on the eligible research and development expenses.

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

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Profit before income tax	14,964	8,053
Tax calculated at the applicable tax rate of 25% (2023: 25%)	3,741	2,013
Effect of different tax rates	(248)	(5,367)
Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purposes	173	859
Tax effect of income not taxable for tax purposes	–	(115)
Effect attributable to the Tax Deduction relating to research expenditures	(2,277)	(2,112)
Deferred tax on undistributed earnings of the PRC subsidiaries	294	680
Utilisation of tax losses previously not recognised	(4,247)	–
Effect of tax losses not recognised	1,696	6,812
Over-provision in respect of prior year	(2,643)	(2,365)
Income tax (credit)/expense	(3,511)	405

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12. DIVIDENDS

No dividend was paid or proposed during the year, nor has any dividend been proposed since the end of the reporting period (2023: Nil).

13. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to the owners of the Company of approximately RMB18,475,000 (2023: RMB7,648,000) and the weighted average of 1,100,000,000 shares (2023: 1,100,000,000 shares) in issue during the year.

There were no potential ordinary shares in issue during the years ended 31 December 2024 and 2023 and, therefore, diluted earnings per share are the same as the basic earnings per share.

14. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

Directors' emoluments are disclosed as follows:

	Other emoluments				Total RMB'000
	Fees RMB'000	Salaries, allowance and other benefits RMB'000	Discretionary bonuses RMB'000	Contribution to defined contribution scheme RMB'000	
For the year ended 31 December 2024					
Executive Directors					
Ms. Wang Qiuping (Note)	702	432	36	–	1,170
Mr. Zhao Xiaobao	702	432	36	76	1,246
Ms. Zhao Moge	360	403	30	79	872
Independent non-executive Directors					
Ms. Cheng Shing Yan	120	–	–	–	120
Mr. Liu Guodong	120	–	–	–	120
Mr. Xie Haidong	120	–	–	–	120
	2,124	1,267	102	155	3,648
For the year ended 31 December 2023					
Executive Directors					
Ms. Wang Qiuping (Note)	702	435	36	–	1,173
Mr. Zhao Xiaobao	702	435	36	66	1,239
Ms. Zhao Moge	326	279	45	101	751
Independent non-executive Directors					
Ms. Cheng Shing Yan	120	–	–	–	120
Mr. Liu Guodong	120	–	–	–	120
Mr. Xie Haidong	120	–	–	–	120
	2,090	1,149	117	167	3,523

Note: Ms. Wang Qiuping is also the Chairlady and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

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14. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Salaries, allowances and other benefits, discretionary bonus and contribution to defined contribution scheme paid to or for the executive Directors are generally emoluments paid or payable in respect of those persons' other services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company and its subsidiaries. The discretionary bonus was a performance related incentive payment which was determined on a discretionary basis with reference to the individual's performance.

The fees paid to or for the executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors' emoluments show above were for their services as Directors.

No Directors received any emoluments from the Group as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office during the year (2023: Nil). No Directors waived or agreed to waive any emoluments during the year (2023: Nil).

15. THE FIVE HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS

The five individuals with the highest emoluments in the Group include three (2023: three) Directors whose emoluments are included in Note 14 above. The emoluments of the remaining two (2023: two) individuals were as follows:

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Salaries and other emoluments	955	1,527
Discretionary bonuses	72	56
Contribution to defined contribution scheme	34	14
	1,061	1,597

The number of the highest paid non-Directors fell within the following emolument band:

	2024 Number of individuals	2023 Number of individuals
Nil to HKD1,000,000	2	2

During the year, no emoluments were paid by the Group to the above highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office (2023: Nil).

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16. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Construction in progress RMB'000	Land and buildings RMB'000	Machinery RMB'000	Motor vehicles RMB'000	Furniture, fixtures and office equipment RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Cost						
At 1 January 2023	1,660	255,821	308,420	2,966	21,963	590,830
Additions	26,410	1,348	198	396	773	29,125
Transferred from/(to)	(21,129)	–	21,129	–	–	–
Disposals	–	(1,194)	(245)	–	(38)	(1,477)
At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	6,941	255,975	329,502	3,362	22,698	618,478
Additions	20,157	3,362	3,586	–	1,873	28,978
Transferred from/(to)	(21,080)	–	20,068	–	1,012	–
Disposal of a subsidiary (Note 35)	–	–	(1,219)	(3)	(428)	(1,650)
Disposals	–	(2,356)	(5,044)	(208)	(4,014)	(11,622)
At 31 December 2024	6,018	256,981	346,893	3,151	21,141	634,184
Accumulated depreciation						
At 1 January 2023	–	40,607	99,102	2,399	16,937	159,045
Depreciation	–	15,017	24,929	268	1,931	42,145
Disposals	–	(1,194)	(245)	–	(38)	(1,477)
At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	–	54,430	123,786	2,667	18,830	199,713
Depreciation	–	16,611	23,698	242	2,088	42,639
Disposal of a subsidiary (Note 35)	–	–	(799)	(3)	(403)	(1,205)
Disposals	–	(2,356)	(2,497)	(198)	(3,525)	(8,576)
At 31 December 2024	–	68,685	144,188	2,708	16,990	232,571
Net carrying amount						
At 31 December 2024	6,018	188,296	202,705	443	4,151	401,613
At 31 December 2023	6,941	201,545	205,716	695	3,868	418,765

The above items of property, plant and equipment, except for construction in progress, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives and after taking into account of their estimated residual values.

Buildings, including structures, which are held for own use are situated on land held under medium term leases in the PRC.

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16. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

At 31 December 2024, property, plant and equipment with net carrying amount of approximately RMB208,016,000 (2023: RMB244,038,000) were pledged as collateral for the Group's bank and other borrowings (Note 28).

As at 31 December 2023, certain items of buildings with an aggregate net carrying amount of RMB152,737,000, are under title certificate application. The Directors are of the opinion that the Group is entitled to lawfully and validly occupy and use the above-mentioned properties for the purposes for which the properties are being used by the Group for the remaining useful lives of the properties and therefore the aforesaid matter does not affect the ownership rights of the Group over these assets and hence did not have any significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial position as at 31 December 2023. During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Group successfully applied and obtained these title certificates.

Right-of-use assets

The Group leases a number of properties for the purpose of office use in the PRC and Hong Kong and has the ownership interest in the prepaid land lease in the PRC. The land use right has an estimated useful life of 50 years and lease of office premises has lease term of two to three years (2023: two to three years). The Group's interests in these right-of-use assets, which are included in "Land and buildings" class of property, plant and equipment, is set out below:

	Land and buildings RMB'000			
At 1 January 2023	12,977			
Addition	113			
Depreciation	(1,765)			
Exchange realignment	3			
At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	11,328			
Addition	2,592			
Depreciation	(1,401)			
At 31 December 2024	12,519			

	Net carrying amount at 31 December		Depreciation for the year ended 31 December	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Ownership interests in prepaid land lease, carried with remaining lease term of 10 and 50 years	10,255	10,544	289	289
Office premises leased for own use	2,264	784	1,112	1,476
	12,519	11,328	1,401	1,765

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16. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

Right-of-use assets (continued)

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Short-term lease expenses	1,746	2,596
Interests on lease liabilities	48	73

During the year, the total cash outflows for the leases including short-term leases are approximately RMB2,892,000 (2023: RMB4,169,000).

The Group has several lease contracts that include extension options. In the opinion of the Directors, these options would provide the Group with flexibility in managing the leased-asset portfolio and align with the Group's business needs. Management exercises judgement in determining whether these extension options are reasonably certain to be exercised, upon the occurrence of either a significant event or a significant change in circumstances that is within the control of the lessee. During the year ended 31 December 2024, there is no such triggering event (2023: Nil).

17. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Patents RMB'000
Cost	
At 1 January 2023, 31 December 2023, 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	11,321
Accumulated amortisation	
At 1 January 2023	1,038
Amortisation	1,132
At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	2,170
Amortisation	1,132
At 31 December 2024	3,302
Net carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	8,019
At 31 December 2023	9,151

Patents for optical fibers production have finite useful lives over which the assets are amortised. Amortisation of patents is amortised on the straight-line basis over 10 years.

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18. INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Share of net assets (Note 35)	2,269	—
Share of post-tax loss of an associate	(56)	—
	2,213	—

In 2024, Putian Cable entered into an equity transfer agreement with an independent third party, pursuant to which, Putian Cable disposed of 51% equity interest in Putian Cable Group (as defined below). The disposal of Putian Cable Group was completed on 18 July 2024. Upon completion, Putian Cable Group was no longer a subsidiary of the Company and became an associate of the Company (Note 35).

Particulars of the associate as at 31 December 2024 are set out below, of which is an unlisted corporate entity, whose quoted market price is not available.

Name of associate #	Form of business structure	Place of establishment	Place of operation and principal activity	Paid-up capital	Percentage of ownership interests/ voting rights/ profit share
Putian Cable Group Communication Technology Co., Ltd. ("Putian Cable Group") (普天線纜集團通信科技有限公司) ^	Corporation	The PRC	Sales of structured cabling system products in the PRC	RMB8,000,000	49 (2023: N/A)

The English name of the associate established in the PRC is translated for identification purpose only.

^ The entity is established in the PRC in the form of domestic limited liability company.

Financial information in relation to the associate that is not individually material:

	2024 RMB'000
The Group's share of loss and total comprehensive loss	(56)
Aggregate carrying amount of the Group's interest in the associate	2,213

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19. INVENTORIES

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Raw materials	24,235	24,510
Finished goods	40,894	36,308
	65,129	60,818

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

20. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Trade receivables, gross (Note (i))	534,662	457,062
Less: Loss allowance (Note 40(b))	(28,904)	(19,688)
Trade receivables, net	505,758	437,374
Bills receivables (Note (ii))	571	8,336
Trade and bills receivables, net	506,329	445,710

Notes:

- (i) At 31 December 2024, trade receivables with carrying amount of approximately RMB20,000,000 (2023: RMB7,375,000) were pledged as collateral for the Group's bank and other borrowings (Note 28).
- (ii) Bills receivables represented outstanding bank acceptance bills.

Based on the invoice dates, the ageing analysis of the Group's net carrying amount of trade and bills receivables is as follows:

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Within 1 month	116,649	119,744
More than 1 month but within 2 months	56,114	38,465
More than 2 months but within 3 months	44,883	45,353
More than 3 months but within 6 months	112,029	74,293
More than 6 months but within 1 year	96,997	63,421
More than 1 year	79,657	104,434
	506,329	445,710

The Group recognised ECLs based on the accounting policy stated in Note 4.4(ii).

The credit term granted by the Group to its trade customers is normally ranged from 90 days to 365 days (2023: 90 days to 365 days). Further details of the Group's credit policy are set out in Note 40(b).

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21. DEPOSITS, PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
<i>Current</i>		
Deposits (Note (i))	28,973	35,511
Prepayments to suppliers	39,502	90,885
Prepayments	6,295	2,317
Valued added tax receivables	9,891	15,898
Consideration receivables regarding the disposal of a subsidiary (Note 35)	3,005	–
Other receivables (Note (iii))	8,328	9,136
	95,994	153,747
<i>Non-current</i>		
Prepayments for property, plant and equipment (Note (ii))	2,854	15,051

Notes:

- (i) The balance mainly comprises rental deposits, utility deposits and guarantee deposits for product supply projects. In the opinion of the Directors, these deposits would be refunded to the Group within 12 months.
- (ii) As at 31 December 2023, the Group had certain prepayments of approximately RMB15,051,000 to certain independent third parties for purchases of equipment and machineries mainly for an optical fiber production line. During the year ended 31 December 2024, these prepayments of approximately RMB14,181,000 were utilised upon the delivery of the items of property, plant and equipment (2023: prepayments of approximately RMB18,670,000 were utilised upon the delivery of the items of property, plant and equipment and prepayments of RMB33,309,000 which were paid to suppliers, which also supplied inventories to the Group were set off against the trade payables due to the same supplier during the year ended 31 December 2023, after both parties agreed to the setting off arrangement).
- During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Group has further made certain prepayments of approximately RMB1,984,000 (2023: RMB3,261,000) to certain independent third parties mainly for purchases of equipment and machineries for an optical fiber production line.
- As at 31 December 2024 and 2023, the relevant capital commitment for the new phase of production line is disclosed in Note 37.
- (iii) As at 31 December 2024, other receivables due from the associate is amounted to approximately RMB4,302,000 (2023: Nil). The amounts are unsecured, interest free and recoverable on demand.

22. RESTRICTED CASH

Bank deposits have been pledged as security for letters of guarantee for product supply projects and bills payables (Note 24). The restricted cash will be released upon the expiry of letters of guarantee or the settlement of relevant bills payables. As at 31 December 2023, bank deposits had also been pledged for bank borrowings (Note 28).

Restricted cash carry interests at prevailing market rates ranging from 0.10% to 1.95% (2023: 0.20% to 0.35%) per annum.

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23. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and balances with banks. As at 31 December 2024, bank balance of approximately RMB28,039,000 (2023: RMB26,528,000) denominated in RMB were deposited with banks in the PRC. RMB is not freely convertible to other currencies as such amounts were held by the subsidiaries located in the PRC. Under the PRC's Foreign Exchange Control Regulations and Administration of Settlement, Sales and Payment of Foreign Exchange Regulations, the Group is permitted to exchange RMB for foreign currencies only through banks that are authorised to conduct foreign exchange business.

Bank balances carry interests at prevailing market rate ranging from 0.10% to 0.15% (2023: 0.00% to 0.35%) per annum.

24. TRADE AND BILLS PAYABLES

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Trade payables	72,977	92,381
Bills payables	68,485	43,986
	141,462	136,367

The credit terms of trade payables vary according to the terms agreed with different suppliers, are normally ranging from 30 days to 90 days (2023: 30 days to 90 days) and bills payables maturity periods are normally ranging from 180 days to 360 days (2023: 180 days to 360 days). Based on the receipt of services and goods, which normally coincided with the invoice dates, the ageing analysis of the Group's trade and bills payables as at the end of each reporting period is as follows:

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Within 1 month	34,958	48,936
More than 1 month but within 2 months	13,133	25,693
More than 2 months but within 3 months	4,248	32,002
More than 3 months but within 6 months	41,337	15,758
More than 6 months but within 1 year	44,267	8,896
More than 1 year	3,519	5,082
	141,462	136,367

Trade and bills payables are short-term in nature and hence the carrying values of the Group's trade and bills payables are considered to be a reasonable approximation of their fair values.

The Group has financial risk management policies in place to ensure that all payables are settled within the credit time frame.

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24. TRADE AND BILLS PAYABLES (CONTINUED)

Supplier finance arrangements

The Group entered into bank acceptance bills and letters of credit with banks, under which the Group applies for these bills to be accepted by the banks in the PRC (the “Bills”) and presents the accepted Bills to the suppliers as settlement of the trade payables. Under these arrangements, the banks pay the suppliers and the Group then settles with the banks on the maturity date of the Bills, which is normally 6 months after the issue date of the Bills. The suppliers can also arrange factoring from their banks to have an early settlement of the Bills or to endorse the Bills to their suppliers for settlement of their supplier invoices. These arrangements provide the Group with extended payment terms, compared to the related invoice payment due date.

In the consolidated statement of financial position, the Group has presented the payables to the banks under these arrangements as bills payables and included in trade and bills payables. At 31 December 2024, bills payables of approximately RMB39,990,000 (2023: RMB11,940,000), were secured by pledged bank deposits (Note 22). At 31 December 2024, bills payables of RMB28,495,000 (2023: RMB12,000,000) were also guaranteed by a subsidiary of the Company and the Controlling Shareholders.

In the consolidated statement of cash flows, payments to the banks are included within operating cash flows based on the nature of the arrangements.

	At 31 December 2024 RMB'000	At 31 December 2023 RMB'000	At 1 January 2023 RMB'000
Carrying amount of the financial liabilities that are subject to supplier finance arrangements			
Presented as part of “Trade and bills payables” (Note (i))	68,485	43,986	N/A (Note (ii))
	Days	Days	Days
Range of payment due dates			
For liabilities presented as part of “Trade and bills payables”			
– liabilities that are part of supplier finance arrangements	180 to 360	N/A (Note (ii))	N/A (Note (ii))
– comparable trade and bills payables that are not part of supplier finance arrangements	30 to 90	N/A (Note (ii))	N/A (Note (ii))

Changes in liabilities that are subject to supplier finance arrangements are primarily attributable to additions resulting from issue of the Bills and subsequent cash settlements.

Notes:

- (i) No suppliers have already received payment from the finance providers.
- (ii) The comparative information that is not required to be presented by the Group in the current year as a result of application of the transition relief is marked as “N/A” in the table.

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25. CONTRACT LIABILITIES

Contract liabilities represent billings in advance of performance in relation to the sales of optical fibers and optical fiber cables, data and communications cables and structured cabling system products.

When the Group receives a deposit before the products are delivered to the customers, this will give rise to contract liabilities at the start of a contract, until revenue recognised exceeds the amount of the deposit. The Group generally receives deposits on acceptance of orders for certain customers. The amount of the deposit was negotiated on a case-by-case basis with the customers.

The following table shows the opening and closing balances of contract liabilities for each reporting period and how much of the revenue recognised during each reporting period relates to carried-forward contract liabilities:

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Balance as at 1 January	34,262	19,421
Decrease in contract liabilities as a result of recognising revenue during the year that was included in the contract liabilities at the beginning of the year	(34,262)	(19,421)
Increase in contract liabilities as a result of receiving deposits in advance of sales of goods	19,715	34,262
Balance at 31 December	19,715	34,262

26. ACCRUALS AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Accruals	3,120	6,805
Accrued salaries and allowances	3,959	3,314
Payables for acquisitions of property, plant and equipment	17,854	16,809
Other payables (Note)	28,233	22,577
	53,166	49,505

Note:

Other payables mainly comprised other tax payables and surcharges of approximately RMB7,792,000 (2023: RMB11,969,000) and accrued interests payable of approximately RMB5,595,000 (2023: RMB5,595,000) as at 31 December 2024.

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27. LEASES

Nature of leasing activities (in the capacity as lessee)

The carrying amount of the corresponding lease liabilities whose underlying assets are land and buildings and the movements during the year are as follows:

	RMB'000
At 1 January 2023	2,140
Commencement of new lease	113
Interest expense	73
Lease payments	(1,573)
Exchange realignment	3
At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	756
Commencement of new lease	2,592
Interest expense	48
Lease payments	(1,146)
At 31 December 2024	2,250

The weighted average incremental borrowing rates applied to lease liabilities ranged from 4.44% to 5.65% (2023: 4.89% to 5.65%) per annum.

The following table shows the remaining contractual maturities of the Group's lease liabilities:

	2024		2023	
	Present value of the minimum lease payments RMB'000	Total minimum lease payments RMB'000	Present value of the minimum lease payments RMB'000	Total minimum lease payments RMB'000
Within 1 year	1,068	1,148	708	724
More than 1 year but within 2 years	802	836	48	49
More than 2 years but within 5 years	380	388	–	–
	2,250	2,372	756	773
Less: total future interest expenses		(122)		(17)
Present value of lease liabilities		2,250		756
Less: amount classified as non-current liabilities		(1,182)		(48)
Current liabilities		1,068		708

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28. BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Bank borrowings – Secured	209,400	224,750
Bank borrowings – Unsecured	72,000	93,600
	281,400	318,350
Other borrowings – Secured	30,543	22,846
	311,943	341,196
Less: amount classified as non-current liabilities	(96,580)	(93,000)
Current liabilities	215,363	248,196
Borrowings fall due:		
– Within 1 year	215,363	248,196
– More than 1 year but within 2 years	17,580	12,000
– More than 2 years but within 5 years	46,000	36,000
– More than 5 years	33,000	45,000
Total bank and other borrowings	311,943	341,196

Bank borrowings of approximately RMB108,000,000 (2023: RMB165,750,000) bear variable interests at the bank's loan prime rate plus a premium. The effective interest rates of these borrowings are ranging from 4.35% to 5.00% (2023: 4.35% to 5.40%) per annum as at 31 December 2024.

Bank borrowings of approximately RMB173,400,000 (2023: RMB152,600,000) bear interest at fixed rates, ranging from 2.60% to 5.50% (2023: 2.60% to 5.66%) per annum as at 31 December 2024.

Other borrowings bear interests at fixed rates, ranging from 5.90% to 6.90% (2023: 0.00% to 6.88%) per annum as at 31 December 2024.

The weighted average effective interest rate on these borrowings is 4.63% (2023: 4.45%) per annum as at 31 December 2024.

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28. BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS (CONTINUED)

The bank and other borrowings are secured by the assets of the Group, the net carrying amounts of these assets are set out as follows:

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Property, plant and equipment (Note 16)		
– Land and buildings	162,491	192,774
– Machinery	45,525	51,264
Trade receivables (Note 20)	20,000	7,375
Bank deposits (Note 22)	–	12,375

The bank borrowings are also secured by the properties and pledged bank deposits of the Controlling Shareholders and the family members of the Controlling Shareholders.

As at 31 December 2024 and 2023, guarantees were provided by the Company, the subsidiaries of the Company, the Controlling Shareholders and the family members of the Controlling Shareholders for the bank and other borrowings.

Except for certain bank and other borrowings not included in the facilities granted, a summary of facilities granted by banks and other creditors and the amounts utilised by the Group at 31 December 2024 and 2023 is set out as follows:

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Amounts granted	183,000	193,600
Amounts utilised	58,800	173,600

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29. DEFERRED TAX ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)

Details of the deferred tax assets/(liabilities) recognised and movements during the year are as follows:

Deferred tax assets:

	Allowance for doubtful debts RMB'000	Write down of inventories RMB'000	Tax losses RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2023	292	127	6,849	7,268
Credited/(charged) for the year (Note 11)	805	(127)	–	678
At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	1,097	–	6,849	7,946
Credited for the year (Note 11)	880	282	–	1,162
At 31 December 2024	1,977	282	6,849	9,108

Deferred tax liabilities:

	Withholding tax on undistributed earnings RMB'000	Capitalised costs RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2023	(18,628)	(6,849)	(25,477)
Charged for the year (Note 11)	(680)	–	(680)
At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	(19,308)	(6,849)	(26,157)
Charged for the year (Note 11)	(294)	–	(294)
At 31 December 2024	(19,602)	(6,849)	(26,451)

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had unused tax losses of approximately HKD683,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB644,000) (2023: HKD384,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB350,000)) available to offset against future profit sourced in Hong Kong for which no deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of those tax losses due to the unpredictability of future profit streams. Such unused tax losses are subject to the approval of the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Department and can be carried forward indefinitely.

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had unused tax losses of approximately RMB53,302,000 (2023: RMB73,237,000), available to offset against future profits sourced in the PRC for which no deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of those tax losses due to the unpredictability of future profit streams. The unused tax losses will be expired in five years from the year in which the losses were incurred.

Pursuant to the EIT Law, a 10% withholding tax is levied on dividends declared in respect of profits earned from 1 January 2008 onwards to foreign investors from the foreign investment enterprises established in the PRC. A lower withholding tax rate may be applied if there is a tax treaty between the PRC and the jurisdiction of the foreign investors. For the Group, the applicable rate is 10% (2023: 10%). The Group is liable for withholding taxes on dividends distributed by those subsidiaries established in the PRC in respect of earnings generated from 1 January 2008. As such, temporary withholding tax differences relating to the undistributed profits of the PRC subsidiaries amounted to approximately RMB329,899,000 (2023: RMB325,517,000) as at 31 December 2024.

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29. DEFERRED TAX ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (CONTINUED)

As at 31 December 2024, deferred tax liabilities of approximately RMB32,990,000 (2023: RMB32,552,000) have not been recognised in respect of the tax that would be payable on the distribution of these retained earnings, as the Company is in a position to control the dividend policy of the PRC subsidiaries and it has been determined that it is probable that undistributed profits of the PRC subsidiaries will not be distributed in the foreseeable future.

30. SHARE CAPITAL

	2024		2023	
	Number '000	Amount RMB'000	Number '000	Amount RMB'000
Authorised: Ordinary shares of HKD0.01 each At 1 January and 31 December	3,000,000	25,534	3,000,000	25,534
Issued and fully paid: Ordinary shares of HKD0.01 each At 1 January and 31 December	1,100,000	9,361	1,100,000	9,361

31. RESERVES

Share premium

Share premium is the excess of the proceeds received over the par value of the shares of the Company issued at a premium, less the amount of expenses incurred in connection with the issue of the shares.

Capital reserve

Capital reserve represented the excess net assets of approximately RMB30,000 from Putian Cable (as defined in Note 34), which was the capital surplus raised from the capital injection of United States dollars ("USD") 185,000, on 2 November 2001. Also, the excess net assets of approximately RMB160,000 from Jiangxi Optical (as defined in Note 34), which transferred from the PRC statutory reserve when Jiangxi Optical transformed from Limited Company to Stock Corporation as at 30 September 2013, the date of transformation.

Other reserve

The amount arose from the acquisition of equity interest in the Putian Cable by Jiangxi Tianyuan (as defined in Note 34) during the group reorganisation.

PRC statutory reserve

In accordance with the relevant laws and regulations of the PRC, the PRC subsidiary is required to appropriate 10% of its profit after tax, prepared in accordance with the accounting regulation in the PRC, to the statutory reserve fund until the statutory reserve balance reaches 50% of the registered capital. Such reserve may be used to reduce any losses incurred or to increase capital.

Exchange reserve

Exchange reserve comprises the exchange differences arising on the translation of the financial statements of the Company and certain subsidiaries to presentation currency.

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32. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The key management personnel remuneration of the Group, including emoluments paid to the Directors as disclosed in Note 14, is as follows:

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Fees	2,124	2,090
Salaries, allowance and other benefits	1,556	1,433
Discretionary bonus	126	141
Contribution to defined contribution scheme	183	192
	3,989	3,856

Except as disclosed above, no other transactions, arrangements or contracts of significance in relation to the Group's business to which the Company was a party and in which a Director or an entity connected with a Director had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted during or at the end of the year (2023: Nil).

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33. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESERVES MOVEMENTS OF THE COMPANY

	Notes	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets			
Investment in a subsidiary		74	71
Amounts due from subsidiaries		16,211	15,895
		16,285	15,966
Current assets			
Amount due from a subsidiary		67,982	69,901
Cash and cash equivalents		64	63
		68,046	69,964
Current liabilities			
Amount due to a subsidiary		74	71
Accruals and other payables		980	1,303
		1,054	1,374
Net current assets		66,992	68,590
Net assets		83,277	84,556
EQUITY			
Share capital		9,361	9,361
Reserves	(i)	73,916	75,195
Total equity		83,277	84,556

The statement of financial position of the Company was approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 31 March 2025 and was signed on its behalf by:

Wang Qiuping
Director

Zhao Xiaobao
Director

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33. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESERVES MOVEMENTS OF THE COMPANY (CONTINUED)

Note:

(i) Movements in reserves

	Share premium RMB'000	Exchange reserve RMB'000	Accumulated losses RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Balance at 1 January 2023	130,289	5,301	(55,752)	79,838
Loss for the year	–	–	(6,238)	(6,238)
Other comprehensive income:				
Exchange differences arising on translation to presentation currency	–	1,595	–	1,595
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	–	1,595	(6,238)	(4,643)
Balance at 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	130,289	6,896	(61,990)	75,195
Loss for the year	–	–	(3,808)	(3,808)
Other comprehensive income:				
Exchange differences arising on translation to presentation currency	–	2,529	–	2,529
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	–	2,529	(3,808)	(1,279)
Balance at 31 December 2024	130,289	9,425	(65,798)	73,916

34. INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES

Details of the subsidiaries are as follows:

Name of subsidiary #	Form of business structure	Place of incorporation/ establishment	Place of operation and principal activity	Issued and fully paid share capital/ paid-up capital	Percentage of ownership interests/ voting rights/ profit share
<u>Interests held directly</u>					
Putian Group Investment Co., Ltd. (普天集團投資有限公司)	Corporation	The BVI	Investment holding in Hong Kong	Ordinary shares USD10,000	100 (2023: 100)
<u>Interests held indirectly</u>					
Putian Communication Group (HK) Limited (普天通信集團(香港)有限 公司)	Corporation	Hong Kong	Investment holding in Hong Kong	Ordinary shares USD10,000	100 (2023: 100)

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34. INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

Name of subsidiary #	Form of business structure	Place of incorporation/ establishment	Place of operation and principal activity	Issued and fully paid share capital/ paid-up capital	Percentage of ownership interests/ voting rights/ profit share
Interests held indirectly (continued)					
Jiangxi Tianyuan Intelligent Technology Co., Ltd. (“Jiangxi Tianyuan”) (江西天源智能科技有限公司) *	Corporation	The PRC	Investment holding in the PRC	RMB25,000,000	100 (2023: 100)
Putian Cable Group Co., Ltd. (“Putian Cable”) (普天線纜集團有限公司)	Corporation	The PRC	Production and sales of data and communications cables and optical fiber cables in the PRC	RMB201,000,000	100 (2023: 100)
Jiangxi Changtian Optical Communication Co., Ltd. (“Jiangxi Optical”) (江西長天光電通信有限公司) ^	Corporation	The PRC	Sale of optical fibers and optical fiber cables in the PRC	RMB86,000,000	100 (2023: 100)
Putian Cable Group ^	Corporation	The PRC	Sales of structured cabling system products in the PRC	RMB8,000,000	N/A (2023: 100) (Note 35)
Putian Cable Group (Shanghai) Building Intelligence Co., Ltd. (普天線纜集團(上海)樓宇智能有限公司) ^	Corporation	The PRC	Sales of structured cabling system products in the PRC	RMB30,000,000	100 (2023: 100)
Jiangxi Putian Scrap Metal Recycle Co., Ltd. (江西普天廢舊金屬回收有限公司) ^	Corporation	The PRC	Dormant company in the PRC	RMB6,000,000	100 (2023: 100)
Jiangxi Changxun Plastic Technology Co., Ltd. (江西長訊塑膠科技有限公司) ^	Corporation	The PRC	Dormant company in the PRC	RMB20,000,000	100 (2023: 100)
Jiangxi Putian Intelligent Technology Collaborative Innovation Co., Ltd. (江西普天智能科技協同創有限公司) ^	Corporation	The PRC	Dormant company in the PRC	RMB80,000,000	N/A (2023: 100) (Note)
Jiangxi Yibao Electronic Technology Co., Ltd. (江西翼寶電子科技有限公司) ^	Corporation	The PRC	Dormant company in the PRC	RMB10,000,000	100 (2023: 100)

The English names of all subsidiaries established in the PRC are translated for identification purpose only.

* These entities are established in the PRC in the form of wholly foreign-owned enterprise.

^ The entity is established in the PRC in the form of domestic limited liability company.

Note: Jiangxi Putian Intelligent Technology Collaborative Innovation Co., Ltd. was deregistered on 27 August 2024. The related losses of RMB960,000 (2023: Nil) resulting from the deregistration, was included in administrative expenses during the year.

None of the subsidiaries had issued any debt securities at the end of the year (2023: Nil).

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35. DISPOSAL OF A SUBSIDIARY

On 18 July 2024, Putian Cable entered into an equity transfer agreement with Mr. Ye Fanxiu, a brother-in-law of the Controlling Shareholders, pursuant to which Putian Cable disposed of its 51% equity interest in Putian Cable Group with a consideration of RMB3,005,000. The disposal of Putian Cable Group was completed on 18 July 2024. Upon completion, Putian Cable Group was no longer a subsidiary of the Company and became an associate of the Company.

The net assets of Putian Cable Group as at the date of disposal were as follows:

	RMB'000
Property, plant and equipment	445
Inventories	758
Trade and bills receivables	8,997
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables	1,994
Cash and cash equivalents	425
Trade and bills payables	(6,496)
Accruals and other payables	(1,492)
Net assets disposed of	4,631
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary	643
Remaining equity interest in Putian Cable Group accounted for as an associate (Note 18)	(2,269)
Total consideration (Note (i))	3,005
Net cash outflow arising on disposal:	
Cash and cash equivalents disposal of	(425)

Notes:

- (i) The consideration was included in other receivables under deposits, prepayments and other receivables of the Group as at 31 December 2024 (Note 21), and was settled fully in March 2025.
- (ii) The unpaid registered capital of Putian Cable amounted to RMB42,000,000. The Group shall pay the remaining amount of 49% registered capital amounting to RMB20,580,000 on or before 31 July 2029.

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36. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

The table below details changes in the Group's liabilities arising from financing activities.

	Bank and other borrowings RMB'000 (Note 28)	Lease liabilities RMB'000 (Note 27)
At 1 January 2023	338,681	2,140
Changes from financing activities:		
– Proceeds from new bank and other borrowings	242,700	–
– Repayments of bank and other borrowings	(240,185)	–
– Interest paid	(19,631)	–
– Payment of interest element of lease liabilities	–	(73)
– Payment of capital element of lease liabilities	–	(1,500)
Other changes:		
– Commencement of new lease	–	113
– Interest expenses	19,631	73
– Exchange realignment	–	3
At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	341,196	756
Changes from financing activities:		
– Proceeds from new bank and other borrowings	286,800	–
– Repayments of bank and other borrowings	(316,053)	–
– Interest paid	(19,399)	–
– Payment of interest element of lease liabilities	–	(48)
– Payment of capital element of lease liabilities	–	(1,098)
Other changes:		
– Commencement of new lease	–	2,592
– Interest expenses	19,399	48
At 31 December 2024	311,943	2,250

(b) Major non-cash transactions

- (i) During the year ended 31 December 2024, additions of property, plant and equipment of approximately RMB14,181,000 (2023: RMB18,670,000) were prepaid in prior years and the amounts were transferred from prepayments for acquisition of property, plant and equipment.
- (ii) During the year ended 31 December 2023, prepayments for acquisition of property, plant and equipment amounting to RMB33,309,000 which were paid to suppliers, which also supplied inventories to the Group were set off against the trade payables due to the same supplier, after both parties agreed to the setting off arrangement.

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37. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Capital expenditure of the Group contracted for but not yet paid for or provided in the consolidated financial statements in respect of:		
– Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	36,039	42,222

38. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Group manages its capital to ensure that the entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to shareholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance.

The capital structure of the Group consists of net debt, comprising bank and other borrowings net of cash and cash equivalents and equity attributable to owners of the Company, comprising share capital and reserves.

The Directors review the capital structure on a continuous basis taking into account the loss of capital and the risk associated with the capital. The Group will balance its overall capital structure through the payment of dividends, new shares issue and share buy-back as well as the issue of new debts or redemption of existing debt, if necessary. No changes in the objectives, policies or processes for managing capital were made during the year.

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Trade and bills payables	141,462	136,367
Accruals and other payables	53,166	49,505
Lease liabilities	2,250	756
Bank and other borrowings	311,943	341,196
Less: Cash and cash equivalents	(29,239)	(27,281)
Net debt	479,582	500,543
Equity	593,836	576,999
Capital and net debt	1,073,418	1,077,542
Gearing ratio	44.7%	46.5%

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39. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES BY CATEGORY

The following table shows the carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities:

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Financial assets		
Amortised cost:		
Trade and bills receivables	506,329	445,710
Deposits and other receivables	40,306	44,647
Restricted cash	21,662	23,782
Cash and cash equivalents	29,239	27,281
	597,536	541,420
Financial liabilities		
Amortised costs:		
Trade and bills payables	141,462	136,367
Accruals and other payables	45,374	37,432
Lease liabilities	2,250	756
Bank and other borrowings	311,943	341,196
	501,029	515,751

40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

Details of these financial instruments are disclosed in respective notes to the consolidated financial statements. The risks associated with these financial instruments include market risk (i.e. interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. The Directors manage and monitor these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

(a) Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to cash flow interest rate risk due to the fluctuation of the prevailing market interest rate on bank and other borrowings. The Group does not have an interest rate hedging policy. However, the Directors monitor interest rate exposure from time to time and will consider hedging significant interest rate exposure should the need arise.

The Group's exposures to interest rates on financial assets and financial liabilities are detailed in the liquidity risk management section of this note. The Group's cash flow interest rate risk is mainly concentrated on the fluctuation of the interest rates quoted by the People's Bank of China arising from the Group's bank borrowings.

The Group's interest rate risk mainly arises from bank and other borrowings. Bank and other borrowings arranged at variable rates and fixed rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk and fair value interest rate risk, respectively. Certain bank and other borrowings of the Group as at 31 December 2024 bore interest at floating rates (2023: same). The interest rates and repayment terms of bank and other borrowings at the end of each reporting period are disclosed in Note 28.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (CONTINUED)

(a) Interest rate risk (continued)

The following sensitivity analysis demonstrates the Group's exposure to a reasonably possible change in interest rates on its floating rate bank borrowings with all other variables held constant at the end of the reporting period (in practice, the actual trading results may differ from the sensitivity analysis below and the difference could be material):

	2024 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000
Change in profit after tax and retained profits:		
+/-100 basis points	-/+1,065	-/+1,628

The changes in interest rates do not affect the Group's other components of equity. The above sensitivity analysis is prepared based on the assumption that the bank borrowing period of the loans outstanding at the end of the reporting period resembles that of the corresponding financial year.

(b) Credit risk

Other financial assets at amortised cost

Other financial assets at amortised cost include bills receivables, deposits and other receivables, restricted cash and cash and cash equivalents. In order to minimise the credit risk of deposits and other receivables, the management would make periodic collective and individual assessment on the recoverability of deposits and other receivables based on historical settlement records and past experience as well as current external information. Other monitoring procedures are in place to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts. In these regards, the credit risk of deposits and other receivables is considered to be low. It is not the Group's policy to request collateral from its other debtors.

The management is of opinion that there is no significant increase in credit risk on these deposits and other receivables since initial recognition as the risk of default is low and, thus, ECL recognised is based on 12-month ECL and the impact of ECL is insignificant for the years ended 31 December 2024 and 2023.

The credit risks on bills receivables, bank and restricted cash balances are considered to be insignificant because the counterparties are financial institutions with good reputation and high credit ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

Trade receivables

At the end of the reporting period, the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk which will cause a financial loss to the Group due to failure to discharge an obligation by the counterparties is represented by arising from the carrying amount of the respective recognised financial assets as stated in the consolidated statement of financial position.

In order to minimise the credit risk, the Directors have delegated a team responsible for determination of credit limits, credit approvals and other monitoring procedures to ensure that follow-up action are taken to recover overdue debts. In addition, the Directors review the recoverable amount of each individual receivable at the end of the reporting period to ensure that adequate impairment losses are made for irrecoverable amounts. In this regard, the Directors consider that the credit risk of the Group is significantly reduced.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (*CONTINUED*)

(b) Credit risk (*continued*)

Trade receivables (continued)

The credit risk of the Group is concentrated on trade receivables from the Group's two largest customers at 31 December 2024, which amounted to approximately RMB206,928,000 (2023: RMB149,869,000), and accounted for approximately 38.7% (2023: 32.2%) of the Group's gross trade receivables. In order to minimise the credit risk, the Directors continuously monitor the level of exposure by frequent review of the public financial information and credit quality of its customers to ensure that prompt actions will be taken to lower the exposure. The two largest customers of the Group are subsidiaries of listed companies in the PRC and Hong Kong. They are leading and large-scale full-service and integrated intelligent information services providers and both of them have good past credit repayment history and records with the Group.

The Group considers the probability of default upon initial recognition of asset and whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk on an ongoing basis throughout each reporting period. To assess whether there is a significant increase in credit risk, the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the asset as at the reporting date with the risk of default as at the date of initial recognition. It considers available reasonable and supportive forward-looking information.

The Group applies the simplified and general approach to provide for ECLs prescribed by HKFRS 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for trade receivables and 12-month ECLs for other receivables, unless there is significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition.

The Group measures ECLs, for trade receivables at an amount equal to lifetime ECL, which is calculated using a provision matrix. In measuring the ECLs, the trade receivables have been assessed on a collective basis and debtors ageing is applied to assess ECLs for its customers because these customers consist of a large number of customers which share common risk characteristics that are representative of the customers' ability to pay all amounts due in accordance with the contractual terms. They have been grouped based on the days past due. The estimated ECL loss rates are estimated based on the Group's estimates of the market borrowing rates for each of the groupings, less risk-free rate, which reflect the credit risk of the debtors, over the expected life of the debtors and are adjusted for forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort. The grouping is regularly reviewed by management to ensure relevant information about specific debtors is updated.

The Group considers a financial asset in default when contractual payments are 90 days past due. However, in certain cases, the Group may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Group is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Group. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (CONTINUED)

(b) Credit risk (continued)

Trade receivables (continued)

As at the reporting date, the loss allowance provision for trade receivables and ageing by due date were determined as follows. The ECLs below also incorporated forward looking information.

Trade Receivables	Current (not past due)	1-30 days past due	31-60 days past due	61-90 days past due	91-365 days past due	More than one year past due	Total
At 31 December 2024							
ECL rate	0.18%	10.40%	2.64%	9.14%	27.86%	27.30%	
Gross carrying amount (RMB'000)	415,790	6,883	9,599	5,118	30,378	66,894	534,662
Loss allowance (RMB'000)	745	716	253	468	8,463	18,259	28,904
At 31 December 2023							
ECL rate	0.11%	2.91%	3.22%	2.70%	19.33%	25.47%	
Gross carrying amount (RMB'000)	304,985	34,167	30,201	8,441	49,579	29,689	457,062
Loss allowance (RMB'000)	348	993	971	228	9,585	7,563	19,688

Movement of the loss allowance provision for trade receivables is as follows:

	RMB'000
At 1 January 2023	7,562
Loss allowance recognised in profit or loss	12,126
At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	19,688
Loss allowance recognised in profit or loss	10,179
Disposal of a subsidiary	(963)
At 31 December 2024	28,904

(c) Liquidity risk

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the Directors, which has built an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the Group's short, medium and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements. The Group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves and banking facilities.

Certain portion of the Group's trade and bills payables entered into supplier finance arrangements with certain banks and this results in the Group having obligations of settlement concentrated with certain banks rather than individual suppliers. The Directors do not consider the supplier finance arrangements result in excessive concentrations of liquidity risk of the Group.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (CONTINUED))

(c) Liquidity risk (continued)

The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its non-derivative financial liabilities. The table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Group can be required to pay. The table includes both interest and principal cash flows. To the extent that interest flows are floating rate, the undiscounted amount is derived from current interest rate at the end of each reporting period.

	Carrying amount RMB'000	Total contractual undiscounted cash flows RMB'000	Within one year or on demand RMB'000	More than 1 years but less than 2 years RMB'000	More Than 2 years but less than 5 years RMB'000	More than 5 years RMB'000
At 31 December 2024						
Trade and bills payables	141,462	141,462	141,462	–	–	–
Accruals and other payables	45,374	45,374	45,374	–	–	–
Lease liabilities	2,250	2,372	1,148	836	388	–
Bank and other borrowings	311,943	339,363	227,228	22,033	54,350	35,752
	501,029	528,571	415,212	22,869	54,738	35,752
At 31 December 2023						
Trade and bills payables	136,367	136,367	136,367	–	–	–
Accruals and other payables	37,432	37,432	37,432	–	–	–
Lease liabilities	756	773	724	49	–	–
Bank and other borrowings	341,196	368,694	256,670	16,452	45,757	49,815
	515,751	543,266	431,193	16,501	45,757	49,815

(d) Fair value measurements of financial instruments

All financial instruments are carried at amortised cost with amounts not materially different from their fair values as at 31 December 2024 and 2023.