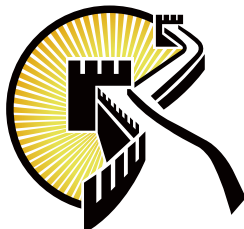


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PERSISTENCE GOLD GROUP LTD

集海黃金集團有限公司

(formerly known as Persistence Resources Group Ltd 集海資源集團有限公司)
(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 2489)

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the six months ended 30 June 2026, the Group's revenue was approximately RMB352,295,000 (30 June 2025: RMB303,493,000), representing an increase of approximately 16.1% as compared to the previous period.

For the six months ended 30 June 2026, the Group's net profit was approximately RMB100,473,000 (30 June 2025: RMB85,501,000), representing an increase of approximately 17.5% as compared to the previous period.

For the six months ended 30 June 2026, the profit attributable to owners of the parent was approximately RMB79,620,000 (30 June 2025: RMB62,762,000), representing an increase of approximately 26.9% as compared to the previous period.

For the six months ended 30 June 2026, the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent amounted to approximately RMB3.32 cents (30 June 2025: RMB3.14 cents), representing an increase of 5.7% as compared to the previous period.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

On 31 August 2026, the Board declared an interim dividend of HK3.125 cents per ordinary share (30 June 2025: HK3.0 cents). The total payout for the interim dividend will amount to approximately HK\$75,000,000 (30 June 2025: HK\$60,000,000). The aforesaid interim dividend will be paid on 5 October 2026 to the shareholders (the “**Shareholders**”) of the Company whose names appear on the register of members of our Company at the close of business on 16 September 2026.

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of Persistence Gold Group Ltd (the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce the consolidated unaudited results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “**Group**”) for the six months ended 30 June 2026 (the “**Reporting Period**”), together with the unaudited comparative figures for the six months ended 30 June 2025 as set forth below.

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2026

	<i>Notes</i>	Six months ended 30 June	
		2026	2025
		<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
REVENUE	5	352,295	303,493
Cost of sales		<u>(143,665)</u>	<u>(147,982)</u>
Gross profit		208,630	155,511
Other income and gains		21,152	8,305
Administrative expenses		(41,591)	(31,514)
Other expenses		(16,473)	(633)
Finance costs		<u>(5,228)</u>	<u>(3,027)</u>
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	6	166,490	128,642
Income tax expense	7	<u>(66,017)</u>	<u>(43,141)</u>
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		<u>100,473</u>	<u>85,501</u>
Attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		79,620	62,762
Non-controlling interests		<u>20,853</u>	<u>22,739</u>
		<u>100,473</u>	<u>85,501</u>

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2026	2025
	Note	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
<i>Other comprehensive income that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:</i>			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operation		<u>17,629</u>	<u>7,567</u>
		17,629	7,567
<i>Other comprehensive income that may not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:</i>			
Exchange differences on translation of financial statements of the Company		<u>(39,602)</u>	<u>(9,019)</u>
		(39,602)	(9,019)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD, NET OF TAX		<u>(21,973)</u>	<u>(1,452)</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		<u>78,500</u>	<u>84,049</u>
Attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		<u>57,647</u>	<u>61,310</u>
Non-controlling interests		<u>20,853</u>	<u>22,739</u>
		<u>78,500</u>	<u>84,049</u>
EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT FOR THE PERIOD			
Basic and diluted	9	<u>RMB3.32 cents</u>	<u>RMB3.14 cents</u>

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		30 June 2026	31 December 2025
	<i>Notes</i>	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	10	572,077	565,721
Right-of-use assets		128,036	133,439
Intangible assets		372,896	375,740
Deferred tax assets		8,638	8,638
Other long-term assets		3,264	5,584
Goodwill		36,508	36,508
Total non-current assets		1,121,419	1,125,630
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories		27,286	30,583
Prepayments, other receivables and other assets		21,218	9,209
Restricted and pledged bank deposits		37,119	34,906
Cash and cash equivalents		1,149,960	1,092,630
Total current assets		1,235,583	1,167,328
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade payables	11	15,470	17,933
Other payables and accruals		63,792	84,285
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings		166,516	168,472
Lease liabilities		55	163
Tax payable		109,053	105,032
Provision		1,223	1,223
Current portion of other long-term liabilities		18,304	20,064
Total current liabilities		374,413	397,172
NET CURRENT ASSETS		861,170	770,156
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,982,589	1,895,786

	30 June 2026 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2025 RMB'000 (Audited)
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provision	52,603	52,049
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	68,090	75,770
Other long-term liabilities	66,923	64,012
Deferred tax liabilities	113,554	102,936
Lease liabilities	401	391
Total non-current liabilities	301,571	295,158
NET ASSETS	1,681,018	1,600,628
EQUITY		
Equity attributable to owners of the parent		
Share capital	21,839	21,839
Reserves	1,400,843	1,338,806
	1,422,682	1,360,645
Non-controlling interests	258,336	239,983
TOTAL EQUITY	1,681,018	1,600,628

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2026	2025
	Notes	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit before tax		166,490	128,642
Adjustments for:			
Finance costs		5,228	3,027
Depreciation of items of property, plant and equipment	6	31,070	26,404
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	6	5,403	4,995
Amortisation of intangible assets	6	2,844	3,477
Stock-based payment		4,390	—
Gain on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment		(28)	—
		215,397	166,545
Decrease in inventories		3,297	3,520
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments, other receivables and other assets		(12,009)	6,299
(Decrease)/increase in trade payables		(2,463)	1,799
Increase in restricted and pledged bank deposits		(2,213)	(1,781)
Decrease in other payables and accruals		(20,493)	(62,887)
Cash generated from operations		181,516	113,495
Tax paid		(51,378)	(38,942)
Net cash flows from operating activities		130,138	74,553
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchases of items of property, plant and equipment		(35,054)	(51,708)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		57	—
Additions to intangible assets		(9)	—
Acquisition of a subsidiary		—	(6,708)
Increase in other receivables		—	(2,300)
Repayment of other receivables		—	1,000
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(35,006)	(59,716)

Six months ended 30 June**2026****2025****RMB'000****RMB'000****(Unaudited)****(Unaudited)****CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Repayment of other long-term liabilities	(534)	(507)
Interest paid	(3,087)	(1,365)
New bank and other borrowings	–	114,800
Repayment of bank and other borrowings	(9,600)	(104,861)
Dividends paid to non-controlling equity holders	(2,500)	(25,000)
Contribution from non-controlling equity holders	–	19,294
Principal portion of lease payments	(108)	(292)

Net cash flows from/(used in) financing activities	(15,829)	2,069
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NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

79,303	16,906
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Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of period	1,092,630	639,599
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Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(21,973)	(1,452)
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF PERIOD

1,149,960	655,053
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ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents	1,149,960	655,053
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS STATED IN THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

1,149,960	655,053
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NOTES TO UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

30 June 2026

1. CORPORATE AND GROUP INFORMATION

Persistence Gold Group Ltd (the “**Company**” or “**Group**”) is a limited liability company incorporated in the Cayman Islands. The address of the registered office of the Company is PO Box 309, Ugland House, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands.

The Company is an investment holding company. The subsidiaries now comprising the Group were involved in the mining, processing and sale of gold bullion in the People’s Republic of China (the “**PRC**”).

In the opinion of the Directors, the immediate and ultimate holding company of the Company is Majestic Gold Corp., which was incorporated in the province of British Columbia, Canada.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The interim condensed consolidated financial information for the six months ended 30 June 2026 has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*. The interim condensed consolidated financial information does not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group’s annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. The Interim Financial Information is presented in Renminbi (“**RMB**”), and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand (RMB’000) except when otherwise indicated.

3. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND DISCLOSURES

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial information are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the Group’s annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025, except for the adoption of the following amended IFRS Accounting Standards for the first time for the current period’s financial information.

Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7	<i>Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments</i>
Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7	<i>Contracts Referencing Nature-dependent Electricity</i>
<i>Annual Improvements to IFRS Accounting Standards – Volume 11</i>	Amendments to IFRS 1, IFRS 7, IFRS 9, IFRS 10 and IAS 7

The nature and impact of the amended IFRS Accounting Standards are described below:

- (a) Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7 Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments clarify that a financial asset is derecognised when the entity's rights to the contractual cash flows expire or are transferred, while a financial liability is derecognised on the settlement date. The amendments introduce an accounting policy option to derecognise a financial liability that is settled through an electronic payment system before the settlement date if specified criteria are met. The amendments clarify how to assess the contractual cash flow characteristics of financial assets with environmental, social and governance and other similar contingent features. Moreover, the amendments clarify the requirements for classifying financial assets with non-recourse features and contractually linked instruments. The amendments also include additional disclosures for investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income and financial instruments with contingent features. Since the Group's accounting policy for the derecognition of financial assets and liabilities in prior years aligned with the amendments and the Group did not have the financial assets that were addressed by the amendments, the amendments did not have any impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial information.
- (b) Annual Improvements to IFRS Accounting Standards – Volume 11 set out narrow scope amendments to IFRS 1, IFRS 7 (and the accompanying Guidance on implementing IFRS 7), IFRS 9, IFRS 10 and IAS 7. The amendments include clarifications, simplifications, corrections or changes to improve consistency in the corresponding IFRS Accounting Standards. The amendments did not have any impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial information.

4. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION

For management purpose, the Group has one reportable operating segment which is mining and processing gold that is ultimately sold as gold bullion. Management monitors the operating results of its business units as a whole for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment.

Geographical information

No geographical information is presented as the Group's revenue from the external customers is derived solely from its operation in Chinese mainland and no non-current assets of the Group are located outside Chinese mainland.

Information about the major customer

Revenue from the major customer is set out below:

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2026	2025
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Customer A	352,295	303,493

5. REVENUE

An analysis of revenue is as follows:

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2026	2025
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue from contracts with customers	352,295	303,493

Disaggregated revenue information for revenue from contracts with customers

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2026	2025
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Types of goods or services		
Sale of gold bullion	352,295	303,493
Timing of revenue recognition		
Recognised at a point in time	352,295	303,493

6. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Group's profit before tax is arrived at after charging:

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2026	2025
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Cost of inventories sold	143,665	147,982
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment*	31,070	26,404
Depreciation of right-of-use assets*	5,403	4,995
Amortisation of intangible assets*	2,844	3,477
Research and development costs	4,619	6,763

* The depreciation of property, plant and equipment, depreciation of right-of-use assets and amortisation of intangible assets for the period is included in "Cost of sales" and "Administrative expenses" in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

The Group is subject to income tax on an entity basis on profits arising in or derived from the tax jurisdictions in which members of the Group are domiciled and operate. Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands, the Company and its subsidiary incorporated in the Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands, respectively, are not subject to any income tax.

The subsidiaries of the Group operating in Chinese Mainland were generally subject to the corporate income tax at a rate of 25% for the period.

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2026	2025
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Current tax:		
Chinese mainland corporate income tax	55,400	43,880
Deferred tax	10,617	(739)
Total tax charge for the period	66,017	43,141

A reconciliation of income tax expense applicable to profit before tax at the statutory tax rate for the jurisdiction in which the Company and the majority of its subsidiaries are domiciled to the income tax expense at the effective income tax rate is as follows:

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2026	2025
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Profit before tax	166,490	128,642
At the statutory income tax rate of 25%	41,623	32,161
Effect of tax rate differences in other jurisdictions	1,117	777
Effect of withholding tax at 10% on the distributable profits of the Group's subsidiaries in Chinese mainland	10,198	6,293
Expenses not deductible for tax	4,220	2,532
Unrecognized tax losses	8,859	1,378
Total	66,017	43,141

8. DIVIDEND

On 31 August 2026, the Board declared an interim dividend of HK3.125 cents (six months ended 30 June 2025: HK3.00 cents) per ordinary share, amounting to a total of approximately HK\$75,000,000 (six months ended 30 June 2025: HK\$60,000,000).

The interim dividend has not been recognised as a liability at the end of the Reporting Period.

9. EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT

The calculation of the basic earnings per share amount is based on the profit for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent, and the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 2,400,000,000 (for the six months ended 30 June 2025: 2,000,000,000) in issue during the period used in the calculation is the number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on:

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2026	2025
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Earnings		
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent, used in the basic earnings per share calculation: <i>(RMB'000)</i>	79,620	62,762
	Number of shares	
	2026	2025
Shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period used in the basic earnings per share calculation:	2,400,000,000	2,000,000,000

10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the six months ended 30 June 2026, the Group acquired assets of property, plant and equipment at a total cost of RMB35,054,000 (for the six months ended 30 June 2025: RMB32,712,000).

An asset with a net book value of RMB29,000 was disposed of by the Group during the six months ended 30 June 2026 (for the six months ended 30 June 2025: nil), resulting in a net gain on disposal of RMB28,000 (for the six months ended 30 June 2025: nil).

The ownership certificates of certain property, plant and equipment with an aggregate net carrying value of RMB5,424,000 (for the six months ended 30 June 2025: RMB6,140,000) have not yet been obtained as at 30 June 2026.

As at 30 June 2026, certain of the Group's properties with an aggregate carrying amount of approximately RMB11,853,000 (for the six months ended 30 June 2025: RMB12,952,000) were pledged to secure interest-bearing bank borrowings granted to the Group.

11. TRADE PAYABLES

An ageing analysis of the trade payables as at the end of the Reporting Period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	As at 30 June 2026 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2025 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Within one year	14,544	16,350
1 to 2 years	926	1,583
Total	15,470	17,933

The trade payables are non-interest-bearing and normally settled in 30 to 90 days.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

I. Results for the Six Months Ended 30 June 2026

Gold Production

For the Reporting Period, the Group's total gold production volume (after smelting) was approximately 341.28 kg (or approximately 10,972.47 ounces), representing a decrease of approximately 23.5% as compared to the corresponding period of 2025. The decrease in gold production was primarily due to an accident occurred on 7 February 2026, at a mine in Zhaoyuan City (the “**Zhaoyuan accident**”) that was not owned by the Group, leading to the shutdown of both Yantai Zhongjia Mining Co., Ltd. (“**Yantai Zhongjia**”) and Yantai City Mujin Mining Company Limited (“**Yantai Mujin**”). The Songjiagou Open-Pit Mine and the Songjiagou Underground Mine of Yantai Zhongjia as well as the Denggezhuang Underground Mine of Yantai Mujin have resumed operation and production after passing the safety production inspection by the end of March 2026.

Since the resumption of mines production in April 2026, Yantai Emergency Management Bureau (“**EMB**”) has continuously conducted routine safety production inspections. To strictly implement local safety supervision deployments, the Group has fully cooperated with the regulatory departments in safety reviews and production operation assessments. To thoroughly investigate and rectify safety hazards and solidify the main responsibility for safety production, in accordance with the mine rectification requirements of the EMB this year, the Group has dynamically adjusted its production and operation plans, organized Yantai Zhongjia and Yantai Mujin to conduct phased temporary shutdowns based on their own actual conditions, and carried out orderly self-inspection and rectification of hidden dangers in accordance with safety production standards and regulatory requirements. In June 2026, the EMB issued a formal emergency notice for investigation of five types of violations. The Group will fully cooperate to ensure mine safety.

All the aforesaid factors jointly led to the decrease in gold output in the Reporting Period compared to the corresponding period of 2025. Despite such temporary operational disruptions, the impact on revenue and profitability was mitigated by significantly higher realized gold prices.

Revenue

For the Reporting Period, the Group's revenue was approximately RMB352,295,000 (corresponding period of 2025: RMB303,493,000), representing an increase of approximately 16.1% as compared to the corresponding period of 2025. The increase was mainly due to a higher average selling price of approximately 47.6%, partially offset by the decrease in sales volume by 21.4%.

Net Profit

For the Reporting Period, the Group's net profit was approximately RMB100,473,000 (corresponding period of 2025: RMB85,501,000), representing an increase of approximately 17.5% as compared to the corresponding period of 2025. The increase in net profit was primarily due to (i) the increase in gross profit as a result of increase in revenue and decrease in cost of sales; (ii) increase in sales of sulfuric acid; and (iii) increase in interest income generated on the Group's cash and cash equivalent balances arising from the net proceeds of the share placing, partially offset by (i) the share-based payment associated with the share option granted to Directors and senior management on 11 July 2025; (ii) increase in the suspension cost incurred by Yantai Zhongjia and Yantai Mujin; (iii) higher interest expenses on Yantai Mujin's bank loans; and (iv) higher travel expenses, consulting fees and other management expenses to support business operations and identify potential gold mine projects for acquisition by the Group.

Earnings Per Share

For the Reporting Period, the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent amounted to approximately RMB3.32 cents, (basic and diluted earnings per share for the corresponding period of 2025: RMB3.14 cents), representing an increase of 5.7% as compared to the corresponding period of 2025.

II. Market Overview

During the Reporting Period, gold prices experienced significant two-way volatility. The global gold spot price rose to a record high of approximately US\$5,600 per ounce in late January 2026, before adjusting sharply to approximately US\$4,000 per ounce by late June 2026. The average global gold spot price for the first half of 2026 was approximately US\$4,600 per ounce.

The key turning point was the escalation of conflict in the Middle East between the United States and Iran. Although the conflict initially supported safe-haven demand, it also triggered a sharp rise in crude oil prices and inflation expectations. As a result, market expectations for U.S. interest rate cuts were reduced, while expectations of a more hawkish Federal Reserve increased. Higher real yields and a stronger U.S. Dollar increased the opportunity cost of holding gold and placed pressure on gold prices. In mid-June 2026, signs of de-escalation between the United States and Iran, together with expectations of the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz and lower oil prices, further reduced the geopolitical risk premium in gold and accelerated profit-taking.

Physical and official-sector demand remained supportive, particularly in Asia. The Shanghai gold price traded at a premium to the London price during parts of the sell-off, reflecting resilient domestic demand. The People's Bank of China continued to add to its gold reserves during the Reporting Period, while global central bank purchases remained an important structural support for the market. In China, the domestic gold spot price broadly followed the international trend, peaking at approximately RMB1,200 per gram in January 2026 before retreating to approximately RMB880 per gram by late June. The average domestic gold spot price was approximately RMB1,000 per gram in the first half of 2026.

Looking ahead, gold prices are expected to remain volatile. Geopolitical risks, U.S. monetary policy uncertainty, concerns over U.S. fiscal sustainability, U.S. Dollar movements and continued central bank demand are expected to remain key factors affecting the gold market.

III. Business Review

In the first half of 2026, the gold production volume (after smelting) of the Group was approximately 341.28 kg (equivalent to approximately 10,972.47 ounces), representing a decrease of approximately 104.76 kg (equivalent to approximately 3,368.02 ounces) or 23.5% as compared with the corresponding period of 2025. The gold production decline was primarily due to the operational suspensions triggered by the Zhaoyuan accident in February 2026, which forced the Group's subsidiaries, Yantai Zhongjia and Yantai Mujin, to halt production until the end of March 2026. In addition, in response to intensified regional special safety supervision requirements, the Group adjusted its planned production schedule and implemented temporary production suspensions to carry out safety inspections and rectifications. These factors jointly contributed to the decline in gold output in the Reporting Period compared to the corresponding period of 2025.

Nevertheless, the Group's revenue increased by approximately 16.1% to approximately RMB352,295,000 (corresponding period of 2025: RMB303,493,000) as compared with the corresponding period of 2025. The net profit of the Group was approximately RMB100,473,000 (corresponding period of 2025: RMB85,501,000), representing an increase of approximately 17.5%. The basic and diluted earnings per share amounted to approximately RMB3.32 cents (corresponding period of 2025: RMB3.14 cents). Save as foreshaid, the cost of sales was directly attributable to the expenditure incurred on mining production activity. This amount of cost of sales was presented in the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on page 3 in this announcement.

IV. Financial Analysis

Revenue

For the Reporting Period, the Group's revenue was approximately RMB352,295,000 (corresponding period of 2025: RMB303,493,000), representing an increase of approximately 16.1% as compared to the corresponding period of 2025. The increase was mainly attributable to the increase in average selling price by 47.6%, partially offset by the decrease in sales volume by 21.4%.

Cost of Sales

For the Reporting Period, the Group's cost of sales was approximately RMB143,665,000 (corresponding period of 2025: RMB147,982,000), representing a decrease of approximately 2.9% as compared to the corresponding period of 2025. The decrease was mainly driven by lower sales volume and the reclassification of costs incurred during the period of suspended operations from cost of sales to other expenses. This decrease was partially offset by the increase in tailing processing fees, increase in drilling and excavator costs at Songjiagou Open-Pit Mine and higher resources tax.

Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin

For the Reporting Period, the Group's gross profit was approximately RMB208,630,000 (corresponding period of 2025: RMB155,511,000), representing an increase in gross profit of approximately 34.2%. The increase in gross profit was primarily due to the increase in average selling price.

For the Reporting Period, the Group's gross profit margin was approximately 59.2% (corresponding period of 2025: 51.2%), representing an increase in gross profit margin of approximately 8 percentage points as compared to the corresponding period of 2025. The increase was mainly attributable to a higher average selling price together with the decrease in the cost of sales.

Other Income and Gains

For the Reporting Period, the Group's other income and gains were approximately RMB21,152,000 (corresponding period of 2025: RMB8,305,000), representing an increase of approximately 154.7% as compared to the corresponding period of 2025. The increase in other income and gains was mainly due to an increase in interest income generated on the Group's cash and cash equivalent balances arising from the net proceeds of the share placing, and an increase from the sales of sulfuric acid in gold concentrate generated during the smelting process.

Administrative Expenses

The Group's administrative expenses were approximately RMB41,591,000 during the Reporting Period (corresponding period of 2025: RMB31,514,000), representing an increase of approximately 32.0% as compared to the corresponding period of 2025. The increase of administrative expenses was mainly due to: i) an increase in the share-based payment associated with the share option granted to Directors and senior management on 11 July 2025; ii) the increase in the six months administrative expenses of Yantai Mujin as only four months' administrative expenses were consolidated in the comparable period; and iii) higher travel expenses, consulting fees and other management expenses to support business operations and identify potential gold mine projects for our acquisition.

Other Expenses

For the Reporting Period, the Group's other expenses were approximately RMB16,473,000 (corresponding period of 2025: RMB633,000), representing an increase of approximately RMB15,840,000 as compared to the corresponding period of 2025. The increase was mainly attributable to the suspension cost incurred by Yantai Zhongjia and Yantai Mujin in connection with the Zhaoyuan accident.

Finance Costs

For the Reporting Period, the Group's finance costs were approximately RMB5,228,000 (corresponding period of 2025: RMB3,027,000), representing an increase of approximately RMB2,201,000 as compared to the corresponding period of 2025. The increase was mainly due to the increase in interest expenses for interest-bearing bank borrowings of Yantai Mujin.

Income Tax Expense

For the Reporting Period, the Group's income tax expense was approximately RMB66,017,000 (corresponding period of 2025: RMB43,141,000), representing an increase of approximately 53.0% as compared to the corresponding period of 2025. The increase was primarily due to the increase in profit before tax of the Group. During the Reporting Period, the corporate income tax within the territory of the PRC has been provided at a rate of 25% (corresponding period of 2025: 25%) on the taxable income. The effective tax rate of the Group was approximately 39.7% during the Reporting Period (corresponding period of 2025: approximately 33.5%). The higher effective tax rate was mainly attributable to increase in profit before tax and unrecognised tax losses arising from a subsidiary.

Profit Attributable to Owners of the Parent

For the Reporting Period, the Group's profit attributable to the owners of the parent was approximately RMB79,620,000, representing an increase of approximately 26.9% from approximately RMB62,762,000 for the corresponding period of 2025. The increase was mainly due to the increase in the profit after tax.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The working capital and funds required by the Group are mainly derived from its cash flows generated from operations and bank borrowings, while the Group's capital for operating activities is mainly utilized to provide funding for purchase of raw materials, various operating expenses and capital expenditure. The net working capital (current assets less current liabilities) of the Group is RMB861,170,000 as at 30 June 2026. The liquidity of the Group and its working capital and finance requirements is closely monitored by the Board on a regular basis.

Cash Flows and Working Capital

The Group maintained a solid cash position, with cash and cash equivalents increasing from approximately RMB1,092,630,000 as at 31 December 2025 to approximately RMB1,149,960,000 as at 30 June 2026. The increase was primarily attributable to the net cash generated from the Group's operating activities.

As at 30 June 2026, the cash and cash equivalents of the Group denominated in Hong Kong dollars amounted to approximately RMB379,791,000 (31 December 2025: RMB425,641,000), those denominated in Canadian dollars amounted to approximately RMB590,000 (31 December 2025: RMB628,000), those denominated in United States dollars amounted to approximately RMB107,628,000 (31 December 2025: RMB76,301,000). All other cash and cash equivalents held by the Group are denominated in RMB.

Bank Borrowings

The Group's borrowings are all denominated in RMB. As at 30 June 2026, the Group had outstanding bank borrowings of RMB234,606,000 (31 December 2025: RMB244,242,000). As at 30 June 2026, except for certain bank borrowings amounting to RMB65,750,000 (31 December 2025: RMB67,800,000) that bear interest at floating rates, all bank and other borrowings bear interest at fixed rates.

Gearing Ratio

The Group monitors capital using gross gearing ratio which is total debt divided by total equity and net gearing ratio which is net debt divided by total capital plus net debt. Total debt includes interest-bearing bank borrowings.

The gearing ratios as at the end of the reporting periods were as follows:

	30 June 2026 RMB'000 (unaudited)	31 December 2025 RMB'000 (audited)
Total debt		
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	234,606	244,242
Total equity	1,681,018	1,600,628
Gross gearing ratio	14.0%	15.3%

Market Risks

The Group is exposed to a variety of financial risks such as interest rate risk, credit risk, foreign currency risk and liquidity risk. Generally, the Group introduces conservative strategies on its risk management. The Group has not used any derivatives and other instruments for hedging purposes. The Group does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

Gold Prices and Other Commodities Prices Risks

The Group's revenue and profit were affected by fluctuations in the gold prices and other commodity prices as all of our products were sold at market prices and such fluctuations in prices were beyond our control. Our revenue is generated from the sale of gold bullion smelted by third party smelters derived from gold concentrate processed by us, with reference to the prevailing Au (T+D) spot price as quoted on the Shanghai Gold Exchange. Historically, while the gold price has increased in value over time, it has fluctuated widely and there can be no assurance that the gold price will not continue to fluctuate in the future or that such prices will otherwise remain at sufficiently high levels to support our profitability and cash flow.

Interest Rate Risk

The Group's exposure to risk for changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the Group's interest-bearing bank borrowings. The Group had not used any derivative financial instruments to hedge interest rate risk during the Reporting Period, and except for certain bank borrowings amounting to RMB65,750,000 (31 December 2025: RMB67,800,000) that bear interest at floating rates, all bank and other borrowings bear interest at fixed rates.

Credit Risk

The Group trades only with recognised and creditworthy customers with no requirement for collateral. It is the Group's policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures. In order to minimise the credit risk, the Group reviews the recoverable amount of each individual trade receivable periodically and management also has monitoring procedures to ensure the follow-up action is taken to recover overdue receivables. The balances of trade receivables were nil as at 30 June 2026 and as at 31 December 2025. In this regard, the Directors of the Company consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

Foreign Exchange Risk

The Group's transactions are mainly denominated in Renminbi. As such, the fluctuations in exchange rates may affect international and domestic gold prices, which may therefore affect the Group's operating results. The Group has currency exposures mainly arising from cash at banks denominated in USD and CAD. At present, the Group does not intend to seek to hedge its exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations. The Group constantly monitors the economic situation and the Group's foreign exchange risk profile and will consider appropriate hedging measures in the future should the need arise.

Risk of Change in Industry Policies

An array of laws, regulations and rules on the gold mining and smelting industry in China constitutes the external regulatory and legal environment for the Company's ordinary and continuous operation and have great influence on the Company's business development, production and operation (including licences and permits), etc. Changes in relevant industry policies may have corresponding effects on the Company's production and operation.

Pledge

As at 30 June 2026, the Group had the following pledged assets:

- (1) The restricted and pledged bank deposits amounting to RMB37,119,000 (31 December 2025: RMB34,756,000) were placed as environmental rehabilitation deposits which are restricted as to use, and no amount (31 December 2025: RMB150,000) was placed as deposits for temporary business disputes.
- (2) Certain of the Group's properties with an aggregate carrying amount of approximately RMB11,853,000 (31 December 2025: RMB12,403,000) were pledged to secure interest-bearing bank borrowings granted to the Group.
- (3) Certain of the Group's leasehold land with an aggregate carrying amount of approximately RMB33,019,000 (31 December 2025: RMB33,560,000) were pledged to secure interest-bearing bank borrowings granted to the Group.
- (4) Certain of the Group's mining rights with an aggregate carrying amount of approximately RMB270,833,000 (31 December 2025: RMB271,643,000) were pledged to secure interest-bearing bank borrowings granted to the Group.

Contractual Obligations and Commitment

As at 30 June 2026, the Group's total capital commitments in respect of the contracted costs which were not provided for in the financial statements were RMB112,863,000 (31 December 2025: RMB127,187,000).

Contingent Liabilities

As at 30 June 2026, the Group had no material contingent liabilities.

V. Business Prospects

The gold market in the second half of 2026 is expected to be influenced by a combination of macroeconomic factors, geopolitical developments and investor behaviour, including but not limited to U.S. monetary policy and the interest rate path, geopolitical risks in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, central bank demand and U.S. Dollar strength. Following the adjustment in the first half of 2026, forecasts among major institutions remain mixed. Some expect gold prices to remain broadly range bound or trade in the region of approximately US\$4,300 to US\$4,600 per ounce, while others maintain more bullish year-end targets, supported by continued central bank accumulation and the prospect of renewed investment demand if geopolitical risks intensify or interest rate expectations ease. Notwithstanding such divergence, gold is expected to remain in demand as a safe-haven asset and store of value amid persistent economic and geopolitical uncertainty.

China's gold market is expected to remain supported by strong investment demand, geopolitical risks and continued purchases by the People's Bank of China for reserve purposes. Gold prices are expected to remain elevated in the second half of the year, with the potential for continued volatility ahead.

In May 2026, the Group received a safety warning notice from the EMB regarding a gas explosion accident at a coal mine in Shanxi Province. To learn profound lessons from the accident and prevent major safety risks, regulatory authorities launched a comprehensive special inspection of mine safety production since June 2026, adopting a zero-tolerance policy for five types of violations: illegal construction and exploration, setting up concealed work platforms, using forged or expired engineering drawings, tampering with or interfering with safety monitoring systems and falsifying personnel files.

This special inspection further strengthened the safety responsibilities of mine management personnel. The Group immediately conveyed and implemented the regulatory requirements, urging Yantai Zhongjia and Yantai Mujin to fully cooperate with the special inspection, conduct comprehensive internal self-inspections and rectifications, establish hazard ledgers, implement closed-loop management, and promptly report major hazards as required, strictly adhering to the bottom line of safety production compliance.

Since 2026, the EMB have issued multiple "Orders for Rectification within a Time Limit" to Yantai Zhongjia and Yantai Mujin. The Group attached great importance to this and immediately established a special working group to implement the rectification work.

As at the date of this announcement, most of the rectification issues listed in the orders have been rectified and the process has been completed and closed. The remaining key rectification item at this stage is the remediation of the crack development hazard on the northwest slope of the Songjiagou Open-Pit mine. This rectification project has a long cycle. Currently, Yantai Zhongjia has completed all preliminary preparations, including site investigation, equipment deployment, and plan preparation. The remediation work will continue to be carried out strictly in accordance with relevant regulations.

The Company always adheres to the principle of prioritizing safety in production. Going forward, it will continue to strictly adhere to safety red lines, deeply learn from the lessons of various mining accidents, routinely conduct hazard investigation and remediation, continuously improve safety management systems, strengthen management responsibilities at all levels, and comprehensively improve the standardization and normalization of mine safety production management.

VI. Use of Proceeds from Placing

On 25 September 2025, the Company entered into the placing agreement with the joint placing agents, pursuant to which the Company conditionally agreed to place, through the joint placing agents on a best effort basis, up to 400,000,000 placing shares at the placing price of HK\$1.18 per placing share. The final net proceeds from the placing after deducting all fees, costs and expenses properly incurred by the Company including without limitation, the joint placing agents' commission (fixed and discretionary, if any), the Stock Exchange trading fee, the SFC transaction levy and the AFRC transaction levy and other expenses incurred by the Company in connection with the placing, are approximately HK\$464.3 million. For the period from the placing completion date up to 30 June 2026, the Company has utilized only HK\$21.7 million net proceeds raised from the placing.

Intended purposes of placing net proceeds	Percentage of the Net Proceeds	Net Proceeds and utilization			Expected timeline for utilization
		Actual amount available for utilization	Utilized amount as at 30 June 2026	Remaining amount as at 30 June 2026	
		HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	
Potential gold mine project acquisitions	50.0%	232.1	(1.7)	230.4	By Dec 2026
Acceleration of the Company's business expansion	25.0%	116.1	(3.7)	112.4	By July 2027
General working capital and other general corporate purposes	25.0%	116.1	(16.3)	99.8	By Dec 2027
Total	100.0%	464.3	(21.7)	442.6	

VII. Other Matters

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The share option scheme of the Company (the “**Share Option Scheme**”) was conditionally adopted on 30 November 2023 and shall be valid until 30 November 2033. The Share Option Scheme is established to recognise and acknowledge the contributions the eligible participants have had or may have made to the Group.

The maximum number of Shares available for grant under the Share Option Scheme and under any other share option schemes of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issue at the listing date (being 22 December 2023, the “**Listing Date**”), being 200,000,000 Shares (the “**Scheme Limit**”).

The exercise price of the share options per Share shall be determined by the Board and shall not be less than the highest of: (i) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange’s daily quotations sheet on the business day on which the share options are granted; (ii) the average closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange’s daily quotations sheet for the five business days immediately preceding the date on which the share options are granted; and (iii) the nominal value of the Shares.

On 11 July 2025, the Company granted a total of 21,000,000 options (the “**Option(s)**”) to the grantees, representing approximately 10.5% of the Scheme Limit. Of these options, 14,020,000 Options were granted to Directors (the “**Director Grantees**”), and the remaining 6,980,000 Options were granted to the employees of the Group who are neither directors, chief executive, substantial shareholders of the Company, nor their respective associates as defined in the Listing Rules (the “**Employee Grantees**”).

Subsequent to the grant, Mr. Lo Cheuk Kwong Raymond resigned from the Board with effect from 5 November 2025 but remained employed by the Group as chief financial officer. As he ceased to be a director, his 3,020,000 Options have been reclassified from Director Grantees to Employee Grantees for presentation purposes. No new options were granted or cancelled in connection with the reclassification. With effect from 12 January 2026, Mr. Chen Zhuping was appointed as an executive director and executive vice president of the Company. As he was promoted to a director, his 800,000 Options have been reclassified from Employee Grantees to Director Grantees for presentation purpose. No new options were granted or cancelled in connection with the reclassification. In addition, Mr. Chen Libei retired from his position as a non-executive Director of the Company with effect from the conclusion of the annual general meeting held on 26 June 2026. Upon his retirement from the Board, he ceased to be an eligible participant, and his 1,000,000 Options lapsed automatically on the date of his retirement.

Accordingly, following the lapse of 1,000,000 Options, the total number of outstanding Options as at 30 June 2026 amounted to 20,000,000 (representing approximately 0.83% of the total Shares in issue as at 30 June 2026, excluding any treasury Shares), of which 10,800,000 were held by Director Grantees and the remaining 9,200,000 were held by Employee Grantees. As at 1 January 2026, the number of Shares available for grant under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company was 179,000,000. As at 30 June 2026, the number of Shares available for future grant under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company is 180,000,000. As at 30 June 2026, the number of shares that may be issued in respect of options and awards granted under all share schemes of the Company during the period ended 30 June 2026 divided by the weighted average number of shares of the Company (excluding treasury shares) for the period is 0.83%.

Details of movements of Options granted and outstanding under the Share Option Scheme during the period ended 30 June 2026 are as follows:

Name of director	Number of Options granted				Unvested as at 30 June 2026	Vesting period	Performance target
	Unvested as at 1 January 2026	Granted during the period	Lapsed/ forfeited during the period	Change of category			
Director Grantees							
Dr. Shao Xuxin	3,320,000	–	–	–	3,320,000	Note 4	Note 5
Mr. Mackie James Thomas	2,480,000	–	–	–	2,480,000	Note 4	Note 5
Mr. Chen Zhuping ⁶	–	–	–	800,000	800,000	Note 4	Note 5
Dr. Malaihollo Jeffrey Francis A	1,500,000	–	–	–	1,500,000	Note 4	Note 5
Mr. Lo Cheuk Kwong Raymond ⁶	3,020,000	–	–	-3,020,000	0	Note 4	Note 5
Mr. Chen Libei ⁷	1,000,000	–	-1,000,000	–	0	Note 4	Note 5
Mr. Chan Ngai Fan	900,000	–	–	–	900,000	Note 4	Note 5
Dr. Zeng Ming	900,000	–	–	–	900,000	Note 4	Note 5
Ms. Liu Li	900,000	–	–	–	900,000	Note 4	Note 5
Employee Grantees							
Employees ⁸	6,980,000	–	–	2,220,000	9,200,000	Note 4	Note 5
Grand Total	21,000,000	–	-1,000,000	–	20,000,000		

Notes:

1. The closing price of the Shares immediately before the date of grant (11 July 2025) was HK\$1.47 per Share.
2. The exercise price of the Options granted was HK\$1.50 per share.
3. The fair value of the Options granted on 11 July 2025 was HK\$0.75 per Share on the date of grant.
4. For options granted with exercisable date determined based on the grant date of options, the first 40% of the total options shall be vested and become exercisable 1 year after the grant date, and each 30% of the total options will be vested and become exercisable in each subsequent year. The first 40% tranche of share options vested and became exercisable on 11 July 2026. Following the vesting date, the option holder may exercise such options at any time until the expiry of 10 years from the date of grant.
5. No performance targets were attached to the share options granted on 11 July 2025.
6. Mr. Lo Cheuk Kwong Raymond resigned from the Board with effect from 5 November 2025 but remained employed by the Group as chief financial officer. As he ceased to be a director, his 3,020,000 Options have been reclassified from Director Grantees to Employee Grantees for presentation purposes. No new options were granted or cancelled in connection with the reclassification. With effect from 12 January 2026, Mr. Chen Zhuping was appointed as an executive director and executive vice president of the Company. As he was promoted to a director, his 800,000 Options have been reclassified from Employee Grantees to Director Grantees for presentation purpose. No new options were granted or cancelled in connection with the reclassification.

7. Mr. Chen Libei retired as a non-executive Director of the Company with effect from the conclusion of the annual general meeting held on 26 June 2026. As he ceased to be an eligible participant under the Share Option Scheme following his retirement from the Board, his holding of 1,000,000 Options lapsed automatically on the date of his retirement.
8. No Options granted to the Employee Grantees were lapsed, forfeited or cancelled during the period ended 30 June 2026.

During the Reporting Period, there were no material matters relating to the Share Option Scheme under the Listing Rules that were reviewed and/or approved by the remuneration committee of the Company and the Company did not have any matters relating to any grants of options to the Directors or the senior management of the Company as set out in rule 17.03(F) and rules 17.06B(7) and (8) of the Listing Rules.

OVERVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS, ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS

During the Reporting Period, there were no material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures.

DETAILS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Reference is made to the announcement dated 6 July 2026. On 5 July 2026, the Company entered into an Investor Agreement with GoldStone Resources Limited (“**GoldStone Resources**”), a Jersey-incorporated company listed on the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange. Pursuant to the Investor Agreement, the Group agreed to acquire 351,594,899 ordinary shares of GoldStone Resources at a price of £0.01 per share, representing a total consideration of £3,515,948.99 and approximately 20.96% equity interest in GoldStone Resources (the “**Acquisition**”).

The Acquisition represents the Group’s first investment outside of China. The Board believes the investment will expand the Group’s resource portfolio, diversify its operations and enable the Group to participate in mining exploration in Africa. The investment funds are expected to be deployed to advance the development of the Homase Gold Mine held by GoldStone Resources.

On 26 August 2026, (i) the Company entered into an equity transfer agreement with Kong Fanzhong (孔凡忠) (“**Mr. Kong**”) (a connected person of the Company at the subsidiary level) (the “**Equity Transfer Agreement A**”), and (ii) Majestic Yantai Gold Ltd. (“**MYG**”) (a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) entered into an equity transfer agreement with Yantai Yihui Investment Company Limited (“**Yihui Investment**”) (a connected person of the Company at the subsidiary level) and Yantai Mujin (“**Equity Transfer Agreement B**” and collectively the “**Equity Transfer Agreements**”).

Pursuant to the Equity Transfer Agreement A, the Company has agreed to sell, and Mr. Kong has agreed to purchase, (i) the entire equity interest in PRG RES Holding 2 Ltd, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (“**PRG**”) (PRG is the holding company which indirectly holds 41.051% of the equity interest in Yantai Mujin through its wholly-owned subsidiary PRG Res HK 2 Limited, a company

incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, a wholly-owned subsidiary of PRG and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (“**PRGHK**”)); and (ii) certain shareholder’s loans due by Yantai Mujin to PRGHK, which were originally contributed from the Company to PRGHK. Pursuant to the Equity Transfer Agreement B, MYG has agreed to sell, and Yihui Investment has agreed to purchase, (i) 10.949% of the equity interest in Yantai Mujin; and (ii) certain shareholder’s loans due by Yantai Mujin to MYG. The total consideration for the disposals is RMB173,965,369.32.

As at the announcement dated 26 August 2026, the Group indirectly holds 52% of equity interest in Yantai Mujin. Upon completion of the above disposal, the Group will completely cease to hold any equity interest in Yantai Mujin, PRG and PRGHK. Accordingly, Yantai Mujin, PRG and PRGHK will cease to be subsidiaries of the Company, and their financial results will no longer be consolidated into the Group’s consolidated financial statements.

The Board considers that the disposal will strengthen the cash flow of the Group, allowing the Group to improve its liquidity and reallocate its resources to other existing opportunities.

For details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 26 August 2026.

Save as above, the Group did not have other plans for material acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY’S LISTED SECURITIES

For the Reporting Period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any listed securities of the Company.

Reference is made to the announcement dated 13 July 2026, pursuant to which the Board resolved to exercise the share repurchase mandate to repurchase the Company’s shares on the open market from time to time, with a maximum consideration of HK\$20 million (the “**Share Repurchase Plan**”). The Share Repurchase Plan will cease upon exhaustion of the HK\$20 million cap or expiry of the repurchase mandate, whichever is earlier. Repurchases will be funded by the Company’s own internal cash instead of listing proceeds, and will not be conducted if they would materially adversely impact the Group’s daily operations or future capital expenditure plans.

As at the date of this announcement, an aggregate of 565,000 shares had been repurchased under the Share Repurchase Plan.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

Save as disclosed below, during the Reporting Period and up to the date of this announcement, the Company had complied with the code provisions of the Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules (collectively, the “**CG Code**”). No Director is aware of any information that reasonably reveals that there was any non-compliance with the code provisions of the CG Code by the Company at any time during the Reporting Period, except for certain deviations as specified with considered reasons for such deviations which are explained below.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Under code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of the chairman of the Board (the “**Chairman**”) and chief executive officer (the “**CEO**”) of the Company should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual.

During the Reporting Period and as at 30 June 2026, the Company has not separated the roles of Chairman and the CEO. Dr. Shao Xuxin (“**Dr. Shao**”) acted as both the Chairman and the CEO and was responsible for overseeing the operations of the Group. In view of the fact that Dr. Shao has been operating and managing the Group since 2019, the Board believes that it is in the best interests of the Group to have Dr. Shao taking up both roles for effective management and business development. The Board also believes that vesting the roles of both Chairman and CEO in the same person has the benefit of ensuring the consistent leadership within the Group and enables more effective and efficient overall strategic planning for the Group. Although Dr. Shao performs both roles of Chairman and CEO, the division of responsibilities between the two roles is clearly established. While the Chairman is responsible for supervising the functions and performance of the Board, the CEO is responsible for the management of the Group’s business. The Board considers that the balance of power and authority for the present arrangement will not be impaired given the appropriate delegation of the power of the Board to the senior management for the day-to-day management of the Group, and the effective functions of the independent non-executive Directors representing at least one-third of the Board such that no one individual has unfettered power of decisions. This structure will also enable the Company to make and implement decisions promptly and effectively.

With effect from 27 July 2026, Dr. Shao has resigned as Chairman but continues to serve as an executive Director and CEO of the Company. Dr. Malaihollo Jeffrey Francis A, an executive Director, has been appointed as Chairman with effect from the same date. For details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 27 July 2026. Following such change, the Company has been in compliance with code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code with effect from 27 July 2026. The Board will continue to review the corporate governance policies regularly to ensure ongoing compliance with the CG Code.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS OF LISTED ISSUERS (THE “MODEL CODE”)

The Company has adopted the Model Code set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors. After making specific enquiries with all Directors, all Directors confirmed that they have fully complied with the standards required according to the Model Code set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules during the Reporting Period and up to the date of this announcement. In addition, the Company is not aware of any non-compliance of the Model Code by the senior management of the Group throughout the period from the Listing Date to the date of this announcement.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has established an audit committee (the “**Audit Committee**”) with written terms of reference in compliance with the Listing Rules. The primary duties of the Audit Committee are to (i) review and supervise the Group’s financial reporting process and internal control system, risk management and internal audit; (ii) provide advice and comments to the Board and perform other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the Board.

As at 30 June 2026, the Audit Committee comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Chan Ngai Fan, Dr. Zeng Ming and Ms. Liu Li (appointed with effect from 8 April 2026). Dr. Malaihollo Jeffrey Francis A ceased to be a member of the Audit Committee on 8 April 2026 upon his re-designation from a non-executive Director to an executive Director. Mr. Chan Ngai Fan serves as the chairperson of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee has reviewed this announcement and the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Group as set out in this announcement for the Reporting Period and formed the view that this announcement and the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and requirements and appropriate disclosures were made.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

On 31 August 2026, the Board declared an interim dividend of HK3.125 cents per ordinary share (30 June 2025: HK3.0 cents). The total payout for the interim dividend will amount to approximately HK\$75,000,000 (30 June 2025: HK\$60,000,000). The aforesaid interim dividend will be paid on 5 October 2026 to the Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of our Company at the close of business on 16 September 2026.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

In order to ascertain the identity of the Shareholders who are entitled to the interim dividend, all duly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company’s branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, no later than 4:30 p.m. on 11 September 2026. The register of members of the Company will be closed from 14 September 2026 to 16 September 2026, both days inclusive, during which no transfer of shares will be registered. The record date is 16 September 2026.

PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT

This results announcement is published on the Company’s website at www.persistencegold.com and the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk. The interim report of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2026 will be despatched to the Shareholders and available on the same websites in due course.

APPRECIATION

The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude to the management team and staff for their hard work and contributions, and to the Shareholders, investors and business partners for their trust and support.

By order of the Board
Persistence Gold Group Ltd
Malaihollo Jeffrey Francis A
Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 31 August 2026

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Dr. Malaihollo Jeffrey Francis A, Dr. Shao Xuxin, Mr. Mackie James Thomas and Mr. Chen Zhuping as executive Directors; and Mr. Chan Ngai Fan, Dr. Zeng Ming and Ms. Liu Li as independent non-executive Directors.