

# Principal Accounting Policies

## 1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRS”) and have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group’s accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 3 to the accounts.

The Group has adopted the following revised HKFRS, amendments and interpretations effective from 1st January 2010.

HKAS 27 (Revised)	Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements
HKFRS 3 (Revised)	Business Combinations
HK-Int 5	Presentation of Financial Statements
Annual improvements to HKFRSs issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants in May 2009	

The revised HKAS 27 requires changes in a parent company’s interest in subsidiary companies that do not result in any change of control to be accounted for within equity, with no impact on goodwill or gains and losses. If a change in interest results in a loss of control, any remaining interest in the equity is re-measured to fair value and a gain or loss will be recognised in the income statement. The revised HKAS 27 has also resulted in the renaming of “minority interests” as “non-controlling interests”.

The revised HKFRS 3 requires all payments to purchase a business to be recorded at fair value at the acquisition date. There is a choice on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis to measure the non-controlling interest in the acquiree either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest’s proportionate share of the acquiree’s assets. All acquisition-related costs should be expensed.

The acquisition of additional interests in TAECO during the year from a non-controlling interest (as detailed in note 33 to the financial statements) has been accounted for in accordance with the revised HKAS 27 and HKFRS 3.

HK Interpretation 5 clarifies that the classification of a term loan as a current or non-current liability shall be determined by reference to the rights and obligations of the lender and the borrowers as contractually agreed. It is also dependent on whether or not the borrower has an unconditional right to defer payment for at least twelve months after the reporting date. This has had no impact on the accounts.

The adoption of other standards, revisions, amendments and interpretations does not result in substantial changes to the Group’s accounting policies and has no significant effect on the results.

## 1. Basis of preparation (continued)

The Group has not adopted early the following relevant new and revised standards, interpretations and amendments that have been issued but are not yet effective.

		Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after
HKAS 24 (Revised)	Related Party Disclosures	1st January 2011
HKFRS 9	Financial Instruments	1st January 2013
Third Improvements to HKFRSs – Amendments to:		
HKAS 1	Presentation of Financial Statements	1st January 2011
HKAS 34	Interim Financial Reporting	1st January 2011
HKFRS 7	Financial Instruments: Disclosures	1st January 2011

The revised HKAS 24 introduces an exemption from all of the disclosure requirements of HKAS 24 for transactions among government-related entities and the government. It also clarifies and simplifies the definition of a related party.

HKFRS 9 is the first part of a three-part project to replace HKAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. HKFRS 9 uses a single approach to determine whether a financial asset is measured at amortised cost or fair value. The approach in HKFRS 9 is based on how a company manages its financial instruments (its business model) and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The new standard also requires a single impairment method to be used, replacing the different impairment methods in HKAS 39.

The Improvements to HKFRSs consist of further amendments of existing standards. The amendment to HKAS 1 clarifies the presentation of statement of changes in equity. The amendment to HKAS 34 provides guidance to illustrate how to apply disclosure principles in HKAS 34 and add disclosure requirements. The amendment to HKFRS 7 clarifies the disclosure requirements for financial instruments.

It is not expected that these standards, revisions, amendments and interpretations will have a significant effect on the Group's results, net assets or accounting policies.

## 2. Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company, its subsidiary companies and the Group's interests in jointly controlled companies made up to 31st December.

The results of subsidiary companies are included in the consolidated income statement and non-controlling interests therein are disclosed separately as a component of the consolidated profit after tax. Results attributable to subsidiary company interests acquired or disposed of during the year are included from the date on which control is transferred to the Group or to the date that control ceases.

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiary companies by the Group. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange. The cost of an acquisition includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date, irrespective of the extent of any non-controlling interests. The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the cost of acquisition is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary company acquired, the difference is recognised directly in the statement of comprehensive income.

## **2. Basis of consolidation** (continued)

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between Group companies are eliminated on consolidation. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiary companies and jointly controlled companies have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Non-controlling interests in the consolidated statement of financial position comprise the proportion of the net assets of subsidiary companies attributable to shareholders external to the Group. The Group applies a policy of treating transactions with non-controlling interests as transactions with equity owners of the Group. For purchases from non-controlling interests, the difference between the cost of consideration and the relevant share acquired of the carrying value of net assets of the subsidiary company is recorded in equity. Gains or losses on disposals to non-controlling interests are also recorded in equity. When the Group ceases to have control or significant influence, any retained interest in the entity is remeasured to its fair value, with the change in carrying amount recognised in profit or loss. The fair value is the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequently accounting for the retained interest as an associate company, jointly controlled company or financial asset. In addition, any amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in respect of that entity are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. This may mean that amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss.

## **3. Subsidiary companies**

Subsidiary companies are all entities over which the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one half of the voting rights.

In the Company's statement of financial position, its investments in subsidiary companies are stated at cost less provision for any impairment losses. Income from subsidiary companies is accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable.

## **4. Jointly controlled companies**

Jointly controlled companies are those companies held for the long-term, over which the Group is in a position to exercise joint control with other venturers in accordance with contractual arrangements, and where none of the participating parties has unilateral control over the economic activity of the entity.

Investments in jointly controlled companies are accounted for using the equity method of accounting and are initially recognised at cost. The excess of the cost of investment in jointly controlled companies over the fair value of the Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired represents goodwill. The Group's investments in jointly controlled companies include goodwill (net of any accumulated impairment losses) arising on acquisitions.

The Group's share of its jointly controlled companies' post-acquisition profits or losses is recognised in the consolidated income statement, and its share of post-acquisition movements in reserves is recognised in reserves. The cumulative post-acquisition movements are included in the carrying amount of the investment. When the Group's interest, including any other unsecured receivables in a jointly controlled company is reduced to nil, the Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the jointly controlled company.

#### **4. Jointly controlled companies** (continued)

The Group recognises the disposal of an interest in a jointly controlled company when it ceases to have joint control and the risks and rewards of ownership have passed to the acquirer.

In the Company's statement of financial position, its investments in jointly controlled companies are stated at cost less provision for any impairment losses. Income from jointly controlled companies is recognised by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable.

#### **5. Segment reporting**

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the Group's internal financial reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the Board of Directors.

#### **6. Foreign currency translation**

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 consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement, except when deferred in equity as qualifying cash flow hedges. When a gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recognised directly in equity, a translation difference on that gain or loss is recognised directly in equity. When a gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recognised in the income statement, any translation difference on that gain or loss is recognised in the income statement.

The results and financial position of all the Group entities (none of which has the currency of a hyperinflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the Group's presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- (a) Assets and liabilities for each statement of financial position presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that statement of financial position;
- (b) Income and expenses for each income statement are translated at average exchange rates; and
- (c) All resulting exchange differences are recognised as a separate component of equity.

On consolidation, exchange differences arising from the translation of the net investment in foreign operations are taken to equity. When a foreign operation is sold, exchange differences that were recorded in equity are recognised in the consolidated income statement as part of the gain or loss on sale.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of a foreign entity are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign entity and translated at the closing rate.

## 7. Assets under operating leases

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases.

Payments made and due under operating leases are recognised as expenses in the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

## 8. Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is 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. All other repairs and maintenance are expensed in the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

All property, plant and equipment are depreciated at rates sufficient to write off their original costs to estimated residual values using the straight-line method over their anticipated useful lives in the following manner:

Buildings and building facilities	2 % to 10 % per annum
Equipment, plant, machinery and tools	7 % to 33 % per annum
Motor vehicles	18 % to 20 % per annum
Rotable spares	7 % per annum
Assets under construction	Nil

The assets' anticipated useful lives and residual values are regularly reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the period-end date to take into account operational experience and changing circumstances.

At each period-end date, both internal and external sources of information are considered to assess whether there is any indication that property, plant or equipment is impaired. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated and where relevant, an impairment loss is recognised to reduce the asset to its recoverable amount. Such impairment losses are recognised in the income statement.

The gain or loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment represents the difference between the net sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, and is recognised in the income statement.

## 9. Intangible assets

### (a) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of cost of acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the net identifiable assets of the acquired subsidiary company on consolidation at the date of acquisition. Goodwill is treated as an asset of the entity acquired and where attributable to a foreign entity will be translated at the closing rates. Goodwill on acquisitions of subsidiary companies is included in intangible assets. Goodwill on acquisitions of jointly controlled companies is included in investments in jointly controlled companies. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment and carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is allocated to a cash generating unit for the purpose of impairment testing. Impairment losses recognised on goodwill are not reversed. Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.

### (b) Computer software

Costs associated with developing or maintaining computer software programmes are recognised as an expense as incurred. Costs that are directly associated with the acquisition of identifiable and unique software products controlled by the Group, and that will probably generate economic benefits exceeding costs beyond one year, are recognised as intangible assets.

Computer software costs are amortised over their estimated useful life of five years.

### (c) Technical licences

Separately acquired technical licences are shown at historical cost. Technical licences acquired in a business combination are recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Technical licences have a finite useful life and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate the cost of technical licences over their estimated useful life of twenty two years.

## 10. Impairment of assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation. These assets are tested at least annually for impairment and are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash generating units).

## 11. Financial assets

The Group classifies its financial assets in the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, and available-for-sale. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

### (a) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are financial assets held for trading. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short-term or if so designated by management. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Assets in this category are classified as current assets.

## **11. Financial assets** (continued)

### **(b) Loans and receivables**

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the Group provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of trading the receivable. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the period-end date where these are classified as non-current assets.

### **(c) Available-for-sale assets**

Available-for-sale assets are non-derivatives investments and other assets that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories. Available-for-sale investments are included in non-current assets unless management intends to dispose of the investment within 12 months of the period-end date.

Purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade-date – the date on which the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs for all financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value and transaction costs are expensed in the income statement. Available-for-sale assets and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently carried at fair value. Loans and receivables are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the “financial assets at fair value through profit or loss” category are presented in the income statement within “other net gains” in the period in which they arise.

The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts is determined using forward exchange market rates at the period-end date.

The Group assesses at each period-end date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. Impairment testing of trade and other receivables is described in principal accounting policy 15.

## **12. Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities**

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at their fair value. The method of recognising the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and if so, the nature of the item being hedged. The Group designates certain derivatives as either: (1) hedges of the fair value of recognised assets or liabilities or a firm commitment (fair value hedge); (2) hedges of highly probable forecast transactions (cash flow hedge); or (3) hedges of net investments in foreign operations.

The Group documents at the inception of the transaction the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. The Group also documents its assessment, both at hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, of whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items.

### **(a) Fair value hedges**

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recorded in the income statement, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk.

**12. Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities** (continued)**(b) Cash flow hedge**

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges are recognised in other comprehensive income. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the income statement.

Amounts accumulated in equity are recycled in the income statement in the periods when the hedged item will affect the surplus/deficit (for instance when the forecast sale that is hedged takes place). However, when the forecast transaction that is hedged results in the recognition of a non-financial asset (for example, inventory or property, plant and equipment) or a non-financial liability, the gains and losses previously deferred in equity are transferred from equity and included in the initial measurement of the cost of the asset or liability.

When a hedging instrument expires or is sold, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss existing in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognised when the forecast transaction is ultimately recognised in the income statement. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was reported in equity is immediately transferred to income statement.

**(c) Net investment hedge**

Hedges of net investments in foreign operations are accounted for similarly to cash flow hedges. Any gain or loss on the hedging instrument relating to the effective portion of the hedge is recognised in other comprehensive income; the gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the income statement.

Gains and losses accumulated in equity are included in the income statement when the foreign operation is disposed of.

**(d) Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting**

Certain derivative instruments do not qualify for hedge accounting. Changes in the fair value of any derivative instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting are recognised immediately in the income statement.

**13. Financial guarantees**

Financial guarantee contracts are contracts that require the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payments when due, in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. Such financial guarantees are given to banks, financial institutions and other bodies on behalf of subsidiary or jointly controlled companies to secure loans, overdrafts and other banking facilities. Financial guarantees are recorded in the financial statements at fair value.

**14. Stocks and work in progress**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost represents weighted average unit cost and net realisable value is determined on the basis of anticipated sales proceeds less estimated selling expenses. Work in progress represents the gross amount due from customers for all contract work in progress for which costs incurred plus recognised profits (less recognised losses) exceeds progress billings. Progress billings not yet paid by customers are included within "trade and other receivables".



## **15. Trade and other receivables**

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of trade and other receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. Significant financial difficulties of the debtors, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default or delinquency in payments (more than 3 months overdue) are considered indicators that the trade and other receivable is impaired. The amount of the provision is the difference between the assets' carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account, and the amount of the loss is recognised in the income statement. When a trade and other receivable is uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account for trade and other receivables. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited in the income statement.

## **16. Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, amounts repayable on demand from banks and financial institutions and short-term highly liquid investments which were within three months of maturity when acquired, less bank overdrafts.

## **17. Share capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

Where any Group company purchases the Company's equity share capital (treasury shares), the consideration paid, including any directly attributable incremental costs (net of income taxes) is deducted from equity attributable to the Company's equity holders until the shares are cancelled or reissued.

## **18. Trade payables**

Trade payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

## **19. Borrowings**

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the initiation of the borrowings, including fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortised costs, with any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the period-end date.

## 20. Borrowing Costs

Interest costs incurred are charged to the income statement except for those interest charges attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets (i.e. assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale) which are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets. Capitalisation of such borrowing costs cease when the assets are substantially ready for their intended use.

## 21. Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. However, if the deferred tax arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that, at the time of the recognition has no impact on taxable nor accounting profit or loss, it is not recognised. Tax rates enacted or substantively enacted by period-end date are used to determine deferred taxation.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred taxation is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiary and jointly controlled companies, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Group and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

## 22. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

## 23. Turnover and revenue recognition

Turnover represents the aggregated amounts invoiced to customers and changes in work in progress. Invoices are raised either on completion or on stage completion depending on the terms of individual contracts. Incomplete contract work is recognised based on a “percentage of completion method” to determine the appropriate amount. The stage of completion is measured by reference to the costs incurred up to the end of the reporting period as a percentage of total estimated costs for each contract. Total revenue recognised for completed contracts is equal to the aggregated amounts invoiced for the contract.

Finance income is recognised on an accrual basis.

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

## **24. Staff benefits**

### **(a) Retirement benefits**

The Company offers either Mandatory Provident Fund (“MPF”) or one of two defined benefit retirement schemes to staff. The latter schemes are held under trust arrangements and actuarially valued as required on a regular basis using a prospective actuarial valuation method. They are funded in accordance with the actuarial recommendation.

The Company’s contributions to the MPF are charged to the income statement as incurred. For the two defined benefit schemes, retirement benefit costs, which are assessed using the projected unit credit method, are charged to the income statement. Under this method, plan assets are measured at fair value; retirement benefit obligations are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash flows. Actuarial gains and losses to the extent of the amount in excess of 10% of the greater of the present value of the plan obligations and the fair value of plan assets are recognised in the consolidated income statement over the expected average remaining service lives of the participating employees.

TAECO, TALSCO and TEXL pay contributions to the required statutory retirement scheme for their local employees. The scheme is operated by the Mainland China government. In addition, TAECO also operates a defined contribution scheme for employees who have worked for more than five years. Both the employers and the employees are required to contribute to the scheme. Contributions to the schemes are charged to the income statement in the period to which the contributions relate.

Singapore HAECO Pte. Limited pays contributions to the required statutory retirement scheme, Central Provident Fund, for its local employees. The scheme is operated by the Singapore government and contributions to the scheme are charged to the income statement in the period to which the contributions relate.

HAECO Bahrain Aircraft Services Company Limited pays contributions to the required statutory retirement scheme for its local employees. The scheme is operated by the General Organization for Social Insurance in Bahrain and contributions to the scheme are charged to the income statement in the period to which the contributions relate.

### **(b) Staff leave entitlements**

Costs related to staff annual leave are recognised as the leave accrues to staff.

## **25. Dividend distribution**

Final dividend distribution to the Company’s shareholders is recognised as a liability in the Group’s financial statement in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company’s shareholders. Interim dividend distribution to the Company’s shareholders is recognised as a liability in the Group’s financial statement in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company’s Board.

## **26. Related parties**

Related parties are individuals and companies, including subsidiary and jointly controlled companies and key management (including close members of their families), where the individual, company or Group has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions.