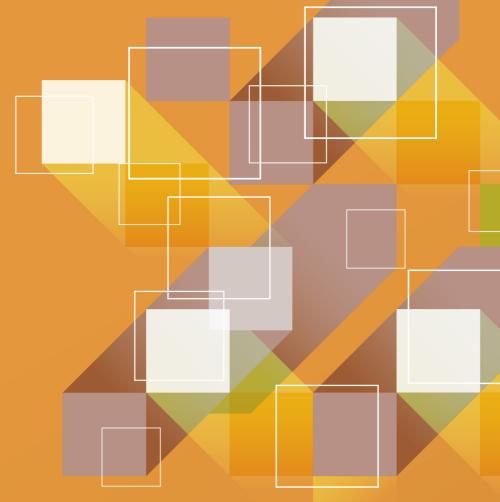
# China New Consumption Group Limited 中國新消費集團有限公司

(Formerly known as State Innovation Holdings Limited) (Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

Stock Code: 8275



2023 Interim Report

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#### **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

#### **Board of Directors**

#### **Executive Director**

Mr. Tang Kwai Leung Stanley (Chairman)

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

Mr. He Dingding Ms. Chan Tsz Hei Sammi Ms. Liu Ching Man

#### **Board Committees**

#### **Audit Committee**

Mr. He Dingding *(Chairman)*Ms. Chan Tsz Hei Sammi
Ms. Liu Ching Man

#### **Remuneration Committee**

Ms. Liu Ching Man (Chairman)
Mr. He Dingding
Ms. Chan Tsz Hei Sammi

#### **Nomination Committee**

Ms. Chan Tsz Hei Sammi *(Chairman)*Mr. He Dingding
Ms. Liu Ching Man

# **Company Secretary**

Mr. Lee Man Tai (FCCA, FCPA)

#### **Authorised Representatives**

Mr. Tang Kwai Leung Stanley Mr. Lee Man Tai (FCCA, FCPA)

#### **Compliance Officer**

Mr. Tang Kwai Leung Stanley

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#### **Principal Banks**

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#### Stock Code

8275

#### Company's Website

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# **INTERIM RESULTS**

The board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company presents the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Group for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2023, together with the unaudited comparative figures of the corresponding periods in 2022, as follows:

# Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the three months and six months ended 30 September 2023

		Three mont		Six month 30 Septe	
	Note	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Revenue Cost of sales	3	31,306 (27,129)	32,389 (43,379)	59,560 (49,489)	58,025 (77,883)
Gross profit/(loss)		4,177	(10,990)	10,071	(19,858)
Other income and other loss	4	82	979	403	1,829
Administrative expenses		(5,608)	(2,369)	(11,582)	(10,188)
Change in fair value of financial assets at fair		(-)	( )/	( ) /	( -,,
value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")		(1,701)	(469)	(1,197)	(366)
(Allowance)/reversal of for impairment loss of		(1,101)	(100)	(.,)	(000)
financial assets, net		(498)	1,577	(498)	1,577
Loss from operations		(3,548)	(11,272)	(2,803)	(27,006)
Finance costs	6	(126)	(151)	(256)	(294)
Loss before tax		(3,674)	(11,423)	(3,059)	(27,300)
Income tax credit/(expense)	7	94	(711)	438	375
Loss for the period attributable to:					
Owners of the Company		(2,953)	(12,134)	(1,312)	(26,925)
Non-controlling interests		(627)		(1,309)	
		(3,580)	(12,134)	(2,621)	(26,925)
Other comprehensive loss:					
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss:					
Release of translation reserve upon					
deregistration of a subsidiary		_	_	23	
Other comprehensive loss for the period,					
net of tax			-	23	_
Total comprehensive loss for the period					
attributable to:		(0.050)	(10.10.4)	(4.000)	(06,005)
Owners of the Company		(2,953)	(12,134)	(1,289)	(26,925)
Non-controlling interests		(627)	_	(1,309)	_
		(3,580)	(12,134)	(2,598)	(26,925)
Loss per share					
Basic and diluted (HK cents)	9	(1.4)	(9.0)	(0.7)	(22.3)

# **Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position**

As at 30 September 2023

	Note	30 September 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	31 March 2023 HK\$'000 (audited)
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	48,293	50,569
Right-of-use assets	11	3,483	4,984
Financial assets at FVTPL	12	4,582	-,504
Financial assets at FVTOCI	12	8,167	8,144
Deferred tax assets		878	441
Prepayments		_	1,025
Total non-current assets		65,403	65,163
Current assets			
Trade and retention receivables	13	18,811	26,534
Contract assets		24,445	21,074
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables		784	3,529
Held for trading securities		7,591	5,076
Debt investments		1,500	1,564
Bank and cash balances		33,528	5,525
Total current assets		86,659	63,302
Current liabilities			
Trade and retention payables	14	26,453	32,244
Accruals and other payables		14,880	16,420
Bank and other borrowings		1,467	1,862
Lease liabilities	11	2,210	2,411
Current tax liabilities		41	41
Total current liabilities		45,051	52,978
Net current assets		41,608	10,324
Total assets less current liabilities		107,011	75,487
			-, -
Non-current liabilities Lease liabilities	11	2,176	3,197
			-,,,,,
Total non-current liabilities		2,176	3,197
NET ASSETS		104,835	72,290
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	15	4,000	80,001
Reserves	16	102,476	(7,379)
		106,476	72.622
Non-controlling interests		(1,641)	(332)
TOTAL EQUITY		104,835	72,290
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# **Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the six months ended 30 September 2023

	Attributable to	owners of the C	Company				
		Foreign		Retained			
		assets at		earnings/		Non-	
9	Merger	FVOCI	Capital	(accumulated		controlling	Total
1	reserve	reserve	reserve	losses)	Sub-total	interests	equity

				assets at		earnings/		Non-	
	Share	Share	Merger	FVOCI	Capital	(accumulated		controlling	Total
	capital	premium	reserve	reserve	reserve	losses)	Sub-total	interests	equity
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Note 15)	(Note 16b(i))	(Note 16b(ii))	(Note 16b(iii))	(Note 16b(iv))				
For the six months ended									
30 September 2022									
At 1 April 2022 (audited)	27,000	56,252	22	_	_	(32,748)	50,526	_	50,526
Issuance of shares upon						(- / -/			
rights issue	40,500	4,050	_	_	_	_	44,550	_	44,550
Transaction costs on									
issuance of shares upon									
rights issue	_	(1,441)	_	_	_	_	(1,441)	_	(1,441)
Total comprehensive loss for									
the period (unaudited)	_	_	_	_	_	(26,925)	(26,925)	_	(26,925)
At 30 September 2022									
(unaudited)	67,500	58,861	22	_	_	(59,673)	66,710	_	66,710
For the six months ended									
30 September 2023									
At 1 April 2023 (audited)	80,001	52,060	22	44	_	(59,505)	72,622	(332)	72,290
Capital reduction, share	00,001	32,000	22			(55,565)	12,022	(002)	12,200
premium reduction									
and share sub-division									
(Note (15)(ii))	(78,401)	(52,060)	_	_	36,656	93,805	_	_	_
Issuance of shares upon	(1-5,1-1)	(,)			,	,			
rights issue	2,400	32,880	_	_	_	_	35,280	_	35,280
Transaction costs on	-,	,					,		,
issuance of shares upon									
rights issue	_	(137)	_	_	_	_	(137)	_	(137)
Total comprehensive loss for		( **)							(3.7)
the period (unaudited)	_	_	_	23	_	(1,312)	(1,289)	(1,309)	(2,598)
,							,		
At 30 September 2023									
(unaudited)	4,000	32,743	22	67	36,656	32,988	106,476	(1,641)	104,835
(unauunteu)	4,000	32,143	22	0/	30,030	32,300	100,470	(1,041)	104,030

# **Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

For the six months ended 30 September 2023

	Six months ended		
	30 Septe	mber	
	2023	2022	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash generated from/(used in) from operating activities	3,466	(9,517)	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(255)	(16,738)	
Investment in financial assets at FVTPL	4,582	(11,207)	
Proceeds from disposal of financial assets at FVTPL	_	15,157	
Investment in held for trading securities	(4,216)	_	
Interest from bond instrument investment	64		
Net cash used in investing activities	(8,989)	(12,788)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of lease liabilities	(1,222)	(1,388)	
Repayment of bank and other borrowings	(395)	(5,569)	
Issuance of shares	35,143	43,109	
Net cash generated from financing activities	33,526	36,152	
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	28,003	13,847	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	5,525	4,340	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	33,528	18,187	

#### Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands on 3 January 2017. The address of its registered office is at P.O. Box 1350, Windward 3, Regatta Office Park, Grand Cayman KY1-1108, Cayman Islands. The address of its principal place of business is Room 1204, 12/F, Block 2, Golden Industrial Building, 16–26 Kwai Tak Street, Kwai Chung, New Territories, Hong Kong. The Company's shares are listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange on 16 October 2017.

The Company is an investment holding company. The Group is a foundation contractor primarily specialising in bored piling works as well as other foundation works. The Group is capable of installing bored piles with diameters ranging from 1.5 metres to 3 metres of various pile lengths. The Group has invested considerably in reinforcing its machinery and the Group possesses all necessary standard plant and machinery and equipment for its construction of bored piles. The Group is also engaged in leasing of machinery.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2023 have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), the applicable disclosure requirements of the GEM Listing Rules.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2022. The accounting policies (including the significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty) and methods of computation adopted in the preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those adopted in the annual consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong Dollars ("HK\$"), which is the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousands ("HK\$"000"), unless otherwise indicated.

The preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires the management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the accounting policies of the Group.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have not been audited by the Company's auditors, but have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee (the "Audit Committee").

In the current period, the Group has adopted all the new and revised HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA that are relevant to its operations and effective for its accounting year beginning on 1 April 2023. HKFRSs comprise Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS"); Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKFRS"); and Interpretations issued by the HKICPA. The adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs did not have any significant effect on the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

A number of new standards and amendments to standards are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 April 2023 and earlier application is permitted. The Group has not early adopted any of the forthcoming new or amended standards in preparing these condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

# 3. REVENUE

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by major service lines for the periods is as follows:

		nths ended tember	Six months ended 30 September	
Revenue from contracts with	2023	2022	2023	2022
customers within the scope of	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
HKFRS 15	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Construction contract income	29,467	30,815	55,108	56,241
Rental income from machinery	1,839	1,574	4,452	1,784
	31,306	32,389	59,560	58,025

The Group derives revenue over time from the following major service lines:

	Const	ruction	Rental	income		
	contrac	t income	from ma	achinery	To	tal
For the six months	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
ended 30 September	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Timing of revenue recognition						
– Over time	55,108	56,241	4,452	1,784	59,560	58,025
Total	55,108	56,241	4,452	1,784	59,560	58,025
	Const	ruction	Rental	income		
		t income		achinery	To	tal
For the three months				achinery 2022	To 2023	tal 2022
	contrac	t income	from ma			2022
For the three months ended 30 September	contract 2023	t income 2022	from ma	2022	2023	
ended 30 September	contract 2023 HK\$'000	t income 2022 HK\$'000	from ma 2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
ended 30 September  Timing of revenue	contract 2023 HK\$'000	t income 2022 HK\$'000	from ma 2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
ended 30 September	contract 2023 HK\$'000	t income 2022 HK\$'000	from ma 2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
ended 30 September  Timing of revenue recognition	contract 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	t income 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	from ma 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
ended 30 September  Timing of revenue	contract 2023 HK\$'000	t income 2022 HK\$'000	from ma 2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
ended 30 September  Timing of revenue recognition	contract 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	t income 2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	from ma 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)

#### 4. OTHER INCOME, AND OTHER LOSS

	Three months ended		Six months ended		
	30 Sep	30 September		tember	
	2023	<b>2023</b> 2022		2022	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Gain on disposal of right-of-use assets	-	_	30	_	
Government grants (Note i)	-	1,160	_	1,868	
Interest income from debt investment	_	_	100	_	
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of financial assets					
at FVTPL	(7)	(311)	183	(203)	
Others	89	130	90	164	
Total	82	979	403	1,829	

#### Note:

(i) For the six months ended 30 September 2022, the Group successfully applied for funding support from the Employment Support Scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund, set up by the Hong Kong Government, which amounted to approximately HK\$1,868,000. The purpose of the funding is to provide financial support to enterprises to retain their employees who would otherwise be made redundant. Under the terms of the grant, the Group is required not to make redundancies during the subsidy period and to spend all the funding on paying wages to the employees.

#### 5. SEGMENT INFORMATION

#### **Operating segment information**

Operating segments are identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Group that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker in order to allocate resources to the respective segments and to assess its performance.

As the Group principally engages in the provision of foundation work and machinery rental in Hong Kong, which are subject to similar business risks, and resources are allocated based on what is beneficial to the Group in enhancing the value of the Group as a whole, the Group's chief operating decision maker considers the performance assessment of the Group should be based on the loss before tax of the Group as a whole. Therefore, management considers there is only one operating segment under the requirements of HKFRS 8 "Operating Segments".

#### **Geographical information**

All of the group's revenue, loss before taxation, assets and liabilities were derived from or located in Hong Kong, and therefore no geographical information is presented.

# 5. **SEGMENT INFORMATION** (Continued)

#### Revenue from major customers

Customer base for whom transactions have exceeded 10% of the Group's revenue is as below:

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2023	2022	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Customer 1	28,794	_	
Customer 2	10,156	7,756	
Customer 3	8,967	_	
Customer 4	7,191	_	
Customer 5	_	29,456	
Customer 6	_	7,841	
Customer 7	_	7,638	

# 6. FINANCE COSTS

	Three months ended 30 September		Six months ended 30 September	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Interest on:				
<ul> <li>bank and other borrowings</li> </ul>	12	63	27	103
- lease liabilities	114	88	229	191
	126	151	256	294

# 7. INCOME TAX CREDIT/(EXPENSE)

	Three months ended 30 September		Six months ended 30 September	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Current tax – Hong Kong Profits Tax – Provision for the period	_	_	_	_
Deferred tax	94	(711)	438	375
	94	(711)	438	375

Hong Kong Profits Tax has been provided at a rate of 16.5% (2022: 16.5%) based on the assessable profit for the year less allowable losses brought forward.

#### 7. INCOME TAX CREDIT/(EXPENSE) (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 September 2023 and 2022, Hong Kong Profits Tax of the qualified entity of the Group is calculated in accordance with the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits of qualifying corporation will be taxed at 8.25%, and assessable profits above HK\$2 million will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

Other Group entities in Hong Kong not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at the rate of 16.5% based on the assessable profits less allowable losses brought forward.

Tax charge on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretation and practices in respect thereof.

#### 8. DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend the payment of interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2023 (for the six months ended 30 September 2022: Nii).

#### 9. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted loss per share attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the followings:

	Three months ended 30 September		Six months ended		
			30 September		
	2023	2022	2023	2022	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Loss for the period attributable to					
owners of the Company (HK\$'000)	(2,953)	(12,134)	(1,312)	(26,925)	
Weighted average number of					
ordinary shares for the purpose of					
calculating basic and diluted loss					
per share ('000)	213,045	135,000	186,668	120,836	
Loss per share					
Basic and diluted (HK cents)	(1.4)	(9.0)	(0.7)	(22.3)	

The weighted average numbers of ordinary shares used as denominator in calculating the basic and diluted loss per share.

The diluted loss per share is equal to the basic loss per share as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in issue for the periods ended 30 September 2023 and 2022.

# 10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Property HK\$'000	Leasehold improvement HK\$'000	Plant and machinery HK\$'000	Casing and equipment	Motor vehicles HK\$'000	Furniture, fixture and office equipment HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
Opening net book amount							
as at 1 April 2022 (audited)	_	_	19,140	21,190	54	26	40,410
Additions	16,251	_	_	487	_	_	16,738
Depreciation	(136)		(1,346)	(2,503)	-	(7)	(3,992)
Closing net book amount as at 30 September 2022							
(unaudited)	16,115		17,794	19,174	54	19	53,156
Opening net book amount							
as at 1 April 2023 (audited)	15,791	_	17,833	16,862	54	29	50,569
Additions	113	1,058	_	_	_	109	1,280
Depreciation	(326)	(21)	(1,121)	(2,068)	-	(20)	(3,556)
Closing net book amount							
as at 30 September 2023							
(unaudited)	15,578	1,037	16,712	14,794	54	118	48,293

# 11. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS/LEASE LIABILITIES

As at 30 September 2023, the carrying amounts of the Group's right-of-use assets and lease liabilities are approximately HK\$3,483,000 (31 March 2023: approximately HK\$4,984,000) and approximately HK\$4,386,000 (31 March 2023: approximately HK\$5,608,000) respectively.

#### 12. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL AND AT FVTOCI

		As at 30 September 2023 HK\$'000	As at 31 March 2023 HK\$'000
	Note	(unaudited)	(audited)
Financial assets at FVTPL:			
Investment in equity securities listed in Hong Kong	(i)	4,582	_
investment in equity securities listed in Florig Rong	(1)	4,302	_
Financial assets at FVOCI:			
Unlisted equity securities	(ii)	8,167	8,144
		12,749	8,144
	ı		
Analysed as:			
Current assets		_	_
Non-current assets		12,749	8,144
		12,749	8,144
Financial assets at FVTPL and FVOCI are denominated	in the following	g currencies:	
		As at	As at
		30 September	31 March
		2023	2023
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(unaudited)	(audited)
Hong Kong dollars		12,749	8,144

The carrying amounts of the above financial assets are mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss in accordance with HKFRS 9.

- (i) The Group invested HK\$4,582,000 in CBK Holdings Limited, a company listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 8428) and owned 16.9% equity interests in that company. The Group is unable to exercise significant influence over that company and the investment is classified at financial assets at FVTPL.
- (ii) The Group invested HK\$8,100,000 in Central Champion Holding Limited incorporated in BVI and owned 14.23% (31 March 2023: approximately HK\$8,144,000) equity interests in that company. The Group is unable to exercise significant influence over that company and the investment is classified at financial assets at FVTOCI.

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities as reflected in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of financial position approximate their respective fair values.

#### 12. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL AND AT FVTOCI (Continued)

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The following disclosures of fair value measurements use a fair value hierarchy that categorises into three levels the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value:

 Level 1 inputs: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that the Group can assess at the measurement date.

• Level 2 inputs: other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the

asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 inputs: unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The following table shows the carrying amounts and fair value of financial assets, including their levels in the fair value hierarchy. It does not include fair value information for financial assets not measured at fair value of the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value. Further, for the current period the fair value disclosure of lease liabilities is also not required.

(a) Disclosures of level in fair value hierarchy at 30 September 2023:

				As at 30 September	
	Fair	Fair value measurements			
Description	Level 1 Level 2		Level 3	Total	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	
Recurring fair value measurements:					
Financial assets at FVTPL					
- Investments in equity securities listed					
in Hong Kong	4,582	_	_	4,582	
Financial assets at FVTOCI					
- Unlisted equity securities	_	_	8,167	8,167	
	4,582	_	8,167	12,749	
				As at	
				31 March	
	Fair	value measureme	nts	2023	
Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	
Becompact	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	
				7.1.4	
Recurring fair value measurements:					
Financial assets at FVTOCI					
- Unlisted equity securities	_	_	-	8,144	

The fair value of investments in life insurance policies is determined by reference to the cash surrender value of the insurance policies, which is not an observable input.

#### 13. TRADE AND RETENTION RECEIVABLES

	30 September 2023		31 March 2023	
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	Note	(unaudited)	(audited)	
Trade receivables	(a)	29,985	37,443	
Allowance for impairment loss		(12,164)	(12,338)	
		17,821	25,105	
Retention receivables (Note)	(b)	3,358	4,324	
Allowance for impairment loss		(2,368)	(2,895)	
		990	1,429	
		18,811	26,534	

Note: Retention receivables are included in current assets as the Group expects to realise these within its normal operating cycles.

(a) The Group receives progress billings from contract customers. The credit terms generally range from 7 to 60 days from the date of billing. Application for progress payment of contract works is made on a regular basis. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by the Directors.

The ageing analysis of trade receivables, based on the progress payment, and net of allowance for impairment loss is as follows:

	30 September	31 March
	2023	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
0 to 30 days	8,101	15,444
31 to 60 days	566	356
61 to 90 days	1,059	748
Over 90 days	8,095	8,557
	17,821	25,105

# 13. TRADE AND RETENTION RECEIVABLES (Continued)

#### (a) (Continued)

Movement in allowance for impairment loss of trade receivables is as follows:

	HK\$'000
At 1 April 2022 (audited)	15,631
Allowance for the year	2,968
Written off	(6,261)
At 31 March 2023 and 1 April 2023 (audited)	12,338
Reversal of allowance for the period	(174)
At 30 September 2023 (unaudited)	12,164

The carrying amounts of the Group's trade receivables are denominated in HK\$.

(b) The ageing analysis of retention receivables based on invoice date, and net of allowance for impairment loss is as follows:

	30 September	31 March
	2023	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Within 1 year	_	377
Between 1 to 2 years	_	18
Between 2 to 5 years	990	1,034
	990	1,429

Movement in allowance for impairment loss of retention receivables is as follows:

	HK\$'000
At 1 April 2022 (audited)	4,253
Reversal of allowance for the year	(1,358)
At 31 March 2023 and 1 April 2023 (audited)  Reversal of allowance for the period	2,895 (527)
neversal of allowance for the period	(021)
At 30 September 2023 (unaudited)	2,368

The carrying amounts of the Group's retention receivables are denominated in HK\$.

# 14. TRADE AND RETENTION PAYABLES

		30 September	31 March
		2023	2023
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Note	(unaudited)	(audited)
Trade payables	(a)	24,305	30,096
Retention payables (Note)	(b)	2,148	2,148
		26,453	32,244

Note: Retention payables are included in current liabilities as the Group expects to realise these within its normal operating cycles.

(a) The ageing analysis of trade payables, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	30 September	31 March
	2023	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
0 to 30 days	4,159	3,989
31 to 60 days	303	5,207
61 to 90 days	1,478	970
Over 90 days	18,365	19,930
	04 205	20.006
	24,305	30,096

The carrying amounts of the Group's trade payables are denominated in HK\$.

(b) Retention payables from sub-contractors of contract works are released by the Group after the completion of maintenance period of the relevant contracts or in accordance with the terms specified in the relevant contracts.

The carrying amounts of the Group's retention payables are denominated in HK\$.

#### 15. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	Amount HK\$'000
Authorised:		
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.5 each		
At 31 March 2023	400,000,000	200,000
Increase in authorised share capital (i)	500,000,000	250,000
Capital reduction, share premium reduction and share sub-division (ii)	44,100,000,000	_
Ordinary share of HK\$0.01 each		
At 30 September 2023	45,000,000,000	450,000
Issued and fully paid:		
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.5 each		
At 31 March 2023	160,001,378	80,001
Capital reduction, share premium reduction and share sub-division (ii)	_	(78,401)
Shares issued on rights issue (iii)	240,002,067	2,400
Ordinary share of HK\$0.01 each		
At 30 September 2023	400,003,445	4,000

#### Notes:

- (i) On 12 April 2023, the Company increased its authorised share capital from 400,000,000 shares into 900,000,000 shares.
- (ii) On 5 July 2023, the Company announced that an order confirming the Capital reduction and the minute approved by the Court from Cayman Islands containing the particulars required under the Companies Act with respect to the Capital reduction were filed and duly registered with the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands on 30 June 2023 (Cayman Islands time). The nominal value of each of the Company's issued share was reduced from HK\$0.5 to HK\$0.01 each by cancelling the paid-up capital to the extent of HK\$0.49 on each issued share and the existing issued share capital of HK\$80,001,000 was reduced by approximately HK\$78,401,000 to approximately HK\$1,600,000 comprising 160,001,378 shares of HK\$0.01 each with effect from 6 July 2023.

As a result, (i) an amount of approximately HK\$52,060,000 Shae premium was reduced; (ii) an amount of approximately HK\$93,805,000 was credited to accumulated losses; and (iii) the balance of approximately HK\$36,656,000 was credited to Capital reserve on 6 July 2023.

Upon the completion of capital reduction effective on 6 July 2023, the number of authorised shares of the Company was increased from 900,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.5 each to 45,000,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each. Each share ranks pari passu in all respects.

(iii) On 3 August 2023, the Company issued 240,002,067 ordinary shares (the "**Rights Shares**") upon completion of the rights issue on the basis of three Rights Share for two existing ordinary shares held by shareholders of the Company at a subscription price of HK\$0.147 per Rights Share. The gross proceeds from the rights issue were approximately HK\$35,280,000. The net proceeds after deducting related expenses of approximately HK\$1,800,000 were approximately HK\$33,480,000.

#### 16. RESERVES

#### (a) Reserves of the Group

The amounts of the Group's reserves and the movements therein are presented in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of changes in equity.

#### (b) Nature and purpose of reserves

#### (i) Share premium

Under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands, the funds in the share premium account of the Company are distributable to the shareholders of the Company provided that immediately following the date on which the dividend is proposed to be distributed, the Company will be in a position to pay off its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

#### (ii) Merger reserve

The merger reserve represented the aggregate of paid-in capital of Triangular Force, TMP Machinery Engineering Limited and Longson Enterprise Development Company Limited, subsidiaries of the Company, of 10,000, 10,000 and 2,000 ordinary shares of HK\$1 each respectively.

### (iii) Foreign currency translation reserve

The foreign currency translation reserve comprises all foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations.

#### (iv) Capital reserve

The capital reserve mainly arose from the capital reduction, share premium reduction and share sub-division of the Company on 5 July 2023.



# 17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) In addition to the transactions and balances detailed elsewhere in the interim report, the Group had the following transactions with its related parties during the periods:

		Six months ended 30 September		
	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)		
Rent paid to Mr. Tang's spouse Interest paid to Mr. Chui	36 -	36 24		

(b) Outstanding balances with related parties during the periods:

Rent deposits held by Mr. Tang's spouse	12	12
	HK\$'000 (unaudited)	HK\$'000 (audited)
	2023	2023
	30 September	31 March
	As at	As at

The remuneration of Directors and other members of key management during the periods was as follows:

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Short term employee benefits	1,158	1,386
Pension scheme contributions	18	27
	1,176	1,413

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### **Business Review**

The Group is a foundation contractor primarily specialising in bored piling works as well as other foundation works. The Group is capable of installing bored piles with diameters ranging from 1.5 metres to 3 metres of various pile lengths. The Group has invested considerably in reinforcing its machinery and the Group possesses all necessary standard plant and machinery and equipment necessary for its construction of bored piles. The Group also engaged in leasing of machinery.

For the six months ended 30 September 2023, the Group recorded net loss attributable to owners of the Company of approximately HK\$1.3 million as compared to net loss attributable to owners of the Company of approximately HK\$27.0 million for the same period in 2022. The Board considers that the net loss attributable to owners of the Company was mainly attributable to the net effect of (i) increase in gross profit due to higher profit margins for newly awarded construction projects and rental of machinery; (ii) decrease in other income due to absence of government grants; and (iii) increase in administrative expenses due to the increase in office staff salaries.

#### Outlook

The Directors are of the view that the general outlook of the industry and the business environment in which the Group operates will remain challenging. The outbreak of COVID-19 throughout the period has created economic uncertainty to Hong Kong and imposed negative impacts on the foundation industry, including supply chain disruptions, workforce shortages due to illness and preventative quarantines, and work stoppages due to measures imposed by the government. The Group will invest in the manpower and information system to enhance its operational capacity and efficiency in foundation and site formation works and bored piling works.

The Group will also proactively seek potential business opportunity that will broaden the sources of income and increase the return of shareholders of the Company. The Directors believe that the finance and fintech industry has a promising prospect and the development of finance and fintech will enable the Group to benefit from diversified revenue streams, as well as market deployment and preparation in advance for its entry into the Hong Kong financial services market which offers growth potential and better capital return. The Directors believe that the new consumption business has bright development prospectus and will provide the Group with a diversified source of revenue.

Looking ahead, the Group will adhere to prudent financial management in project selection and cost control. The Group will continue to strive to improve its operational efficiency and profitability of its business.

#### **Financial Review**

#### Revenue

The Group's revenue for the six months ended 30 September 2023 was approximately HK\$59.6 million, representing a increase of approximately 2.7% from approximately HK\$58.0 million for the six months ended 30 September 2022, which was primarily due to the increase in rental income from machinery.

#### Costs of Sales

The Group's cost of sales for the six months ended 30 September 2023 was approximately HK\$49.5 million, representing a decrease of approximately 36.5% from approximately HK\$77.9 million for the six months ended 30 September 2022, which was primarily due to the decrease in labour costs.

#### **Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin**

The Group's gross profit for the six months ended 30 September 2023 was approximately HK\$10.1 million, representing a decrease of approximately 150.7% from gross loss of approximately HK\$19.9 million for the six months ended 30 September 2022. The Group's gross loss margin decreased from approximately 34.3% to gross profit margin of approximately 16.9% for the period of comparison. Such decrease was primarily due to (i) the completion of certain projects which incurred higher construction material and labour costs as a result of delay in progress and (ii) higher profit margins for newly awarded construction projects and rental of machinery.

#### Administrative Expenses

The Group's administrative expenses for the six months ended 30 September 2023 were approximately HK\$11.6 million, representing an increase of approximately 13.7% from approximately HK\$10.2 million for the six months ended 30 September 2022. The increase was mainly attributable to the increase in staff salaries.

#### Loss for the Period

For the six months ended 30 September 2023, the Group recorded a loss attributable to owners of the Company of approximately HK\$1.3 million as compared to loss attributable to owners of the Company for the six months ended 30 September 2022 of approximately HK\$27.0 million. The Board considers that the net profit attributable to owners of the Company was mainly attributable the net effect of (i) increase in gross profit due to higher profit margins for newly awarded construction projects and rental of machinery; (ii) decrease in other income due to absence of government grants; and (iii) increase in administrative expenses due to the increase in office staff salaries.

#### Capital Structure, Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 30 September 2023, there are a total of 400,003,445 issued shares of the Company of par value of HK\$0.01 each and the capital of the Company only comprises ordinary shares.

For the six months ended 30 September 2023, the Group finances its liquidity and capital requirements primarily though bank and other borrowings, equity contribution from shareholders and proceeds raised from the 2023 Rights Issue (as defined below).

As at 30 September 2023, the Group had bank and cash balances of approximately HK\$33.5 million (31 March 2023: approximately HK\$5.5 million).

As at 30 September 2023, the Group's total equity attributable to owners of the Company amounted to approximately HK\$104.8 million (31 March 2023: approximately HK\$72.3 million). As of the same date, the Group's total debts, comprising bank and other borrowings and lease liabilities, amounted to approximately HK\$5.9 million (31 March 2023: approximately HK\$7.5 million).

The Directors believe that the Group is in a healthy financial position to expand its business and pursue its business objectives.

### 2022 Rights Issue

On 14 January 2022, to satisfy its funding needs and ease its cashflow pressure, the Company announced a proposed rights issue on the basis of 3 Rights Shares for every 2 consolidated shares in issue at a subscription price of HK\$0.55 per Rights Share (the "2022 Rights Issue") to raise approximately HK\$44.55 million by issuing 81,000,000 Rights Shares to the qualifying shareholders. Under the relevant compensatory arrangements, all the unsubscribed Rights Shares were placed by the placing agent to no less than 6 independent places at the subscription price.

On 3 May 2022, the Company completed the 2022 Rights Issue and issued 81,000,000 Rights Shares with par value of HK\$0.5 each at a subscription price of HK\$0.55 per Rights Shares determined with reference to, among others, the market price of the shares under the prevailing market conditions. The theoretical closing price per Share was HK\$0.725 per share (after taking into account the effect of the Share Consolidation) based on the closing price of HK\$0.145 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on 14 January 2022, being the last trading day). The net proceeds from the 2022 Rights Issue (after deducting the estimated expenses) were approximately HK\$42.6 million, representing a net price of approximately HK\$0.53 per Rights Share, which were used as to (i) approximately HK\$3.1 million for repayment of the principal amount and interest accrued thereon of the Promissory Note to be due six months after the date of issue of the Promissory Note (i.e. 13 June 2022); (ii) approximately HK\$20 million for the acquisition of a new office premise and the relevant renovation cost; (iii) approximately HK\$7 million for recruitment of additional full-time staff who will be responsible for implementing and overseeing quality control to enhance the Group's operational capacity and efficiency in foundation and site formation works and bored piling works, as well as additional full-time staff who will be responsible for business development to acquire more business opportunities and broaden the sources of income; (iv) approximately HK\$3 million for business development and marketing expenses in order to expand the Group's customer base and acquire more projects; and (v) the remaining balance of approximately HK\$9.5 million for general working capital due to the tightened cash flow of the Group as a result of the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the foundation industry including supply chain disruptions, workforce shortages due to illness and preventative quarantines, and work stoppages due to measures imposed by the government.

Upon the completion of the 2022 Rights Issue in May 2022, the number of shares in issue became 135,000,000 of par value HK\$0.5 each thereafter. Details of the 2022 Rights Issue are set out in the Company's announcements dated 14 January 2022, 27 January 2022, 19 April 2022, 29 April 2022, 3 May 2022, circular dated 24 February 2022 and prospectus dated 29 March 2022.

As at 30 September 2023, the actual use of the net proceeds of the 2022 Rights Issue was as follows:

	Planned use of net proceeds as stated in the prospectus dated 29 March 2022	Actual use of proceeds up to 30 September 2023	Unutilised net proceeds up to 30 September 2023	Expected timeline for unutilised net proceeds
Repayment of the principal amount and interest accrued thereon of the Promissory Notes	3.1	3.1	-	N/A
Acquisition of a new office premise and the relevant renovation cost	20.0	18.0	2.0	by 31 December 2023
Recruitment of additional full-time staff	7.0	2.8	4.2	by 30 June 2024
Business development and marketing expenses	3.0	1.7	1.3	by 30 June 2024
General working capital	9.2	9.2	_	N/A
Total	42.3	34.8	7.5	

As at 30 September 2023, the net proceeds in the amount of approximately HK\$34.8 million have been utilized and the remaining balance of HK\$7.5 million will be utilized as intended.

#### 2022 Convertible Bonds

On 24 May 2022, to satisfy the acquisition of 100% equity interest of the Tiger Faith Holdings Limited, the Company announced (i) the issue of convertible bond (the "Convertible Bond (I)"); and (ii) placing of convertible bond (the "Convertible Bond (II)", together with the Convertible Bond (I), the "2022 Convertible Bonds") to raise approximately HK\$29.4 million.

Convertible Bond (I) represented the 2.5% unsecured redeemable convertible bond in the aggregate principal amount of HK\$10,000,000 to be issued by the Company to the relevant vendor for settlement and discharge of part of the consideration for the above acquisition. Convertible Bond (II) represented the 2.5% unsecured redeemable convertible bond in the aggregate principal amount of up to HK\$30,000,000 to be issued by the Company under the placing agreement dated 23 May 2022.

Details of the 2022 Convertible Bond are set out in the Company's announcements dated 24 May 2022, 13 June 2022, 12 August 2022, 23 September 2022, 11 November 2022, 12 December 2022, 14 December 2022, 17 February 2023 and 24 February 2023 and the circular of the Company dated 2 September 2022.

The placing of Convertible Bond (II) is lapsed on 30 September 2023. The issue of the Convertible Bond (I) has been terminated as the above acquisition has been terminated on 12 December 2022.

#### 2023 Rights Issue

On 17 February 2023, to satisfy its funding needs and ease its cashflow pressure, the Company announced a proposed rights issue on the basis of three Rights Shares for every two shares held on the record date at a subscription price of HK\$0.147 per Rights Share (the "2023 Rights Issue") to raise approximately HK\$33.5 million by issuing 240,002,067 Rights Shares to the gualifying shareholders. Under the relevant compensatory arrangements, all the unsubscribed Rights Shares were placed by the placing agent to no less than six independent places at the subscription price.

On 12 April 2023, the 2023 Rights Issue has been approved by the independent shareholders of the Company. As additional time is required by the Company to prepare and finalise certain information contained in the Prospectus, it is expected that the despatch date of the prospectus documents int relation to the 2023 Rights Issue will be postponed and the expected timetable for the Rights Issue will be revised accordingly. The net proceeds from the 2023 Rights Issue (after deducting the estimated expenses) were approximately HK\$33.5 million, representing a net price of approximately HK\$0.140 per Rights Share, which were used as to (i) approximately HK\$18.5 million will be used for the expansion of the foundation business capacity of the Group; (ii) approximately HK\$7.5 million will be used for the development of the AI business; and (iii) the remaining balance of approximately HK\$7.5 million will be used as the general working capital of the Group.

Upon the completion of the 2023 Rights Issue in August 2023 and the capital reduction of the issued shares and sub-division of unissued shares of the Company in July 2023, the number of shares in issue will be up to 400,003,445 of par value HK\$0.01 each thereafter. Details of the 2023 Rights Issue are set out in the Company's announcements dated 17 February 2023, 24 February 2023, 3 March 2023, 10 March 2023, 25 April 2023, 10 July 2023, 26 July 2023, 2 August 2023 and the circular dated 23 March 2023 and prospectus dated 11 July 2023.

As at 30 September 2023, the actual use of the net proceeds of the 2023 Rights Issue was as follows:

	Planned use of net proceeds as stated in the prospectus dated 11 July 2023	Actual use of proceeds up to 30 September 2023	Unutilised net proceeds up to 30 September 2023	Expected timeline for unutilised net proceeds
Expansion of the foundation	18.5	-	18.5	by 30 June 2024
business capacity  Development of Al business	7.5	0.9	6.6	by 30 June 2024
General working capital	7.5	7.5	0.0	N/A
Total	33.5	8.4	25.1	

As at 30 September 2023, the net proceeds in the amount of approximately HK\$8.4 million have been utilized and the remaining balance of HK\$25.1 million will be utilized as intended.

# **Borrowings and Gearing Ratio**

As at 30 September 2023, the Group had total debt (summation of bank and other borrowings and lease liabilities) of approximately HK\$5.9 million which was denominated in Hong Kong Dollars (31 March 2023: approximately HK\$7.5 million). The Group's bank and other borrowings were primarily used in financing the working capital requirement of its operations.

As at 30 September 2023, the gearing ratio of the Group, calculated as the total debt divided by the total equity, was approximately 5.6% (31 March 2023: approximately 10.3%).

# Significant Investments Held, Material Acquisitions and Disposals of Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures, and Plans for Material Investments or Capital Assets

Save as disclosed in this report, the Group did not have any significant investments, material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures during the six months ended 30 September 2022 and there is no other plan for material investments or capital assets as at 30 September 2022.

#### Foreign Exchange Exposure

The revenue-generating operations and borrowings of the Group were mainly transacted in Hong Kong Dollars which is the presentation currency of the Group. As such, the Directors are of the view that the Group did not have significant exposure to foreign risk.

The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy.

# **Treasury Policy**

The Directors will continue to follow a prudent policy in managing the Group's cash balances and maintain a strong and healthy liquidity to ensure that the Group is well placed to take advantage of future growth opportunities.

### Charge on Group Assets

As at 30 September 2023, the Group has pledged its plant and machinery with an aggregate net book value of approximately HK\$2.5 million (31 March 2023: approximately HK\$2.7 million).

#### **Contingent Liabilities**

As at 30 September 2023 and 31 March 2023, the Group were exposed to liabilities under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance (Cap. 282 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and common law for injuries at work in respect of all their employees. During the period, all the construction projects were covered by the employees' compensation insurance and contractors' all risks insurance taken out by the main contractors of the construction projects the Group participated in. Such insurance policies covered and protected all employees of the Group of all tiers working in the relevant construction sites. Other than that, the Group had no significant contingent liabilities.

#### **Capital Commitments**

The Group did not have any material capital commitment as at 30 September 2023 (31 March 2023: Nil).

# **Segment Information**

The Group principally engages in the provision of foundation work and machinery rental in Hong Kong, which are subject to similar business risks, and resources are allocated based on what is beneficial to the Group.

### Information on Employees

As at 30 September 2023, the Group had 73 full-time employees working in Hong Kong (30 September 2022: 80). Total staff costs including contribution to retirement benefit schemes incurred during the six months ended 30 September 2023 amounted to approximately HK\$27.5 million (for the six months ended 30 September 2022: approximately HK\$30.0 million). Employees are remunerated based on their qualifications, position and performance. The remuneration offered to employees generally includes salaries, allowances and discretionary bonus. Various types of trainings were provided to the employees.

#### Interim Dividend

The Board does not recommend the payment of interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2023 (for the six months ended 30 September 2022: Nii).



#### OTHER INFORMATION

# Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures of the Company

As at 30 September 2023, none of the Directors and chief executives of the Company has any shares or short positions in any shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) which are required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions), or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.68 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

# Substantial and Other Shareholders' Interests and Short Positions in Shares and Underlying Shares of the Company

So far as known to the Directors or chief executives of the Company, as at 30 September 2023, the following persons/entities (other than the Directors and chief executives of the Company) had or were deemed to have an interest or a short position in the shares or the underlying shares of the Company which would be required to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Division 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register of the Company required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO, or who were directly or indirectly, to be interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company or any other member of the Group:

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

Name	Capacity/Nature of interest	Number of shares held/ interested	Approximate percentage of shareholding
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Goldstone 1 LPF	Beneficial owner	54,098,750 (Note 1)	13.52%
Goldstone Wealth Management	Beneficial owner	54,098,750 (Note 1)	13.52%
Limited ("Goldstone")			
Mr. Lam Yu Chor Paul	Beneficial owner	54,098,750 (Note 1)	13.52%
(" <b>Mr. Lam</b> ")			
Success Run International	Beneficial owner	33,675,000 (Note 2)	8.42%
Limited ("Success Run")			
Ms. Wong Fei Heung Terbe	Interested in controlled corporations	37,115,000 (Note 2)	9.28%

#### Notes:

- Mr. Lam Yu Chor Paul ("Mr. Lam") legally and beneficially owns the entire issued share capital of Goldstone
  Wealth Management Limited ("Goldstone"). Goldstone is the general partner of Goldstone 1 LPF. Therefore,
  Mr. Lam is deemed, or taken to be, interested in all the Shares held by Goldstone for the purpose of the SFO.
  Mr. Lam is the director of Goldstone.
- 2. Ms. Wong Fei Heung Terbe ("Ms. Wong") legally and beneficially owns the entire issued share capital of Success Run International Limited ("Success Run") and Lion Spring Enterprises Limited ("Lion Spring"), the latter of which holds 3,440,000 Shares, representing approximately 0.86% of the entire issued share capital of the Company. Therefore, Ms. Wong is deemed, or taken to be, interested in all the Shares held by Success Run and Lion Spring for the purpose of the SFO. Ms. Wong is the sole director of Success Run and the director of Lion Spring.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2023, there was no person or corporation, had or were deemed to have an interest or a short position in the shares or the underlying shares of the Company which would be required to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Division 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register of the Company required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO, or who were directly or indirectly, to be interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company or any other member of the Group.

# Purchase, Sale or Redemption of Listed Securities of the Company

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 September 2023.

# **Competition and Conflict of Interest**

None of the Directors, the Controlling Shareholders or substantial shareholders of the Company or any of their respective closed associates has engaged in any business that competes or may compete, either directly or indirectly, with the businesses of the Group, as defined in the GEM Listing Rules, or has any other conflict of interests with Group during the six months ended 30 September 2023.

#### **Directors' Securities Transactions**

The Company has adopted the required standard of dealing, as set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.68 of the GEM Listing Rules as the code of conduct for securities transactions by the Directors in respect of the shares of the Company (the "Required Standard of Dealing"). Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, all Directors have confirmed that they have complied with the Required Standard of Dealing and the code of conduct for securities transactions by the Directors during the six months ended 30 September 2023.

### **Share Option Scheme**

The Company operates a share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants who contribute to the success of the Group's operations. Eligible participants include the full-time and part-time employees, executives, officers, directors, business consultants, agents, legal and financial advisers of the Company and the Company's subsidiaries. The Share Option Scheme became effective on 22 September 2017 and, unless otherwise cancelled or amended, will remain in force for 10 years from that date.

The maximum number of unexercised share options currently permitted to be granted under the Share Option Scheme is an amount equivalent, upon their exercise, to 10% of the shares of the Company in issue at any time. The maximum number of shares issuable under share options to each eligible participant in the Share Option Scheme within any 12-month period is limited to 1% of the shares of the Company in issue at any time. Any further grant of shares options in excess of this limit is subject to shareholders' approval in a general meeting.

The offer of a grant of share options may be accepted within 7 days from the date of the offer, upon payment of a nominal consideration of HK\$1 in total by the grantee. The exercise period of the share options granted is determinable by the Directors, and commences after a certain vesting period and ends on a date which is not later than 10 years from the date of the offer of the share options or the expiry date of the Share Option Scheme, if earlier.

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

Share options do not confer rights on the holder to dividends or to vote at shareholders' meetings. For the six months ended 30 September 2023, no share option was granted, exercised, expired or lapsed and there is no outstanding share option under the Share Option Scheme.

# **Corporate Governance Practice**

The Company acknowledges the need and importance of corporate governance as one of the key elements in creating shareholders' value. The Company is also committed to achieving high standard of corporate governance that can protect and promote the interests of all shareholders and to enhance corporate value and accountability of the Company. For corporate governance purpose, the Company has applied the principles and code provisions in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") set out in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules. During the six months ended 30 September 2023, to the best knowledge of the Board, the Company has complied with all the applicable code provisions set out in the CG Code.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee was established on 22 September 2017. The chairman of the Audit Committee is Mr. He Dingding, and other members include Ms. Chan Tsz Hei Sammi and Ms. Liu Ching Man, all being independent non-executive Directors. The written terms of reference of the Audit Committee are posted on the Stock Exchange's website and on the Company's website.

The primary duties of the Audit Committee are mainly to review the financial information and reporting process, internal control procedures and risk management system, audit plan and relationship with external auditors and arrangements to enable employees of the Company to raise, in confidence, concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting, internal control or other matters of the Company.

The Company has complied with Rule 5.28 of the GEM Listing Rules in that at least one of the members of the Audit Committee (which must comprise a minimum of three members and must be chaired by an independent non-executive Director) is an independent non-executive Director who possesses appropriate professional qualifications or accounting related financial management expertise.

The Group's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2023 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is of the opinion that the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2023 comply with applicable accounting standards, GEM Listing Rules and that adequate disclosures have been made.

# **Change in Information of Director**

With effect from 29 September 2023, Ms. Liu Ching Man, an independent non-executive Director, ceased to be an executive director of Jiading International Group Holdings Limited (formerly known as Farnova Group Holdings Limited), the issued shares of which are listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 8153).



# **Publication of Interim Results and Interim Report**

The interim results announcement and the interim report are published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the Company's website at www.beavergroup.com.hk. The interim report of the Company for the six months ended 30 September 2023 will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Company. Should the shareholders of the Company have any difficulties in accessing the corporate communications electronically, please request the printed interim report, free of charge, at any time by writing to the Company or the Company's branch registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited.

By order of the Board

China New Consumption Group Limited

Tang Kwai Leung Stanley

Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 9 November 2023

As at the date of this report, the Board comprises Mr. Tang Kwai Leung Stanley as executive Director; and Mr. He Dingding, Ms. Chan Tsz Hei Sammi and Ms. Liu Ching Man as independent non-executive Directors.