

瑞港建設控股有限公司 Prosper Construction Holdings Limited

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Management Discussion and Analysis

The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of Prosper Construction Holdings Limited (the "Company") presents the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2024 (the "Period"), together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2023 (the "Previous Period"). These information should be read in conjunction with the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Business Review

The Group's general construction business segment remained affected by the bleak condition of the real estate market. As the progress of key on-going projects have reached the final stage and the launch of potential projects has been delayed, the downward trend in the Group's operation cycle continued during Period and revenue diminished further.

Performance of the Group's marine construction business segment also deteriorated during the Period, with no key marine projects launched in Hong Kong and Macao since year 2023. Furthermore, the Group has refrained from engaging in projects in Pakistan in view of the local political unrest and economic crisis since year 2022, while a sizeable project contracted by the Group in the Philippines has been suspended shortly after commencement due to force majeure factors. A few smaller projects in Hong Kong had been substantially completed by the end of 2023, while two other projects remained in a preliminary stage during the Period and did not contribute any substantial revenue.

Overall, the Group's revenue from the general construction business segment and marine construction business segment dropped by approximately 39% and 62% respectively for the Period as compared to the Previous Period, with over 90% of revenue derived from numerous projects, none of which individually accounted for over 5% of revenue.

Outlook

To alleviate exposure to potential risks associated with concentration in customer and region-specific economic conditions, the Group has worked proactively to broaden market coverage of its general construction business and has already secured a few relatively sizeable projects in the Guangdong and Hainan provinces which commenced during the Period and are expected to contribute additional revenue to the Group in the second half of the year 2024.

To curtail liquidity and credit risks, the Group also exerted additional effort on recovery of receivables and contract assets with encouraging results. In the marine construction business segment, the Group successfully obtained settlement for receivables and contract assets with carrying value of over HK\$40 million during the Period from a project completed more than six years ago, while dispute resolution procedures are in active progress for another completed project. In the general construction business segment, the settlement and aging profile of receivables and contract assets also recorded improvement during the Period.

The Group envisages the strategy of expanding market coverage and enhancing working capital management will safeguard its resources and prepare itself to take on selected quality projects during the time of economic uncertainties.

Albeit having experienced a notable business contraction during the Period, the Group has on hand, among others, seven relatively sizeable projects with remaining contract sums totalling over HK\$3,000 million, the progress of which are expected to pick up in the second half of year 2024 and contribute additional revenue to the Group.

Financial Review

Revenue

The Group recorded revenue of HK\$509.0 million for the Period, representing a decrease of HK\$365.4 million or approximately 41.8% from the Previous Period as a result of (i) decrease in revenue from Marine Engineering segment by HK\$66.4 million or approximately 61.9%; and (ii) decrease in revenue from General Construction segment generated from Qingdao by HK\$298.9 million or approximately 39.0%.

The deterioration in results for the Period was mainly due to various market factors and constraints noted in the business review section of this report.

Cost of sales and gross profit

Cost of sales decreased by HK\$350.8 million or 42.6% to HK\$475.3 million for the Period, which generally coincided with the drop in revenue. Gross profit dropped by approximately 30.2% to HK\$35.4 million for the Period while gross profit margin increased slight to 6.9% for the Period, as compared to 5.5% for the Previous Period when relatively high level of preliminary expenditures were incurred on a project in the Philippines which affected gross profit margin.

Other gains/(losses)

The Group recorded other gains of HK\$6.8 million, which mainly comprised (i) foreign exchange gains of HK\$5.5 million mainly as a result of depreciation of Indonesia Rupiah against Hong Kong Dollars; and (ii) gain on disposal of property plant and equipment of HK\$1.5 million.

Research and development expenses

Research and development expenses reduced by HK\$1.7 million to HK\$5.8 million for the Period as less resources were allocated to the research and development of curtain wall engineering and construction technology.

Other administrative expenses

Other administrative expenses increased by HK\$8.2 million to approximately HK\$56.8 million for the Period as a result of (i) increase in maintenance and idling costs of vessels and machinery and equipment mainly in the marine construction business segment by HK\$17.5; (ii) decrease in profession and audit fees by HK\$2.6 million; (iii) decrease in administrative staff costs by HK\$1.9 million; and (iv) a general decrease of other expenses for PRC operations owing to depreciation of Renminbi against Hong Kong Dollars for the Period.

Finance costs

Finance costs increased by approximately HK\$10.6 million or 33.4% to HK\$42.2 million for the Period as a result of increase in bank borrowings in our PRC operations and general increase in interest rates.

Income tax credit

Income tax credit for the Period is substantially comprised of prior year overprovision income tax on the Group's general construction contracting business in Qingdao, which is subject to PRC corporate income tax at a rate of 25%, except Honghai Curtain Wall is entitled to the preferential tax rate of 15% since year 2019.

Loss for the period

Owing to the substantial drop in gross profit for the Period, and the increase in administrative expenses and finance costs, the Group recorded a loss after taxation of HK\$59.0 million for the Period, an increase of HK\$15.4 million from a loss of HK\$43.6 million for the Previous Period.

Property, plant and equipment

As at 30 June 2024, the Group owned a total of 40 units of marine vessels, 195 units of machinery and equipment, and an office building located in Qingdao, PRC.

There was no significant additions to property, plant and equipment during the Period.

Trade, retention and notes receivables

The Group's trade and retention receivables decreased by approximately HK\$136.2 million during the Period to HK\$1,502.5 million as at 30 June 2024, of which approximately HK\$218.1 million pertained to the Marine Engineering segment while approximately HK\$834.4 million pertained to the General Construction segment. Trade and retention receivables in the Marine Engineering segment mainly comprised of receivables for works on projects completed and pending settlement of final accounts. Trade receivables in the General Construction segment mainly comprised works performed pending certification by customers.

The Group's amounts due from fellow subsidiaries increased by approximately HK\$23.2 million to HK\$1,196.4 million as at 30 June 2024, which pertained to receivables for works on projects of the General Construction business segment pending settlement by the fellow subsidiaries.

There was a slight improvement in the aging profile of the Group's trade receivables balance and amounts due from fellow subsidiaries as at 30 June 2024; management will continue exerting additional efforts on recovery of these balances in the remaining part of year 2024.

There is no indication of substantial deterioration of recoverability of any of the Group's receivable balances.

Contract assets/liabilities

Contract assets represent amounts due from customers for contract works performed which had not been billed as at the end of the Period. The balance of contract assets as at 30 June 2024 for the Marine Engineering segment and General Construction segment was approximately HK\$196.2 million and HK\$1,141.1 million respectively. There is no indication of any disputes regarding contract assets balances in the General Construction segment.

Contract liabilities as at 30 June 2024 represent amounts due to contract customers for payment received in excess of revenue recognisable by the Group according to the progress achieved.

Liquidity, financial resources and capital structure

The Group's net current asset balance and net debt were approximately HK\$486.8 million (31 December 2023: HK\$210.5 million) and HK\$1,401.1 million (31 December 2023: HK\$1,553.1 million) respectively as at 30 June 2024. The Group's gearing ratio (calculated by dividing total debts by total equity) as at 30 June 2024 was 425.5% (31 December 2023: 366.0%). The increase in gearing during the Period was due to loss incurred during the Period which reduced the Group's equity balance. The maturity profile of the Group's borrowings is set out in note 19 to the interim condensed consolidated financial information.

Foreign exchange

Operations of the Group are mainly conducted in Chinese Renminbi ("RMB"), Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$"), Macao Patacas ("MOP"), United States dollars ("US\$") (together, the "Major Currencies"), Malaysian Ringgits ("MYR") and Indonesian Rupiahs ("IDR"). The Group did not adopt any hedging policy and the Directors consider that the exposure to foreign exchange risks can be mitigated by using the Major Currencies (i) as principal currencies in the Group's contracts with customers and (ii) to settle payments with its suppliers and operating expenses where possible. In the event that settlement from the Group's customer are received in a currency other than the Major Currencies, such currency will be retained for payment of operating expenditures only as required and the remaining foreign currency will be converted to HK\$ or US\$ promptly.

Employees and Remuneration Policies

The Group had 603 staff as at 30 June 2024 (31 December 2023: 660) and the total staff costs of the Group (including Directors' emoluments, salaries to staff, direct wages and other staff benefits included provident fund contributions and other staff benefits) for the Period was approximately HK\$64.4 million (Previous Period: HK\$88.3 million). The Group determines the salary of its employees mainly based on each employee's qualifications, relevant experience, position and seniority. The Group monitors the performance of individual employee on a continuous basis and rewards outstanding performance by salary revision, bonus and promotion as suited. The Group maintains a good relationship with its employees and has not experienced any significant problems with its employees due to labour disputes nor has it experienced any difficulty in the recruitment and retention of experienced staff.

Capital Expenditures and Commitments

The Group generally finances its capital expenditures by cash flows generated from its operation and long-term bank borrowings.

During the Period, the Group invested approximately HK\$1.4 million in the acquisition of property, plant and equipment, which comprised approximately HK\$0.7 million in machinery and equipment and approximately HK\$0.3 million in office equipment, etc.

The Group had no material capital commitments as at 30 June 2024.

Material Acquisitions and Disposals of Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures

The Group had no material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures during the Period.

Significant Investments Held

The Group had not held any significant investments during the Period.

Charges on Assets

As at 30 June 2024, deposits of not less than HK\$20.0 million (31 December 2023: HK\$31.1 million) were pledged to secure for the Group's bank borrowings.

Contingent Liabilities

Contingent liabilities in relation to performance bonds of construction contracts

As at 30 June 2024, the joint operations held by the Group have given guarantees on performance bonds in respect of construction contracts in the ordinary course of business, and the amounts shared by the Group were HK\$43.9 million (31 December 2023: HK\$43.9 million). The performance bonds as at 30 June 2024 is expected to be released in accordance with the terms of the respective construction contracts.

Involvement in litigation

The subsidiaries of the Group are the two of the three defendants to a litigation in which they are alleged to have caused damage to certain facilities of the plaintiff during a typhoon in 2018. The plaintiff is claiming damages for HK\$112 million subject to adjustments. As advised by the Group's independent legal advisor, the case is at an early stage before exchanging evidence and it is not possible to give a firm evaluation of the likelihood of the outcome or estimate the possible amount of loss, if any. Consequently, no provision in relation to the litigation has been made in the consolidated financial statements as at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023.

Share Option Scheme

The Company adopted a share option scheme on 22 June 2016 to enable the Company to grant options to eligible participants as incentives and rewards for their contribution to the Group. No options have been granted, exercised or cancelled since then and up to 30 June 2024.

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Securities

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

Disclosure of Interests

Directors' interests in the Company

As at 30 June 2024, no Directors had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO, or as notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules").

Substantial shareholders' interests in the Company

So far as the Directors are aware, as at 30 June 2024, the interest and short positions of the persons, other than a Director or chief executive of the Company, in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO are as follows:

| Shareholder | Number of shares/Position | Percentage of shareholding | Capacity |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Qingdao West Coast Holdings (International) Limited | 498,000,000 Long position | 62.25% | Beneficial owner |
| West Coast Investment (Hong Kong) Limited ^(Note 1) | 498,000,000 Long position | 62.25% | Interest of a controlled corporation |
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| Qingdao West Coast Holding Development Limited* 青島西海岸控股發展有限公司 ^(Note 1) | 498,000,000 Long position | 62.25% | Interest of a controlled corporation |
| Qingdao Haifa State-owned Capital Investment and Operation Group Co. Ltd.* 青島海發國有資本投資運營集團有限公司 ^(Note 1) | 498,000,000 Long position | 62.25% | Interest of a controlled corporation |
| Qingdao State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council | 498,000,000 Long position | 62.25% | Interest of a controlled corporation |
| Sky Hero Global Limited ("Sky Hero") | 102,000,000 Long position | 12.75% | Beneficial owner |
| Sold Jewel Investments Limited ^(Note 2) ("Solid Jewel") | 102,000,000 Long position | 12.75% | Interest of a controlled corporation |
| Mr. Cui Qi ^(Note 2) | 102,000,000 Long position | 12.75% | Interest of a controlled corporation |
| Ms. Mu Zhen ^(Note 3) | 102,000,000 Long position | 12.75% | Interest of spouse |

Notes:

- 1. Each of these entities was wholly owned and controlled by the Qingdao State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council and was deemed under the SFO to be interested in all the Share which are directly and beneficially owned by Qingdao West Coast Holdings (International) Limited.
- 2. Sky Hero is wholly-owned by Solid Jewel, which is in turn owned as to 60% by Mr. Cui Qi. Solid Jewel is deemed or taken to be interested in all the Shares which are beneficially owned by Sky Hero under the SFO.
- Ms. Mu Zhen is the spouse of Mr. Cui Qi and she is deemed or taken to be interested in all the Shares which are beneficially owned by Mr. Cui Qi under the SFO.
- * For identification purpose only

Corporate Governance Practices

The Company has adopted the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules ("CG Code") has complied with the code provisions throughout the Period, except that the role of chairman of the Board and chief executive officer of the Group were not segregated since 28 June 2022 and have been taken up by the same person, Mr. Jiang Hongchang until 26 June 2024. The Board has appointed executive Director Mr. Liu Yutao as chief executive officer effective from 27 June 2024 and has fully complied with the CG Code since then.

Directors' Securities Transactions

The Company has adopted the Model Code and all the Directors confirmed, upon specific enquiry made, that they complied with the Model Code during the Period and up to the date of this announcement.

Dividend

The Board takes into account the Group's overall results of operation, financial position and capital requirements, among other factors, in considering the declaration of dividends. The Board does not recommend the payment of a dividend for the Period.

Events After End of the Period

No significant event has occurred subsequent to 30 June 2024 which would have material effect on the Group.

Audit Committee

The audit committee, comprising Mr. Cheung Chi Man Dennis (chairman of the audit committee), Mr. Cheng Xuezhan and Ms. Chen Yan, each an independent non-executive Director, has reviewed the accounting standards and policies adopted by the Group and the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial information of the Group for the Period.

Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the six months ended 30 June 2024

| | | Unaudite Six months ende | ended 30 June | |
|--|--------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--|
| | Note | 2024 HK\$'000 | 2023 HK\$'000 | |
| Revenue | 5 | 508,954 | 874,322 | |
| Cost of sales | _ | (473,597) | (826,120) | |
| Gross profit | | 35,357 | 48,202 | |
| Other gains/(losses), net | 7 | 6,825 | (2,336) | |
| Provision for impairment losses on financial assets | | (32) | (1,555) | |
| Research and development expenses | | (5,844) | (7,497) | |
| Other administrative expenses | _ | (56,768) | (48,531) | |
| Operating profit | | (20,462) | (11,717) | |
| Finance income | 8 | 271 | 228 | |
| Finance costs | 8 | (42,205) | (31,638) | |
| Finance costs, net | | (41,934) | (31,410) | |
| | 0 | | (40, 107) | |
| Loss before income tax Income tax credit/(expense) | 6 9 | (62,396) 3,367 | (43,127) (458) | |
| | 9 | 3,307 | (430) | |
| Loss for the period | | (59,029) | (43,585) | |
| (Loss)/profit is attributable to: | | | | |
| Owner of the Company | | (53,588) | (49,349) | |
| Non-controlling interests | | (5,441) | 5,764 | |
| | | (59,029) | (43,585) | |
| Other comprehensive loss | | | | |
| Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit of loss | | | | |
| Currency translation differences | | (12,885) | (4,102) | |
| Total comprehensive loss for the period | | (71,914) | (47,687) | |
| Total comprehensive (loce) (income for the period is attributed to the | | | | |
| Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period is attributable to: Owner of the Company | | (63,816) | (55,240) | |
| Non-controlling interests | | (8,098) | 7,553 | |
| | | (71,914) | (47,687) | |
| Basic and diluted loss per share (HK cents) | 4.4 | | | |
| Dasic and diluted loss per share (FIK cents) | 11 | (6.70) | (6.17) | |

Interim Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2024

| | Note | Unaudited 30 June 2024 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2023 HK\$'000 |
|--|-----------------|--|--|
| 100570 | | | |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Non-current assets | 12 | 205 420 | 322,114 |
| Property, plant and equipment Investment properties | 12 | 305,439 12,416 | 13,654 |
| Right-of-use assets | 13 | 63,222 | 64,457 |
| Goodwill | 10 | 37,960 | 39,010 |
| Intangible assets | | 14,055 | 15,363 |
| Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss | | | 1,246 |
| Deposits and prepayments | | 21,410 | 25,918 |
| Deferred income tax assets | | 1,843 | |
| | | 456,345 | 481,762 |
| | | | |
| Current assets | | 10 500 | 01.004 |
| Inventory Trade, retention and note receivables | 14 | 19,522 1,052,496 | 21,004 1,188,649 |
| Amounts due from fellow subsidiaries | 14 14, 21(c) | 1,196,375 | 1,173,138 |
| Deposits, prepayments and other receivables | 14, 21(0) | 295,078 | 229,071 |
| Contract assets | 16 | 1,337,281 | 1,736,586 |
| Time deposits with maturity over 3 months | 10 | 10,488 | 8,384 |
| Pledged bank deposits | | 20,000 | 31,053 |
| Restricted cash | | 14,303 | 21,007 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 292,450 | 144,950 |
| | | 4,237,993 | 4,553,842 |
| Total assets | | 4,694,338 | 5,035,604 |
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| EQUITY | | | |
| Capital and reserves | | | |
| Share capital | 17 | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Reserves | | 243,246 | 307,063 |
| | | 251,246 | 315,063 |
| Non-controlling interests | | 157,314 | 165,412 |
| Total equity | | 408,560 | 480,475 |

Interim Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet (Continued)

As at 30 June 2024

| | Note | Unaudited 30 June 2024 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2023 HK\$'000 |
|---|-------|--|--|
| | Note | | 11100000 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Non-current liabilities | | | |
| Borrowings | 19 | 402,729 | 78,423 |
| Loan from an intermediate holding company | | 130,000 | 130,000 |
| Lease liabilities | | 1,823 | 1,503 |
| Deferred income tax liabilities | | - | 1,898 |
| | | 534,552 | 211,824 |
| | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Trade, retention and notes payables | 18 | 1,801,391 | 2,366,505 |
| Accruals and other payables | | 561,521 | 313,805 |
| Contract liabilities | 16 | 3,164 | 5,439 |
| Amount due to a related company | | 186 | 386 |
| Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries | 21(c) | 151,581 | 69,909 |
| Loan from an intermediate holding company | | 15,852 | 15,852 |
| Amount due to non-controlling interests | | 10,748 | 11,045 |
| Borrowings | 19 | 1,189,757 | 1,534,260 |
| Lease liabilities | | 2,333 | 2,345 |
| Income tax payable | | 9,856 | 18,929 |
| Amount due to ultimate holding company | _ | 4,837 | 4,830 |
| | | 3,751,226 | 4,343,305 |
| Total liabilities | | 4,285,778 | 4,555,129 |
| Total equity and liabilities | | 4,694,338 | 5,035,604 |

Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the six months ended 30 June 2024

| | Share | Share | Other | Exchange | Statutory | Retained | Non- controlling | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| | capital | premium | reserves | reserves | reserves | earnings | interests | Total |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| At 1 January 2023 | 8,000 | 214,840 | 23,506 | (17,399) | 8,387 | 270,458 | 116,525 | 624,317 |
| Comprehensive income | | | | | | | | |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - | - | - | (49,349) | 5,764 | (43,585) |
| Exchange differences | - | - | - | (5,891) | - | - | 1,789 | (4,102) |
| Transaction with owners | | | | | | | | |
| Appropriation to statutory reserves | - | - | - | - | 1,068 | (1,068) | _ | _ |
| At 30 June 2023 (unaudited) | 8,000 | 214,840 | 23,506 | (23,290) | 9,455 | 220,041 | 124,078 | 576,630 |
| At 1 January 2024 | 8,000 | 214,840 | 23,506 | (21,230) | 8,835 | 81,112 | 165,412 | 480,475 |
| Comprehensive income | , i | , | , i | | , | , i | · · | , i |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - | | - | (53,588) | (5,441) | (59,029) |
| Exchange differences | - | - | - | (10,229) | - | | (2,657) | (12,886) |
| Transaction with owners | | | | | | | | |
| Appropriation to statutory reserves | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| At 30 June 2024 (unaudited) | 8,000 | 214,840 | 23,506 | (31,459) | 8,835 | 27,524 | 157,314 | 408,560 |

Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the six months ended 30 June 2024

| | | Unaudited Six months ended 30 June | | |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| | 2024 HK\$'000 | 2023 HK\$'000 | | |
| Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities | 130,402 | (409,062) | | |
| Net cash generated from investing activities | 7,377 | 99,068 | | |
| Net cash generated from financing activities | 6,155 | 197,606 | | |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 143,934 | (112,388) | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 144,950 | 324,459 | | |
| Effect of foreign exchange rate changes | 3,566 | 11,700 | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period | 292,450 | 223,771 | | |

1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 6 October 2015 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law, Cap 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands. The address of the Company's registered office is Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman, KY1-1111, Cayman Islands.

The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries provide marine construction services, auxiliary marine related services and general construction contracting services. The Company's shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

The condensed consolidated interim financial information is presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$") unless otherwise stated.

The condensed consolidated interim financial information of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2024 has not been audited.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Except as described below, the accounting policies applied are consistent with those described in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 ("2023 Financial Statements").

2.1 Basis of preparation

This interim condensed consolidated financial information for the six months ended 30 June 2024 has been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34, "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"). This interim condensed consolidated financial information does not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, the interim condensed consolidated financial information should be read in conjunction with the 2023 Financial Statements, which has been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs").

The preparation of this interim condensed consolidated financial information in conformity with HKFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the interim financial information, are disclosed in note 4 below.

2.2 Accounting policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the 2023 Financial Statements, as described in those annual consolidated financial statements, except for the estimation of income tax and the adoption of new and amended standards as set out below.

Taxes on income in the interim periods are accrued using the tax rate that would be applicable to expected total annual earnings.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2.2 Accounting policies (Continued)

(a) New and amended standards adopted by the Group

A number of new or amended standards became applicable for the current reporting period. The Group did not have to change its accounting policies or make retrospective adjustments as a result of adopting these standards.

(b) Impact of standards issued but not yet applied by the Group

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for this reporting period and have not been early adopted by the Group. These standards are not expected to have a material impact on the Group in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

3.1 Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risk: market risk (including foreign exchange risk and cash flow interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Group's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of the financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance.

The interim condensed consolidated financial information do not include all financial risk management information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the 2023 Financial Statements.

There have been no changes in the risk management or any risk management policies since the year end.

3.2 Fair value estimation

The carrying amount of the Group's financial assets and liabilities, including cash and cash equivalents, pledged bank deposits, time deposits, trade and retention receivables, deposits and other receivables, amounts due from the other partner of a joint operation, and trade and retention payables, other payables, amount due to a related company and borrowings approximate their fair values, which either due to their short-term maturities, or that they are subject to floating rates.

4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

The preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial information requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. In preparing this interim condensed consolidated financial information, the critical accounting estimates and judgments applied were consistent with those described in the 2023 Financial Statements.

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

(a) Revenue

| | | Unaudited Six months ended 30 June | | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| | 2024 HK\$'000 | 2023 HK\$'000 | | |
| Rendering of services, recognised over time | | | | |
| Marine construction works | 38,289 | 73,728 | | |
| Auxiliary marine related services | 2,670 | 33,677 | | |
| - General construction contracting services | 467,995 | 766,917 | | |
| | 508,954 | 874,322 | | |

(b) Segment Information

The chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the executive directors of the Company. The executive directors regard the Group's business as three operating segments of marine construction works, auxiliary marine related services and general construction contracting services. They review financial information accordingly.

Segment revenue is measured in a manner consistent with that in the interim condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

Segment assets mainly consist of current assets and non-current assets as disclosed in the interim condensed consolidated balance sheet except for unallocated cash and bank balances, income tax recoverable, and other corporate assets.

Segment liabilities mainly consist of current liabilities and non-current liabilities as disclosed in the interim condensed consolidated balance sheet except for income tax payable, deferred tax liabilities, borrowings, amounts due to related parties and certain corporate liabilities.

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

(b) Segment Information (Continued)

Profit or loss

| | Marine construction works HK\$'000 | Auxiliary marine related services HK\$'000 | General construction contracting services HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| For the six months ended 30 June 2024 (unaudited) Segment revenue from external customers | 38,289 | 2,670 | 467,995 | 508,954 |
| Segment results Unallocated expenses Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Depreciation of right-of-use assets Finance costs, net Loss before income tax Income tax credit | (7,694) | (1,125) | 363 | (8,456) (7,852) (2,039) (2,115) (41,934) (62,396) 3,367 |
| Loss for the period Included in segment results are: Depreciation and amortisation | (7,297) | (480) | (3,576) | (59,029) |
| For the six months ended 30 June 2023 | | | | |
| (unaudited) Segment revenue from external customers | 73,728 | 33,677 | 766,917 | 874,322 |
| Segment results Unallocated expenses Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Depreciation of right-of-use assets Finance costs, net | 2,415 | (36,390) | 29,767 | (4,208) (3,331) (3,096) (1,081) (31,411) |
| Profit before income tax Income tax expenses | | | | (43,127) (458) |
| Profit for the period | | | | (43,585) |
| Included in segment results are: Depreciation and amortisation | (5,896) | (4,686) | (4,420) | (15,002) |

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

(b) Segment Information (Continued)

Assets

| | Marine construction works HK\$'000 | Auxiliary marine related services HK\$'000 | General construction contracting services HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
|--|---|--|--|--------------------------|
| At 30 June 2024 (unaudited) Segment assets Unallocated assets | 631,693 | 18,712 | 3,661,008 | 4,311,413 382,925 |
| Total assets | | | _ | 4,694,338 |
| Additions to non-current assets | _ | - | 1,071 | 1,071 |
| At 31 December 2023 (audited) Segment assets Unallocated assets | 640,124 | 57,477 | 3,927,401 | 4,625,002 410,602 |
| Total assets | | | _ | 5,035,604 |
| Additions to non-current assets | 20,383 | 35,419 | 4,629 | 60,431 |

The information provided to chief operating decision maker with respect to total assets are measured in a manner consistent with that of the interim condensed consolidated financial information. These assets are allocated based on the operations of the segment.

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

(b) Segment Information (Continued)

Liabilities

| | Marine construction works HK\$'000 | Auxiliary marine related services HK\$'000 | General construction contracting services HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| At 30 June 2024 (unaudited) Segment liabilities Borrowings Loan from an intermediate holding company Income tax payable Deferred tax liabilities Unallocated liabilities | 87,781 | 353 | 2,427,192 | 2,515,326 1,592,485 145,852 9,856 – 22,259 |
| Total liabilities | | | | 4,285,778 |
| At 31 December 2023 (audited) Segment liabilities Borrowings Loan from an intermediate holding company Income tax payable Deferred tax liabilities Unallocated liabilities | 71,135 | 41 | 2,390,783 | 2,461,959 1,612,683 145,852 18,929 1,898 313,808 |
| Total liabilities | | | | 4,555,129 |

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

(b) Segment Information (Continued)

The Group's revenue from external customers attributable to the countries from which the Group derives revenue and information about its non-current assets excluding financial instruments and deferred income tax assets, located in the country of domicile are detailed below:

Revenue from external customers

| | Unaud | Unaudited Six months ended 30 June | | |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| | Six months en | | | |
| | 2024 HK\$'000 | 2023 HK\$'000 | | |
| | | | | |
| Hong Kong | 38,750 | 74,242 | | |
| Mainland China | 467,995 | 766,917 | | |
| Philippine | - | 30,125 | | |
| Indonesia | 2,208 | 3,038 | | |
| | | | | |
| | 508,953 | 874,322 | | |

The Group's information about its non-current assets including property, plant and equipment and investment properties located in the country of domicile are detailed below:

Non-current assets

Based on countries of domicile of companies holding the assets:

| | Unaudited 30 June 2024 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2023 HK\$'000 |
|----------------|--|--|
| | | |
| Hong Kong | 191,502 | 200,069 |
| Mainland China | 114,583 | 122,730 |
| Indonesia | 6,699 | 7,399 |
| Macao | 5,071 | 5,570 |
| | | |
| | 317,855 | 335,768 |

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

(b) Segment Information (Continued)

Non-current assets (Continued) Based on physical location of the assets:

| | Unaudited 30 June 2024 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2023 HK\$'000 |
|----------------|--|--|
| | | |
| Hong Kong | 123,579 | 142,901 |
| Indonesia | 6,699 | 7,399 |
| Масао | 20,247 | 6,466 |
| Mainland China | 125,515 | 143,505 |
| Malaysia | 11,813 | _ |
| Pakistan | - | 22,019 |
| Philippines | 30,002 | 13,478 |
| | | |
| | 317,855 | 335,768 |

6. LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX

| | • | Unaudited Six months ended 30 June | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | 2024 HK\$'000 | 2023 HK\$'000 | |
| Staff cost including directors' emoluments (note) | 64.441 | 88,285 | |
| Auditor's remuneration | | - | |
| Cost of sales excluding direct staff costs | 437,646 | 768,271 | |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Note 12) | 13,395 | 13,681 | |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets | 2,115 | 1,081 | |
| Leases expenses relating to short-term leases and leases of | | | |
| low-value assets | 11 | 198 | |
| Legal and professional fees | 3,861 | 6,491 | |

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6. LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX (Continued)

Note:

| | | Unaudited Six months ended 30 June | | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| | 2024 HK\$'000 | | | |
| Wages and salaries | 53,643 | 76,095 | | |
| Pension costs — defined contribution plans Other employment benefits | 5,291 5,507 | 10,441 1,749 | | |
| | 64,441 | 88,285 | | |
| Charged to cost of sales Charged to administrative expenses | 35,951 28,490 | 57,849 30,436 | | |

7. OTHER GAINS/(LOSSES), NET

| | | Unaudited Six months ended 30 June | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | 2024 2023 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 | | |
| Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment | 1,498 | 654 | |
| Foreign exchange gains/(losses) | 5,538 | (3,723) | |
| Sundry (losses)/gains | (211) | 733 | |
| | 6,825 | (2,336) | |

8. FINANCE COSTS, NET

| | •• | Unaudited Six months ended 30 June | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | 2024 HK\$'000 | | |
| Finance income | | | |
| Interest income on bank balances | 271 | 228 | |
| Finance costs | | | |
| Interest expense on bank loans | (42,099) | (31,524) | |
| Interest expense on lease liabilities | (106) | (114) | |
| | | | |
| Finance costs, net | (41,934) | (31,410) | |

9. INCOME TAX CREDIT/(EXPENSE)

The amount of income tax credited/(charged) to the interim condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income represents:

| | | Unaudited Six months ended 30 June | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | 2024 HK\$'000 | | |
| Hong Kong profits tax over provision in prior years | _ | _ | |
| Indonesia income tax | | | |
| Withholding income tax | - | (84) | |
| PRC corporate income tax | | | |
| Current income tax | - | (374) | |
| Over provision in prior years | 3,367 | - | |
| | 3,367 | (458) | |

Indonesia income tax is charged through a system of withholding taxes. Companies are required to withhold final income tax for construction works performance and interest income from bank deposits. The income tax has been provided at the rate of 3% of the construction income and 20% of the interest income from bank deposits for the six months ended 30 June 2024.

PRC corporate income tax has been provided at a rate of 25% on the estimated assessable profit for the six months ended 30 June 2024, except that Qingdao Honghai Curtain Wall Company Limited which satisfied as a High-New Technology Enterprise and is entitled to the preferential tax rate of 15% since 2019.

10. DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend the payment of interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2024 (2023: Nil).

11. LOSS PER SHARE

(a) Basic

Basic loss per share is calculated by dividing the loss attributable to equity holders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the respective periods.

| | Unaudited Six months ended 30 June 2024 202 | |
|---|---|----------|
| Loss attributable to equity holders of the Company (HK\$'000) | (53,588) | (49,349) |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic loss per share ('000) | 800,000 | 800,000 |
| Basic loss per share (HK cents) | (6.70) | (6.17) |

(b) Diluted

Diluted loss per share is of the same amount as the basic loss per share as there were no potential dilutive ordinary shares outstanding at the period end.

12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

| | Buildings HK\$'000 | Furniture and fixtures HK\$'000 | Office equipment HK\$'000 | Machinery and equipment HK\$'000 | Vessels HK\$'000 | Motor vehicles HK\$'000 | Construction- in-progress HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Six months ended 30 June 2024 (unaudited) | | | | | | | | |
| Opening net book amount | 91,318 | 39 | 4,942 | 32,750 | 190,383 | 2,682 | - | 322,114 |
| Additions/(disposal) | - | | 305 | 703 | - | (16) | 368 | 1,360 |
| Depreciation | (1,582) | (18) | (987) | (3,849) | (6,453) | (507) | - | (13,395) |
| Exchange differences | (4,801) | - | (65) | 700 | (430) | (44) | - | (4,640) |
| Closing net book amount | 84,935 | 21 | 4,195 | 30,304 | 183,500 | 2,116 | 368 | 305,439 |
| Six months ended 30 June 2023 (unaudited) | | | | | | | | |
| Opening net book amount | 92,972 | 56 | 7,326 | 40,416 | 188,714 | 1,864 | - | 331,348 |
| Additions/(disposal) | - | 6 | 475 | 239 | 17,432 | 751 | 313 | 19,216 |
| Depreciation | (1,597) | (13) | (1,192) | (3,960) | (6,622) | (297) | - | (13,681) |
| Exchange differences | 681 | - | (301) | (625) | 278 | (71) | 218 | 180 |
| Closing net book amount | 92,056 | 49 | 6,308 | 36,070 | 199,802 | 2,247 | 531 | 337,063 |

13. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS AND LEASE LIABILITIES

(a) Amounts recognised in the interim condensed consolidated balance sheet

The interim condensed consolidated balance sheet shows the following amounts relating to the leases in respect of office premises and staff quarters:

| | Unaudited 30 June 2024 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2023 HK\$'000 |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Right-of-use assets | | |
| Non-current | 63,222 | 64,457 |
| Lease liabilities | | |
| Non-current | 1,823 | 1,503 |
| Current | 2,333 | 2,345 |
| | 4,156 | 3,848 |

Additions to the right-of-use assets during the six months ended 30 June 2024 and 2023 were HK\$399,000 and HK\$581,000 respectively.

(b) Amounts recognised in the interim condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income

The interim condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income shows the following amounts relating to the leases in respect of office premises and staff quarters:

| | Unaud | Unaudited | |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|--|
| | Six months ended 30 June | | |
| | 2024 HK\$'000 | 2023 HK\$'000 | |
| Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets | 2,115 | 1,081 | |
| Interest expenses on lease liabilities <i>(Note 8)</i> Leases expenses relating to short-term leases of machineries and | 106 | 114 | |
| equipment | 2,877 | 10,861 | |
| Leases expenses relating to short-term leases of low value assets | 11 | 198 | |

The total cash outflow for leases excluding short-term leases and leases of low-value assets during the six months ended 30 June 2024 and 2023 were HK\$1,380,000 and HK\$1,425,000 respectively.

14. TRADE, RETENTION AND NOTE RECEIVABLES, AND AMOUNTS DUE FROM FELLOW SUBSIDIARIES

| | Unaudited 30 June 2024 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2023 HK\$'000 |
|--|--|--|
| Trade receivables Retention receivables Note receivables | 977,331 59,316 15,849 | 976,345 93,907 118,397 |
| Trade, retention and note receivables | 1,052,496 | 1,188,649 |

The aging analysis of the trade receivables based on invoice date was as follows:

| | Unaudited 30 June 2024 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2023 HK\$'000 |
|---|--|--|
| Within 1 year 1 to 2 years Over 2 years | 350,203 304,778 322,350 | 722,566 189,299 64,480 |
| | 977,331 | 976,345 |

Retention receivables were classified as current assets. The aging analysis of the retention receivables based on invoice date was as follows:

| | Unaudited 30 June 2024 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2023 HK\$'000 |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Within 1 year | 1,380 | 3,715 |
| Between 1 and 5 years | 52,382 | 68,590 |
| Over 5 years | 5,554 | 21,602 |
| | | |
| | 59,316 | 93,907 |

The credit period granted to trade customers other than for retention receivables was within 30 days to 90 days for marine construction works and auxiliary marine related services whereas there is generally no credit period granted to the customers for general construction services in the PRC. The terms and conditions in relation to the release of retention vary from contract to contract, which may be subject to practical completion, the expiry of the defect liability period or a pre-agreed time period. The Group does not hold any collateral as security.

14. TRADE, RETENTION AND NOTE RECEIVABLES, AND AMOUNTS DUE FROM FELLOW SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

The ageing analysis of amounts due from fellow subsidiaries based on invoice dates was as follows:

| | Unaudited | Audited |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| | 30 June | 31 December |
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Within 1 year | 112,732 | 678,155 |
| 1 to 2 years | 767,825 | 366,507 |
| Over 2 years | 315,818 | 128,476 |
| | | |
| | 1,196,375 | 1,173,138 |

15. DEPOSITS, PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

| | Unaudited 30 June 2024 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2023 HK\$'000 |
|---|--|--|
| Deposits, prepayments and other receivables <i>(note)</i> Less: non-current deposits | 316,488 21,410 | 254,989 25,918 |
| Current | 295,078 | 229,071 |

Note: The balance mainly represents rental tendering, deposits for property, plant and equipment and other miscellaneous receivables.

16. CONTRACT ASSETS AND CONTRACT LIABILITIES

| | Unaudited 30 June 2024 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2023 HK\$'000 |
|--|--|--|
| | | |
| Contract assets | 000 000 | 1 150 150 |
| Provision of construction services – third parties | 832,333 | 1,158,159 |
| Provision of construction services – fellow subsidiaries | 544,691 | 620,054 |
| Less: loss allowance | (39,743) | (41,627) |
| | | |
| | 1,337,281 | 1,736,586 |
| Contract liabilities | | |
| Provision of construction services | (3,164) | (5,439) |

17. SHARE CAPITAL

The Company's share capital as at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023 was as follows:

| | Number of shares | Share capital HK\$'000 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each | | |
| Authorised | 4,000,000,000 | 40,000 |
| Issued and fully paid | 800,000,000 | 8,000 |

18. TRADE AND RETENTION PAYABLES

| | Unaudited 30 June 2024 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2023 HK\$'000 |
|--------------------|--|--|
| | | |
| Trade payables | 1,791,706 | 2,345,891 |
| Notes payables | 1,823 | 13,114 |
| Retention payables | 7,862 | 7,500 |
| | | |
| | 1,801,391 | 2,366,505 |

The credit period granted for trade payables and other payables was within 30 to 90 days.

The aging analysis of the trade payables based on invoice dates was as follows:

| | Unaudited 30 June 2024 | Audited 31 December 2023 |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Within 1 year Over 1 year | 448,963 1,342,743 | 2,164,385 181,506 |
| · · · | 1,791,706 | 2,345,891 |

The aging analysis of the notes payables based on invoice date was a follows:

| | Unaudited | Audited |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| | 30 June | 31 December |
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Within 1 year | 1,823 | 13,114 |

18. TRADE AND RETENTION PAYABLES (Continued)

In the interim condensed consolidated balance sheet, retention payables were classified as current liabilities. The aging analysis of the retention payables based on invoice date was as follows:

| | Unaudited | Audited |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | 30 June | 31 December |
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Within 1 year | 750 | 1,562 |
| Between 1 year and 2 years | 1,175 | 3,052 |
| Between 2 years and 5 years | 5,937 | 2,886 |
| | | |
| | 7,862 | 7,500 |

19. BORROWINGS

| | Unaudited 30 June 2024 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2023 HK\$'000 |
|--|--|--|
| Non-current: Long-term bank loans | 402,729 | 78,423 |
| Current: Long-term bank loans due for repayment within one year | 457 | 327,692 |
| Short-term bank borrowings – secured | 1,189,300 | 1,144,003 |
| – unsecured Other borrowings | - | 32,105 30,460 |
| | 1,189,757 | 1,534,260 |
| Total borrowings | 1,592,486 | 1,612,663 |

19. BORROWINGS (Continued)

(a) Borrowings due for repayment after one year which contain repayment on demand clause were classified as current liabilities.

Based on the scheduled repayment terms set out in the loan agreements and ignoring the effect of any repayment on demand clause, the maturity of bank loans would be as follows:

| | Unaudited 30 June 2024 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2023 HK\$'000 |
|--|--|--|
| Within 1 year Between 1 year and 2 years Between 2 years and 5 years | 1,285,662 111,277 195,547 | 1,534,260 |
| Over 5 years | - 1,592,486 | 78,423 1,612,683 |

(b) The carrying amounts of the Group's borrowings were denominated in the following currencies:

| | Unaudited 30 June 2024 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2023 HK\$'000 |
|------|--|--|
| | | |
| HK\$ | 323,020 | 321,119 |
| MOP | 37,961 | 37,961 |
| RMB | 1,231,505 | 1,253,603 |
| | | |
| | 1,592,486 | 1,612,683 |

(c) The carrying amounts of the Group's borrowings approximated their fair value as the impact of discounting is not significant.

19. BORROWINGS (Continued)

- (d) The Group's loan facilities are subject to annual review and secured or guaranteed by:
 - Project contracts executed by a subsidiary, guarantees of HK\$228,000,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$228,000,000) from the Company, pledged deposits of HK\$10,000,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$10,000,000) from the subsidiaries for a bank facility which covers loans of HK\$130,000,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$130,000,000) and performance bond facility of HK\$43,860,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$43,860,000) as at 30 June 2024.
 - Unlimited guarantees provided by the Company for bank facilities and pledged deposits of HK\$10,000,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$10,000,000) which covers loans of HK\$50,000,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$50,000,000) as at 30 June 2024.
 - (iii) Promissory notes in the amounts of MOP137,500,000 and MOP187,000,000 (31 December 2023: MOP137,500,000 and MOP187,000,000) respectively, guarantees in total amount of MOP225,000,000 (31 December 2023: MOP225,000,000), for a bank facility which covers loans of HK\$37,961,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$37,961,000) as at 30 June 2024.
 - (iv) Irrevocable and unconditional standby letter of credit from the related companies of the Company for a bank facility which covers loans of HK\$Nil (31 December 2023: HK\$110,660,000) as at 30 June 2024.
 - (v) Group's properties, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets with carrying amounts of HK\$70,550,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$90,710,000) and of HK\$27,971,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$29,049,000) for a bank facility which covers loans of HK\$79,535,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$78,423,000) as at 30 June 2024.
 - (vi) Guarantees of HK\$112,664,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$112,664,000) provided by a subsidiary for bank facilities which covers loans of HK\$87,259,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$87,259,000) as at 30 June 2024.
 - (vii) Unlimited guarantees provided by the ultimate holding company for bank facilities which covers loans of HK\$1,210,381,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$959,167,000) as at 30 June 2024.
 - (viii) Unlimited guarantees provided by the ultimate holding company together with a subsidiary for bank facilities which covers loans of HK\$90,498,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$96,648,000) as at 30 June 2024.

20. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND DISPUTES

Contingent Liabilities

Contingent liabilities in relation to performance bonds of construction contracts

As at 30 June 2024, the joint operations held by the Group have given guarantees on performance bonds in respect of construction contracts in the ordinary course of business, and the amounts shared by the Group were HK\$43.9 million (31 December 2023: HK\$43.9 million). The performance bonds as at 30 June 2024 is expected to be released in accordance with the terms of the respective construction contracts.

Involvement in litigation

The subsidiaries of the Group are the two of the three defendants to a litigation in which they are alleged to have caused damage to certain facilities of the plaintiff during a typhoon in 2018. The plaintiff is claiming damages for HK\$112 million subject to adjustments. As advised by the Group's independent legal advisor, the case is at an early stage before exchanging evidence and it is not possible to give a firm evaluation of the likelihood of the outcome or estimate the possible amount of loss, if any. Consequently, no provision in relation to the litigation has been made in the consolidated financial statements as at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023.

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related parties are those parties that have the ability to control, jointly control or exert significant influence over the other party in holding power over the investee; exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and the ability to use its power over the investee to affect the amount of the investor's returns. Parties are also considered to be related if they are subject to common control or joint control. Related parties may be individuals or other entities.

(a) The directors of the Company are of the view that the following companies were related parties that had transactions or balances with the Group during the six months ended 30 June 2024 and 2023:

| Name of the related party | Relationship with the Group | |
|--|---|--|
| | | |
| Star Harvest Enterprise Limited | A related company wholly owned by Mr. Cui Qi | |
| Concentric-Hong Kong River Joint Venture ("CHKRJV") | A joint operation | |
| 香港瑞沃(澳門)工程有限公司 — 中基基礎工程有限公司合作經營 ("MCJO") | A joint operation | |
| Shenzhen Changsheng Marine Engineering Limited ("Shenzhen Changsheng") | A related company controlled by Mr. Cui Qi | |
| West Coast Investment (Hong Kong) Limited | An intermediate holding company of the Company | |
| Qingdao Rongchuang Xifa Cultural Development Limited (青島融創西發文化發展有限公司) | A fellow subsidiary | |

("Rongchuang Xifa")

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(a) The directors of the Company are of the view that the following companies were related parties that had transactions or balances with the Group during the six months ended 30 June 2024 and 2023: (Continued)

| Name of the related party | Relationship with the Group | |
|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Qingdao Xifa Cangmashan Infrastructure Investment Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島西發藏馬山基礎設施建設投資有限公司) | A tellow Subsidiary | |
| ("Xifa Cangmashan Infrastructure") | | |
| Qingdao Xifa Cangmashan Construction Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島西發藏馬山建設開發集團有限公司) | | |
| ("Xifa Cangmashan Construction") | | |
| Qingdao Xifa Properties Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島西發置業有限公司) ("Xifa Properties") | | |
| Qingdao West Coast New Village Development Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島西海岸新農村社區建設有限公司) | 5 | |
| ("West Coast New Village District") | | |
| Qingdao West Coast New District Development Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島西海岸新區開發建設有限公司) | 2 | |
| ("West Coast New District") | | |
| Qingdao West Coast Sky Construction Development Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島西海岸天業建設發展有限公司) | - | |
| ("West Coast Sky") | | |
| Qingdao West Coast Technology Innovation Development Co. Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島西海岸科創投資開發有限公司) | | |
| ("West Coast Technology Innovation") | | |
| Qingdao Xifa Cangmashan Agricultural Development Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島西發藏馬山農業發展有限公司) | | |
| ("Xifa Cangmashan Agricultural") | | |
| Qingdao Oriental Fashion Development Construction Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島東方時尚開發建設有限公司) | | |
| ("Oriental Fashion") | | |
| Qingdao Blue Valley Medical Management Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島藍色醫谷醫療管理有限責任公司) | | |
| ("Blue Valley Medical Management") | | |
| Qingdao Xifa Healthcare Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島西發康養醫療有限公司) ("Xifa Healthcare") | | |
| Qingdao Big Data Technology Development Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島大數據科技發展有限公司) | | |
| ("Big Data Technology Development") | | |
| Beijing Film Academy Modern Creative Media College | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (北京電影學院現代創意媒體學院) | | |
| ("Beijing Film Academy") | | |

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(a) The directors of the Company are of the view that the following companies were related parties that had transactions or balances with the Group during the six months ended 30 June 2024 and 2023: (Continued)

| Name of the related party | Relationship with the Group | |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Orientel Mavie Matropolie Rengebuong Investment Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| Oriental Movie Metropolis Rongchuang Investment Limited (東方影都融創投資有限公司) | A lellow subsidiary | |
| ("Oriental Movie Metropolis") | | |
| Qingdao West Coast Tianze Construction Development Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島西海岸天澤建設發展有限公司) | , choice we caporalary | |
| ("West Coast Tianze") | | |
| Qingdao Haifa Tianging Construction Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島海發天清建設有限公司) ("Haifa Tianqing") | Ş | |
| Qingdao Aucma Refrigeration Appliance Co. Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島澳柯瑪製冷電器有限公司) | | |
| ("Aucma Refrigeration Appliance") | | |
| Qingdao West Coast Financing Guarantee Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島西海岸融資擔保有限公司) | | |
| ("West Coast Financing") | | |
| Qingdao Haifa Cultural (Group) Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島海發文化(集團)有限公司) ("Haifa Cultural") | | |
| Qingdao Xifa Zangmashan Agricultural Trade Co., Ltd. | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島西發藏馬山農貿有限公司) | | |
| ("Xifa Agricultural Trade") | | |
| Qingdao Haifa Hongrui Property Management Co., Ltd. | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島海發弘睿物業管理有限公司) | | |
| ("Haifa Hongrui Property") | | |
| China Haifa (Qingdao) Investment Co., Ltd. | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (中交海發(青島)投資有限公司) ("Il laife Investment") | | |
| ("Haifa Investment") Qingdao Haifa City Investment & Development (Group) Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島海發產城投資開發 (集團) 有限公司) | A lellow subsidially | |
| (作品)存录差殊及其闭弦 (未色) 存放公司) ("Haifa City Investment") | | |
| Qingdao Oceantec Valley Investment & Development Group Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島藍谷投資發展集團有限公司) | A follow cubbinary | |
| ("Qingdao Oceantec Valley") | | |
| Qingdao Yingdu Film Museum Co. Limited | A fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島影都電影博物館有限公司) | | |
| ("Yingdu Film Museum") | | |
| Qingdao Film Academy (青島電影學院) | a fellow subsidiary | |
| Qingdao Rongchuang Haifa Cultural Development Limited | a fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島融創海發文化發展有限公司) | - | |
| ("Rongchuang Haifa") | | |

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(a) The directors of the Company are of the view that the following companies were related parties that had transactions or balances with the Group during the six months ended 30 June 2024 and 2023: (Continued)

| Name of the related party | Relationship with the Group | |
|--|-----------------------------|--|
| | | |
| Qingdao Dongfang Film and Television Industry Co., Ltd | a fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島東方影都影視產業管理有限公司) | | |
| ("Dongfang Film and Television Industry") | | |
| Qingdao Haifa Commercial Management Co. Ltd Xingguang Island | a fellow subsidiary | |
| Commercial Operation Management Branch | | |
| (青島海發商業管理有限公司星光島商業運營管理分公司) | | |
| ("Haifa Commercial Management (Branch)") | | |
| Qingdao Xifa Commercial Factoring Co. Limited | a fellow subsidiary | |
| (青島西發商業保理有限公司) | | |
| ("Xifa Commercial Factoring") | | |

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(b) Transactions

Save as disclosed elsewhere in the interim condensed consolidated interim financial information, the following transactions were carried out with related parties at terms mutually agreed by both parties pursuant to the agreements entered into between the Group and the respective related parties:

| | Unaudited Six months ended 30 June | |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2024 HK\$'000 | 2023 HK\$'000 |
| Construction project costs paid to Big Data Technology Development | 5,731 | 2,857 |
| Interest expenses to West Coast Investment (Hong Kong) Limited | 2,011 | 3,545 |
| Construction project income from related parties: | | |
| Xifa Properties | 12,500 | 337 |
| West Coast New District | 17,079 | 125,736 |
| Rongchuang Xifa | 6,346 | 14,448 |
| Xifa Cangmashan Construction | 92 | 71 |
| West Coast Sky | 10,402 | 9,429 |
| Oriental Fashion | 6,873 | 26,584 |
| West Coast Technology Innovation | 20,605 | 42,465 |
| Blue Valley Medical Management | 1,299 | 53 |
| Haifa Investment | 29,269 | 28,020 |
| Aucma Refrigeration Appliance | 7,898 | 35,519 |
| Xifa Commercial Factoring | 9 | 49 |
| Qingdao Film Academy | 1,835 | 48,744 |
| Haifa Tianqing | - | 1,257 |
| West Coast Tianze | 183 | 2,124 |
| Haifa City Investment | 253 | _ |
| Haifa Commercial Management (Branch) | 67 | _ |
| Qingdao Oceantec Valley | 155 | _ |
| Dongfang Film and Television Industry | 1,121 | _ |
| Yingdu Film Museum | 365 | _ |
| Rongchuang Haifa | 4,780 | _ |

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(c) Balances

| | Unaudited 30 June 2024 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2023 HK\$'000 | Nature |
|---|--|--|-----------|
| Amounts due from fellow subsidiaries (note (i)) | 1,196,375 | 1,173,138 | Trade |
| Amount due to ultimate holding company Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries | (4,837) | (4,830) | Non-trade |
| — Big Data Technology Development (note (ii)) | (13,105) | (17,909) | Non-trade |
| — Xifa Cangmashan Agricultural (note (ii)) | (140) | (145) | Non-trade |
| — Xifa Agricultural Trade | (144) | (134) | Non-trade |
| — Haifa Hongrui Property | (876) | (148) | Non-trade |
| — Xifa Commercial Factoring (note (iii)) | (137,316) | (51,573) | Non-trade |
| | (151,581) | (69,909) | |
| Amount due to a related party | | | |
| Shenzhen Changsheng (note (iv)) | (186) | (386) | Non-trade |
| Loan from an intermediate holding company West Coast Investment (Hong Kong) Limited (note (v)) | (145,852) | (145,852) | Non-trade |

Notes:

- (i) The amounts due from fellow subsidiaries were unsecured, interest free and generally has no credit period granted. The ageing of amounts due from fellow subsidiaries were within one year. The carrying amounts of amounts due from fellow subsidiaries approximated their fair values and were denominated in RMB.
- (ii) The amounts due to fellow subsidiaries were unsecured, interest free and no credit period was granted generally. The ageing of amount due to fellow subsidiaries were within one year. The carrying amount of amount due to fellow subsidiaries were approximated its fair value and were denominated in RMB.
- (iii) The amount due to Xifa Commercial Factoring represented the suppliers invoices factoring arrangement among the Group's suppliers and Xifa Commercial Factoring, where the Group's suppliers factor their invoices to the Group via Xifa Commercial Factoring and our payables to suppliers become payables to Xifa Commercial Factoring. There were no transaction between the Group and Xifa Commercial Factoring. The amount due to Xifa Commercial Factoring was unsecured, interest free and repayable within one year. The carrying amount of amount due to Xifa Commercial Factoring approximated its fair value and was denominated in RMB.
- (iv) The amount due to a related party was unsecured, interest free and repayable within one year.
- (v) Loans from an intermediate holding company of HK\$130,000,000 (2023: HK\$130,000,000) were guaranteed by the Company with fixed interest rate at 4.95%-5.70% per annum (2023: 4.10% per annum), approximated their fair values, denominated in HK\$ and are repayable after one year from the balance sheet date.

Loan from an intermediate holding company of HK\$15,852,000 (2023: HK\$15,852,000) was guaranteed by the Company with fixed rate at 5.28% per annum (2023: 4.95% per annum), approximated its fair value, denominated in RMB and is repayable in 2024.

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(d) Transactions with key management personnel

Key management include directors (executive and non-executive). The compensation paid or payable to key management for employee services is shown below:

| | | Unaudited Six months ended 30 June | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | 2024 HK\$'000 | 2023 HK\$'000 | |
| Salaries, bonus and other allowances and benefits in kind | 925 | 1,192 | |
| Pension costs — defined contribution plans | 20 | 36 | |
| | 945 | 1,228 | |

22. ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

Management considers Qingdao Haifa State-owned Capital Investment and Operation Group Co., Ltd as the ultimate holding company of the Group, which is a company incorporated in the PRC and controlled by the State-owned Asset Supervision and Administration Commission of Qingdao.