

The United Laboratories International Holdings Limited

(A company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 3933)



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CORPORATE CALENDAR OF 2020

January

- Zhuhai United Laboratories was named "2019 Zhuhai 100 High-tech Enterprises of Comprehensive Innovation Strength" and "2019 Zhuhai 100 High-tech Enterprises of Economic Contribution".
- The United Laboratories was named "Most Socially Responsible Listed Company" at the 4th Golden Hong Kong Stocks Annual Awards.
- The United Laboratories (Inner Mongolia) held the kick-off ceremony of "Reclaimed Water Reuse and Zero Emission Project".

February

- The United Laboratories launched "Map of National Diabetes Pharmacies" online.
- The United Animal Healthcare (Inner Mongolia) Co., Ltd. was granted the Sanitation Permit for Enterprise Producing Disinfection Products.
- The United Laboratories cumulatively donated over RMB4,000,000 and epidemic prevention materials of RMB1,000,000 worth to support the fight against COVID-19.

April

- Category 1 new drug WXSH0150 for the treatment of moderate to severe active rheumatoid arthritis was approved for clinical trial.
- The United Laboratories (Inner Mongolia) passed the GMP on-site inspection in respect of ampicillin, amoxicillin and clavulanate potassium mixed powder.

May

 Zhuhai United Laboratories was named "Top 10 Companies of Comprehensive Competitiveness" and "Caring Company" at 2019 Zhuhai Pharmaceutical Industry Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Reform and Opening Up by Zhuhai Pharmaceutical Circulation Association. July

• The United Laboratories won the honor of "2019 China 100 Chemical Pharmaceutical Enterprises" by ranking the 18th.

August

- Zhuhai United Laboratories was awarded "2019 China Pharmaceutical Industry Top 100 Companies" (ranking the 21st) by China National Pharmaceutical Industry Information Center.
- The United Laboratories was named "2020 Sina Finance Golden Kylin Most Valuable Hong Kong Stocks - Best IR Team".
- The United Laboratories was named "2019-2020 China Healthcare Enterprises of Best Investment Potential".

October

 Zhuhai United Laboratories was awarded six honors by China Pharmaceutical Industry Association, including "2020 China Pharmaceutical Industry Top 100 Companies with Comprehensive Strength" and "2020 Leading Export Brand of Bulk Medicine of China's Pharmaceutical Industry".

December

- Mr. Tsoi Hoi Shan, Chairman of the Board, was named "Outstanding Innovative Entrepreneur" at the 3rd Zhongshan Non-Public Sector Phoenix Award.
- The United Laboratories was named "10 Most Competitive Enterprises of National-level Foreign Trade Transformation and Upgrade Bases (Biopharmaceutics) of Zhuhai Jinwan District" and "2020 Special Contribution Award for Fighting COVID-19".
- The United Laboratories was named "Guangdong Private Enterprise of Outstanding Contribution in Fighting COVID-19".

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CORPORATE INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive directors

Mr. Tsoi Hoi Shan (Chairman)

Mr. Leung Wing Hon (Vice-Chairman)

Ms. Choy Siu Chit

Mr. Fang Yu Ping

Ms. Zou Xian Hong

Ms. Zhu Su Yan

Independent non-executive directors

Mr. Chong Peng Oon Prof. Song Ming

Ms. Fu Xiao Nan

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Leung Wing Hon (FCPA)

AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Tsoi Hoi Shan Mr. Leung Wing Hon

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Chong Peng Oon (Chairman)

Prof. Song Ming Ms. Fu Xiao Nan

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Chong Peng Oon (Chairman)

Prof. Song Ming Ms. Fu Xiao Nan

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Prof. Song Ming (Chairman)

Mr. Chong Peng Oon

Ms. Fu Xiao Nan

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Chong Peng Oon (Chairman)

Prof. Song Ming

Mr. Leung Wing Hon

Ms. Choy Siu Chit

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

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China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd., Zhuhai Branch Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited,

Zhuhai Branch

Bank of Communication Co., Ltd., Zhuhai Branch Guangdong Huaxing Bank Co., Ltd., Zhuhai Branch

Bank of China Limited, Zhuhai Branch

China Resources Bank of Zhuhai Co., Ltd.

Ping An Bank Co., Ltd., Hengqin Branch

Hong Kong

China Development Bank, Hong Kong Branch

Taipei Fubon Commercial Bank Co., Limited,

Hong Kong Branch

Hang Seng Bank Limited

Bank of Communications Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Branch

Chiyu Banking Corporation Limited

PRINCIPAL SHARE REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER OFFICE

Suntera (Cayman) Limited

HONG KONG BRANCH SHARE REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER OFFICE

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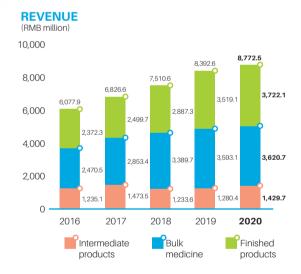
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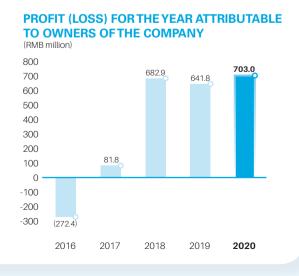
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000	Increase (decrease) %
Revenue	8,772,488	8,392,600	4.5%
EBITDA	1,678,072	1,798,222	(6.7%)
Profit before taxation	882,334	841,652	4.8%
Profit for the year attributable to owners of the Company	702,989	641,764	9.5%
Earnings per share Basic Diluted	RMB39.81cents	RMB39.14 cents RMB39.14 cents	1.7 % 1.7 %









Fight against COVID-19 with prompt actions



Resume work and production in advance to ensure medicine supply



Donate epidemic prevention and disinfection materials to local communities and business partners



Support first-line epidemic prevention through donating epidemic prevention materials to hospitals and schools



The United Laboratories accumulatively donated RMB4.12 million and epidemic prevention materials worth nearly RMB1 million



Strengthen epidemic prevention management to ensure employee safety

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



On behalf of the board of directors (the "Board") of The United Laboratories International Holdings Limited (the "Company"), I am pleased to present to all shareholders the annual results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic caused severe impacts on the global economy, exerted severe challenges to all industries, and the global supply chain therefore had been under tremendous pressure. Thanks to strict pandemic prevention and control measures, China quickly found its way out of the haze of the pandemic, and social production recovered rapidly. Meanwhile, supported by strong domestic demand, China has become the sole major economy in the world that recorded positive growth, with an increase in GDP of 2.3% as compared to 2019, demonstrating China's strong economic capacity to withstand pressure.

Since the pandemic outbreak, the national medical and health system has shown tremendous resilience and has played an important role in the battle against the pandemic. As a member of the pharmaceutical industry, the Group organised the resumption of work and production in an orderly manner under the premise of ensuring the health and safety of employees, and made positive contributions to maintain the stability of drug supply. The Group accumulatively donated more than RMB4 million and anti-epidemic materials worth nearly RMB1 million during the year to support epidemic prevention and control, and fulfilled corporate social responsibilities with practical actions.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

During the year, the Group recorded revenue of approximately RMB8,772.5 million, representing an increase of approximately 4.5% over 2019. EBITDA was approximately RMB1,678.1 million, a decrease of 6.7% as compared with last year. Profit attributable to owners of the Company was approximately RMB703.0 million, representing an increase of 9.5% as compared with last year. Earnings per share amounted to RMB39.81 cents. The Board proposes a final dividend of RMB8 cents per share for the year ended 31 December 2020.

OUTLOOK

As the reform of the national medical and health system has becoming more in-depth, the pharmaceutical industry is moving forward to a stage of high-quality development. Under the trend of accelerating industry integration, a combination of core strategic products, diversified research pipelines and high-quality talents teams will help companies stand out in market competition. In the future, the Group will be committed to and focus on the field of diabetes. On the basis of further terminal expansion, the Group will strengthen the academic platform and comprehensive competitiveness, deepen the coverage of brand and professional services in ways that enhance the Group's market status in diabetes and other specialised fields.

In the context of ever-changing pharmaceutical policies, innovation is the key to the long-term development of an enterprise. The Group will deepen its efforts to allocate more resources to product research and development, expand treatment fields, and develop innovative products with market potential to meet medical needs in the PRC. Moreover, it will consolidate and expand the scientific research team, enhance the comprehensive strength in scientific research, and proactively embrace the transformation driven by R&D innovation

From a global perspective, the COVID-19 pandemic currently has not yet been fully controlled, and the impact of the pandemic on the world will persist for a period of time. This global public health crisis has brought unprecedented challenges, while prompting people to deeply reflect on issues such as public health, ecological environment protection, environmental and climate risks. Entering the post-pandemic era, the Group will continue to adhere to the concept of sustainable development, comprehensively improve the level of environmental protection and comprehensive management, and actively assume corporate responsibilities to society and the environment.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our shareholders, customers and business partners for their full trust and support in 2020, as well as all staff for their efforts and contributions. I hope we can join hands and create a better future together.

Tsoi Hoi Shan

Chairman

Hong Kong, 30 March 2021



Mr. Leung Wing Hon Vice-Chairman

BUSINESS REVIEW AND FINANCIAL RESULTS

For the year ended 31 December 2020, the Group's revenue was approximately RMB8,772.5 million, an increase of 4.5% as compared with last year. The profit attributable to shareholders for the year ended 31 December 2020 was approximately RMB703.0 million while the profit for the year ended 31 December 2019 was approximately RMB641.8 million, representing an increase of 9.5%.

During the year, segmental revenue (including intersegment sales) of intermediate products, bulk medicine and finished products increased by 1.1%, 2.1% and 5.8% respectively as compared with last year. Segmental result of intermediate products and finished products increased by 195.5% and 13.2% respectively

as compared with last year. Segmental result of bulk medicine decreased by 10.1% as compared with last year.

Fair value loss of embedded derivative components of convertible bonds of approximately RMB314.6 million is mainly due to continuous increase in the share price of the Company during the year. The fair value loss is a non-cash item not involving any cash out-flow.

The Group's operations during the year are summarised as follows:

Intermediate Products and Bulk Medicine

The Group's intermediate products and bulk medicine recorded segment external sales of RMB1,429.7 million and RMB3,620.7 million, respectively, representing a year-on-year growth of 11.7% and 0.8% respectively. During the year, external sales volume of 6-APA increased by 18.0% as compared with last year and the sales prices are increased steadily. Overseas export grew steadily and recorded a revenue of RMB2,513.4 million, representing a year-on-year growth of 7.1%. The Group continued to occupy an advantageous position in the domestic and export market of intermediate products and bulk medicine, and made active contributions to maintain the stability of the international bulk medicine supply chain during the pandemic.

Finished Products

The Group's finished products recorded sales revenue of RMB3,722.1 million, representing a year-on-year increase of 5.8%. Diabetes products continued to grow steadily. Insulin series recorded an aggregate sales revenue of RMB1,234.7 million during the year, representing a year-on-year increase of 35.7%. Among that, sales revenue of recombinant human insulin injections and insulin glargine injections amounted to RMB832.5 million and RMB402.2 million, respectively, and sales volume increased by 22.0% and 81.3%, respectively as compared with last year.

In terms of other finished products, due to the limited diagnosis and treatment services of medical institutions during the pandemic in the PRC, antibiotics products recorded a sales revenue of RMB2,091.6 million during the year, representing a year-on-year decrease of 2.6%. Nervous system drugs recorded a sales revenue of RMB105.6 million during the year, representing a year-on-year increase of 34.3%. During the year, ophthalmic products recorded a sales revenue of RMB175.6 million, representing a year-on-year increase of 2.3%. Vitamin products recorded a sales revenue of RMB61.6 million, representing a year-on-year increase of 58.1%.



Executive directors from left to right:

Ms. Choy Siu Chit, Mr. Leung Wing Hon, Ms. Zou Xian Hong,

Mr. Tsoi Hoi Shan, Ms. Zhu Su Yan and Mr. Fang Yu Ping

The PRC government intensified efforts in promoting the reform of medical and health system, gradually launching centralised procurement of drugs, optimising the national medical insurance catalog, and improving the security mechanism of outpatient medications for diabetes for urban and rural residents. Although a series of policies, which aimed at reducing the burden of drug use by residents and strengthening drug security, may have a certain impact on the industry in the short term, those companies with comprehensive competitiveness have the ability to continue to accommodate to policy requirements. In the long run, industry concentration will be further improved, which is conducive to the long-term and healthy development of the industry. The Group will continue to pay attention to the trend of pharmaceutical policies and explore opportunities amidst reforms.

Research and Development

The Group has been committed to drug research and development, and steadily promotes the pipeline product. The expenditure on R&D for current year amounted to approximately RMB339.6 million. The Group currently has 26 new products under development which including 10 Class 1 new drugs. In terms of biological R&D, the Group focuses on the development of diabetes drugs, with projects covering insulin aspart injection, insulin degludec injection, liraglutide injection, insulin degludec-insulin aspart mixed injection, and insulin degludec-liraglutide injection. Based on the increasingly perfect biological R&D platform, the Group will continue to expand its development of relevant products in the fields of internal secretion and autoimmune disease. In addition, the monoclonal antibody laboratory was officially put into use during the year, marking the key progress in the construction of the Group's biological macromolecular drug platform. With regard to the research and development of chemical pharmaceuticals, drugs for ophthalmology and dermatology are being promoted, and the consistency evaluation of injections is also being carried out simultaneously. In terms of innovative drug development, the Class 1 new drug WXSH0150 which is for the treatment of moderate to severe active rheumatoid arthritis was approved for clinical trial during the year. In the future, the Group will continue to expand into new drugs.

Marketing

During the year, the Group continued to simultaneously carry out the "Double Excellence Action— Grassroots Diabetes Prevention and Treatment Management Training Course" project online and offline, attracting more than 13,000 participants. Since the launch of the "Double Excellence Action" project in 2019, a total of nearly 40 sessions were carried out across the country, attracting more than 21,000 participants, making positive contributions to building an interactive platform for academic communication, improving academic research and clinical standards in diabetes, and facilitating the standardisation of grassroots diabetes diagnosis and treatment.

Optimising Financing Structure

During the year, the convertible bonds with a total principal amount of US\$120,951,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB792,324,000) have been fully converted into ordinary shares of the Company. The Group reduced its finance costs by adjusting the borrowings mix between onshore and offshore borrowings and reducing the amount of borrowings, and continued to optimise the financial structure and improve liquidity. As at 31 December 2020, the Group's net cash and bank balances (after deducting borrowings, bills payables and convertible bonds payable) amounted to RMB20,264,000 (2019: net liability of RMB2,429.3 million), which realised a positive turnaround from the net debt in 2019 to the net cash for the current year.

Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 31 December 2020, the Group had pledged bank deposits, cash and bank balances amounted to approximately RMB3,437.0 million (2019: RMB3,889.8 million).

As at 31 December 2020, the Group had interest-bearing borrowings of approximately RMB2,209.7 million (2019: RMB3,988.0 million), which were denominated in Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi and Euro with maturity within five years. Borrowings of approximately RMB81.5 million are fixed rates loans while the remaining balance of approximately RMB2,128.2 million is at floating rates. The directors expect that all such borrowings will either be repaid by internally generated funds or rolled over upon maturity and will continue to provide funding to the Group's operations.

As at 31 December 2020, current assets of the Group amounted to approximately RMB8,225.0 million (2019: RMB8,713.5 million). Net current assets increased from RMB2,254.7 million at 31 December 2019 to RMB3,365.1 million as at 31 December 2020. The Group's current ratio was approximately 1.69 as at 31 December 2020, as compared with 1.35 as at 31 December 2019. The short term financial position is improved significantly. As at 31 December 2020, the Group had total assets of approximately RMB14,963.7 million (2019: RMB15,699.7 million) and total liabilities of approximately RMB6,351.9 million (2019: RMB9,027.9 million). Equity attributable to shareholders of the Company increased from RMB6,671.8 million at 31 December 2019 to RMB8,613.9 million at 31 December 2020. As at 31 December 2020, the Group's net cash and bank balances (after deducting borrowings, bills payables and convertible bonds payable) amounted to RMB20,264,000 (2019: net liability RMB2,429.3 million).

Currency Exchange Exposures

The Group's purchases and sales are mainly denominated in Renminbi, United States dollars and Hong Kong dollars. The operating expenses of the Group are mainly denominated in Renminbi and Hong Kong dollars. The Group's borrowings are denominated in Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi and Euro. The Group's treasury policy is in place to monitor and manage its exposure to fluctuation in exchange rates. Besides, the Group will conduct periodic review of its exposure to foreign exchange risk and may use financial instrument for hedging purpose when considered appropriate.

Contingent Liabilities

As at 31 December 2020 and 2019, the Group had no material contingent liabilities.

Employees and Remuneration

As at 31 December 2020, the Group had approximately 13,000 (2019: 13,000) employees in Hong Kong and the PRC. The employees are remunerated with basic salary, bonus and other benefits in kind with reference to industry practice and their individual performance.

PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the listed securities of the Company during the year ended 31 December 2020.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company is committed to ensure high standards of corporate governance in the interest of its shareholders.

The Company has applied and complied with the applicable code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code ("CG Code") and Corporate Governance Report contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, except for certain deviations which are summarised below:

- Code Provision A.2.1

Under the code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual. During the year ended 31 December 2020, the Company did not have a chief executive officer. The Company will make appointment to fill the post as appropriate.

- Code Provision A.6.7

Code provision A.6.7 of the CG Code stipulates that independent non-executive directors and other non-executive directors should attend general meetings of the Company. Independent non-executive directors, Prof. Song Ming and Ms. Fu Xiao Nan were unable to attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 29 June 2020 due to travel restrictions on COVID-19.

CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its code of conduct for dealings in securities of the Company by the directors. Following a specific enquiry, all directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code throughout the year ended 31 December 2020.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEW

The Audit Committee comprises three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Chong Peng Oon, Prof. Song Ming and Ms. Fu Xiao Nan. The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management of the Company the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020, including the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group.

DISCLOSURE UNDER RULE 13.21 OF THE LISTING RULES

- (a) On 23 September 2019, the Company's indirect wholly-owned subsidiary The United Laboratories (Inner Mongolia) Co., Ltd., as borrower, entered into a facility agreement with China Development Bank Hong Kong Branch for HK\$300,000,000 term loan facility. The loans under the facility shall be repaid by installments with the final repayment date falling 60 months from the first utilisation date.
 - The facility agreement imposes, among other matters, Mr. Tsoi Hoi Shan, Ms. Choy Siu Chit, Ms. Ning Kwai Chun and their family trusts collectively to own more than 51% of the entire issued capital of the Company.
- (b) On 8 November 2019, the Company, as borrower, entered into a facility agreement with, among others, Bank of Communications Co. Ltd. Hong Kong Branch, Fubon Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, Hang Seng Bank Limited and Taipei Fubon Commercial Bank Co., Ltd., as mandated lead arrangers and bookrunners, for the dual currency term loan facilities in the amount equivalent to up to HK\$2 billion. The loan under the facilities shall be repaid in installments within a 36 months term from the date of the facility agreement.
 - The facility agreement imposes that, among other matters, Mr. Tsoi Hoi Shan, Ms. Choy Siu Chit, Ms. Ning Kwai Chun and their family trusts (i) individually or collectively do not cease to be the single largest shareholder of the Company; (ii) individually or collectively hold at least 40% of the entire issued capital of the Company; and (iii) do not cease management control over the Company or the Group. Any breach of these obligations will result in the facilities being cancelled and the loans, together with accrued interest and all other amounts outstanding, will become payable within five business days.

DIRECTORS

Executive directors

Mr. Tsoi Hoi Shan (蔡海山先生), aged 43, is an executive director and the Chairman of the Company. Mr. Tsoi joined the Group in 2000 as a supervisor of the quality control department and was responsible for supervising the production process at the Hong Kong Yuen Long Plant and ensuring that it was in compliance with the Good Manufacturing Practice. Mr. Tsoi graduated from Tongji Medical University with a bachelor degree in pharmacy in 1998. Mr. Tsoi is the brother of Ms. Choy Siu Chit, who is an executive director of the Company.

Mr. Leung Wing Hon (梁永康先生), aged 59, is an executive director, the Vice-Chairman, the Chief Financial Officer and the Company Secretary of the Company. Mr. Leung is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a fellow member of the Association of International Accountants and a fellow member of The Taxation Institute of Hong Kong. He holds a Bachelor of Accountancy degree from University of Bolton and Postgraduate Certificate in Business Administration from University of Leicester in the United Kingdom. Mr. Leung has over 30 years' experience in accounting, finance management and business administration. Mr. Leung joined the Group in 1997 and is responsible for overseeing the financial matters of the Group.

Ms. Choy Siu Chit (禁紹哲女士), aged 48, is an executive director of the Company. Ms. Choy joined the Group in 1990. She handled the Drug Master File submission relating to the Group's amoxicillin bulk medicine with the FDA pursuant to which the Group became the holder of Drug Master File Type II (no. DMF 15377) relating to its amoxicillin bulk medicine in 2001. Ms. Choy also holds directorship in certain subsidiaries of the Company. She passed the Private Equity Investment Fund Advanced Class organized by the Beijing University with distinction in 2010. Ms. Choy is a director of Mighty Brokerage (Asia) Limited, which principally provides brokerage and securities trading services in Hong Kong. She is the sister of Mr. Tsoi Hoi Shan, an executive director and the Chairman of the Company.

Mr. Fang Yu Ping (方煜平先生), aged 58, is an executive director of the Company and a vice president of the Group. Mr. Fang graduated from the Medical School of Southeast University in the PRC, with a bachelor degree in medicine in 1986. After graduation, he served as a teaching staff member of the School for 8 years. Mr. Fang joined the Group in 1995 and was promoted to vice president of the Group in 2008. He was the general manager of China Sales Division of Finished Products from 2011 to 2018.

Ms. Zou Xian Hong (鄒鮮紅女士), aged 56, is an executive director of the Company and a vice president of the Group. Ms. Zou graduated from China Pharmaceutical University in 1984 and obtained her Executive Master of Business Administration from Hunan University in 2005. In June 2010, Ms. Zou obtained a doctorate in management science of Central South University. Ms. Zou has over 30 years' experience in the PRC pharmaceutical industry. Ms. Zou was employed as a teacher at the Hunan Medical Middle School from 1988 to 1993 prior to joining the Group in 1994. Since joining the Group, she has been responsible for the sales management of the Group. She was the general manager of China Sales Division of Finished Products from 2008 to 2010.

Ms. Zhu Su Yan (朱蘇燕女士), aged 56, is an executive director of the Company and a vice president of the Group. Ms. Zhu graduated from Southeast University in the PRC in 1988. She was granted a degree of Executive Master of Business Administration from Business School of Nanjing University in 2005. Ms. Zhu worked in Nanjing Gulou Hospital as a neurosurgeon from 1988 to 1993, and joined Pfizer in 1994. She joined the Group in early 1995 and had served as regional manager of Jiangsu Province, vice president of national hospital development department and general manager of China Sales Division of Finished Products etc. Ms. Zhu has extensive experience in the sales and marketing of pharmaceutical products in the PRC and is principally responsible for the sales and marketing of the Group's products in the PRC.

Independent non-executive directors

Mr. Chong Peng Oon (張品文先生), aged 72, was appointed as an independent non-executive director on 31 March 2009. He is the chairman of the audit committee, remuneration committee and risk management committee, and a member of the nomination committee of the Company. Mr. Chong was admitted as an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountant in England & Wales in April 1975 and was recognised as a Fellow Member of the Institute in 1981. He was in the accounting practice in Hong Kong for over 30 years. He has experience in auditing of companies ranging from small and medium enterprises to large listed groups in the service and other sectors including shipping, logistics, electronics and real estate. Mr. Chong retired from the accounting practice on 1 January 2009 and now acts as a consultant specialised in cross-border business and tax advisory business for companies in Hong Kong and China. He was a former member of the Foreign Experts Group for Independent Auditing Standards Committee of the Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Prof. Song Ming (宋敏教授), aged 59, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 25 May 2007. He is the chairman of the nomination committee and a member of the audit committee, remuneration committee and Risk Management Committee of the Company. Prof. Song graduated from the Department of Economics of the Ohio State University in 1991 and obtained a PhD, majoring in financial economics. Prof. Song is currently Dean of Economics and Management School of Wuhan University. Prof. Song is also an independent non-executive director of Great Wall Pan Asia Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 583) and Guotai Junan International Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 1788), both are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong and an independent director of Tande Co., Ltd., a company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

Ms. Fu Xiao Nan (傅小楠女士), aged 51, was appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company on 10 December 2012. She is a member of the audit committee, remuneration committee and nomination committee of the Company. Ms. Fu has around twenty years of experience in investment banking and financial services. She is a partner of Phoenix Investment Company, which is incorporated in the PRC since March 2016. She joined Huatai United Securities in May 2011 and left in March 2016. Prior to joining Huatai United Securities, Ms. Fu held senior management positions in various investment banks. Ms. Fu is a registered sponsor representative of China Securities Regulatory Commission since 2007. Ms. Fu is an independent non-executive director of V.S. International Group Limited (Stock Code: 1002), a company listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong. Ms. Fu holds a master degree in professional accounting and a degree in Executive Master in Business Administration from the Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Wu Shou Ting (吳守廷先生), aged 54, is the general manager of the Group's Zhuhai United Laboratories Co., Ltd. (Zhongshan Branch). Mr. Wu graduated from Jiangxi College of Chinese Medicine in 1990 and graduated from the Advanced Level Research Class, Selected Course of the MBA for Managers in Office of Zhongshan University in 2002. Mr. Wu was employed by Yufeng Pharmaceutical, Nanchang City, Jiangxi Province for approximately three years before joining the Group in 1996. He had worked as supervisor of the powder injection workshop and manager of the production department at the Group's production plant in Zhongshan before being promoted to general manager in September 2003. Mr. Wu is primarily responsible for the overall management and operation of the Group's production plant in Zhongshan.

Mr. Liu Bing Yang (劉炳楊先生), aged 70, is the general manager of Guangdong Kaiping Kingly Capsules Limited of the Group. Mr. Liu graduated from Guangzhou Rubber Industrial Bureau's Employees University with diploma in industrial Automation in 1982. Mr. Liu joined the Group in 1996 and had served as general manager. Mr. Liu had over 20 years' experience in the field of pharmaceutical industry in China. He is currently responsible for the management of the Group's Guangdong Kaiping factory.

Mr. Zhang Wen Yu (張文玉先生), aged 52, is the general manager of United Laboratories (Inner Mongolia) Limited. Mr. Zhang graduated from school of microbiology of Shandong University. Mr. Zhang joined the Group in 2005 and had over 15 years' experience in the field of production management and is currently responsible for the management of the Group's Inner Mongolia factory.

Mr. Han Yu Bo (韓玉波先生), aged 47, is the general manager of Zhuhai United Laboratories Co., Ltd. Mr. Han graduated from East China University of Science and Technology in 1994. He has over 20 years' experience in pharmacy production management. Mr. Han joined the Group in 2005 and has worked in United Laboratories (Chengdu) and United Laboratories (Inner Mongolia). He is currently responsible for management of the Group's production plant in Zhuhai.

Mr. Liu Hong Chi (劉紅池先生), aged 41, is the general manager of The United Animal Healthcare (Inner Mongolia) Co., Ltd. of the Group. Mr. Liu graduated from Sichuan University of Science and Engineering in 2004 majoring in pharmaceutical manufacturing. He obtained a bachelor degree in veterinary medicine from Sichuan Agricultural University in 2017 and a master degree in business administration from Sichuan University in 2019. Mr. Liu joined the Group in 2004, and has worked in United Laboratories (Chengdu) and United Laboratories (Inner Mongolia). He has been responsible for the management of animal healthcare company of the Group in Inner Mongolia since 2014.

Mr. Zheng Shun Teng (鄭順騰先生), aged 44, is the operating general manager of the Group's intermediate and bulk medicine. Mr. Zheng graduated from China Pharmaceutical University in 2002, majoring in Pharmacy. Joining in 1997, he worked successively as the head of the orally-taken solid workshop, the assistant to manager of the production department, the manager of the procurement department, and the director of the powder injection workshop of Zhongshan factory. From July 2006 to 2013, he had been the Eastern China regional manager and senior regional manager of the Group's intermediate and bulk medicine sales department, the sales director of the Eastern China region and the Southern China region, and the sales director of the regions of India, Middle East and Africa. Mr. Zheng has been the operating general manager of the Group's intermediate and bulk medicine sales department since 2014, primarily responsible for sales and management of the Group's intermediate and bulk medicine products.

Ms. Chen Min (陳敏女士), aged 49, is the general manager of Group's China Sales Division of Finished Products. Ms. Chen graduated from Zhengzhou University majoring in business administration. She joined the Group in 1997 and had served as regional manager and vice general manager of the Henan province etc. Ms. Chen has extensive experience in the sales and marketing of pharmaceutical products. She was promoted to the Group's vice president and was responsible for the sales of the Henan province in 2012. She has been responsible for the sales of the Henan province and Beijing since 2015. Ms. Chen has been the general manager of the China Sales Division of Finished Products since 1 January 2019.

The Board is pleased to submit their report together with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company is an investment holding company.

Details of principal activities of the subsidiaries of the Company are set out in note 45 to the consolidated financial statements.

SEGMENT INFORMATION

An analysis of the Group's revenue and segment information for the year ended 31 December 2020 is set out in note 5 to the consolidated financial statements.

RESULTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

The Group's results for the year ended 31 December 2020 are set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on pages 38 and 39 of this annual report.

The Board recommends the payment of final dividend of RMB8 cents per share for the year ended 31 December 2020, subject to approval by the shareholders in the forthcoming annual general meeting.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A summary of the Group's results, and of the assets and liabilities for the past five financial years are set out on page 154 of this annual report.

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment of the Group during the year are set out in note 17 to the consolidated financial statements.

SHARE CAPITAL

Details of the share capital of the Company are set out in note 32 to the consolidated financial statements.

SHARE PREMIUM AND RESERVES

In accordance with the Companies Law, Chapter 22 (as revised) of the Cayman Islands, and the Company's articles of association, the Company may distribute its share premium to shareholders in the forms of dividend or fully paid bonus shares, provided that immediately following the distribution or payment of dividend, the Company will be in a position to pay off its debts as and when they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

As at the reporting date, the directors were of the opinion that the distributable share premium and reserves of the Company was approximately RMB4,650.9 million.

Details of movements in the share premium and reserves of the Group during the year are set out in consolidated statement of changes in equity on pages 42 and 43 of this annual report.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's articles of association or the laws of the Cayman Islands which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro-rata basis to existing shareholders.

MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

In 2020, the aggregate sales attributable to the Group's five largest customers accounted for less than 30% of the Group's total sales for the year.

In 2020, the aggregate purchases attributable to the Group's largest and five largest suppliers accounted for 18.8% and 39.4% respectively of the Group's total purchases for the year.

None of the directors or chief executive or any of their associates or any shareholder (which, to the knowledge of the directors, owns more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital) had any beneficial interest in any of the Group's five largest customers and suppliers.

DIRECTORS

The directors of the Company during the year ended 31 December 2020 and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Executive Directors

Mr. Tsoi Hoi Shan (Chairman)

Mr. Leung Wing Hon (Vice-Chairman)

Ms. Choy Siu Chit Mr. Fang Yu Ping

Ms. Zou Xian Hong Ms. Zhu Su Yan

Independent Non-Executive Directors

Mr. Chong Peng Oon

Prof. Song Ming Ms. Fu Xiao Nan

In accordance with article 87 of the Company's articles of association, Mr. Leung Wing Hon, Mr. Fang Yu Ping and Ms. Fu Xiao Nan will retire by rotation at the forthcoming annual general meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Biographical details of directors of the Company are set out on pages 15 to 17 of this annual report.

DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS

Mr. Tsoi Hoi Shan has entered into a service contract with the Company. Mr. Tsoi shall be subject to his re-election following retirement by rotation at any subsequent annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company. The amount of Mr. Tsoi's basic emolument as an executive director is HK\$3,840,000 per annum.

Mr. Leung Wing Hon has entered into a service contract with the Company under which the annual salary payable by the Company to Mr. Leung Wing Hon is HK\$3,600,000 and is subject to review at the discretion of the Board and the remuneration committee after completion of 12 months of service. He will also be entitled to a discretionary bonus as decided by the Board and the remuneration committee.

Ms. Choy Siu Chit has entered into a service contract with the Company. She is required to retire by rotation at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company. The basic emolument of Ms. Choy Siu Chit as an executive director is HK\$3,000,000 per annum and will be entitled to a monthly travelling allowance of HK\$50,000. She will also be entitled to a discretionary bonus as decided by the Board.

The basic emolument of Mr. Fang Yu Ping, Ms. Zou Xian Hong and Ms. Zhu Su Yan as an executive director is HK\$1,800,000 per annum, and they are also entitled to a monthly performance bonus not exceeding RMB60,000 as determined by the executive directors of the Company with reference to performance of the Group. Their subsequent appointment shall also be subject to their re-election following retirement by rotation at any subsequent annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company.

The amount of the annual salary increment and the bonus payable under such service contracts for executive directors is at the discretion of the Board and the remuneration committee of the Company, provided that the respective parties to such service contracts shall abstain from voting and not be counted in the quorum in respect of any such determination of the Board in relation to him or her.

Each of Mr. Chong Peng Oon, Prof. Song Ming and Ms. Fu Xiao Nan has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company. The annual director's fee for each of the above independent non-executive directors is HK\$240,000.

Save as disclosed in this annual report, none of the directors proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has a service contract with the Company which is not determinable by the employer within one year without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation).

MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

No contracts concerning the management or administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business were entered into or in existence during the year.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESS AND CONTRACTS

None of the directors have any interests in a business which competes with the business of the Group. Furthermore, no contracts of significance in relation to the Group's business in which a director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

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

As at 31 December 2020, the directors and chief executive of the Company had the following interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO") as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies ("Model Code"):

Long position in the ordinary shares of the Company:

			Percentage of
Name of directors	Number of shares	Capacity	interest
Mr. Tsoi Hoi Shan	16,306,875	Personal interest	0.89%
Mr. Leung Wing Hon	22,000	Personal interest	0.00%
Ms. Choy Siu Chit	117,875	Personal interest	0.01%
Ms. Zou Xian Hong	200,000	Personal interest	0.01%
Ms. Zhu Su Yan	179	Personal interest	0.00%

Save as disclosed above, none of the directors, chief executive and their associates had any interests or short position in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations, within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

DIRECTORS' RIGHT TO ACQUIRE SHARES AND DEBENTURES

During the year, the Company did not grant any rights to any directors, chief executive and their respective spouse or children under 18 of age to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company, and none of the above persons have exercised the said rights during the year. The Company, its holding company or any of its subsidiaries were not a party to any arrangements to enable the directors to acquire such benefits in any other body corporate.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 31 December 2020, the following shareholders, other than the directors or chief executive of the Company, were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO as being interested (including short positions) in the shares or underlying shares of the Company:

Long and short positions in the ordinary shares of the Company:

	Number of	Percentage
Notes	shares held	of Interest
	898,250,000(L)	48.81%
(1)	898,250,000(L)	48.81%
(2)	898,250,000(L)	48.81%
	(1)	Notes shares held 898,250,000(L) (1) 898,250,000(L)

L/S: Long position/short position

Notes:

- (1) Heren Far East #4 Limited is interested in more than one-third of the issued share capital of Heren, and is deemed or taken to be interested in the 898,250,000 shares of the Company beneficially owned by Heren for the purposes of Part XV of the SFO.
- (2) IQ EQ (NTC) Trustees Asia (Jersey) Limited is the trustee of the respective trusts holding entire interest in each of Heren Far East #2 Limited, Heren Far East #3 Limited and Heren Far East #4 Limited (which together hold the entire issued share capital of Heren), and is deemed to be interested in the 898,250,000 shares of the Company beneficially owned by Heren for the purposes of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, no other person being recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO as having an interest or a short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as at 31 December 2020.

COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Group is committed to complying with laws and regulations that govern our businesses. As a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with its shares listed on the Stock Exchange, the Company is governed by the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands, as well as the Listing Rules and the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

In addition, the Group operates its pharmaceutical business mainly through its subsidiaries in the PRC and accordingly, relevant laws and regulations in the PRC applicable for the research and development, manufacturing, sales and distribution of pharmaceutical products, including but not limited to the laws and regulations on quality, safety, production, environmental protection, intellectual property and labour, shall be complied with.

During the year ended 31 December 2020, to the best knowledge of the Board, the Group does not have any incidence of non-compliance with the relevant laws and regulations that would have a significant impact on the Group's business and operations.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company is dedicated to maintaining a high standard of corporate governance. Information regarding the corporate governance practices adopted by the Company are set out in the Corporate Governance Report on pages 26 to 32 of this annual report.

PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the directors, as at the date of this annual report, there is sufficient public float as required under the Listing Rules.

AUDITOR

A resolution will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to re-appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as the auditor of the Company.

On behalf of the Board

Tsoi Hoi Shan

Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 30 March 2021

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Board is of the view that best corporate governance is crucial to safeguard the interests of shareholders and to enhance the Group's performance. The Board is dedicated to maintaining and ensuring a high standard of corporate governance. For the year ended 31 December 2020, the Company has applied and complied with the applicable code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code ("CG Code") and Corporate Governance Report contained in Appendix 14 of the rules Governing the Listing of Securities ("Listing Rules") on the Stock Exchange, except for certain deviations which are summarized below:

Code Provision A.2.1

Under the code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. During the year ended 31 December 2020, the Company did not have a chief executive officer. The Company will make appointment to fill the post as appropriate.

Code Provision A.6.7

Code provision A.6.7 of the CG Code stipulates that independent non-executive directors and other non-executive directors should attend general meetings. Independent non-executive directors, Prof. Song Ming and Ms. Fu Xiao Nan were unable to attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 29 June 2020 due to travel restrictions on COVID-19.

THE BOARD

The Board comprises six executive directors and three independent non-executive directors. The biographical details and the relationships of the members of the Board have been set out in the "Biographical Details of Directors & Senior Management" on pages 15 to 17. The Board has established four Board committees namely Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee, Nomination Committee and Risk Management Committee. The attendance rates of individual directors at board meetings, annual general meeting and other meetings of board committees are set out below. The duties of the Board and the Board committees are outlined in the later part of this report.

	Board	Annual General Meeting	Audit Committee	Remuneration Committee	Nomination Committee	Risk Management Committee
	Doard	Wiceting	Committee	Committee	Committee	Committee
Executive Directors						
Mr. Tsoi Hoi Shan	4/4	1/1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mr. Leung Wing Hon	4/4	1/1	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Ms. Choy Siu Chit	4/4	1/1	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Mr. Fang Yu Ping	3/4	0/1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ms. Zou Xian Hong	3/4	0/1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ms. Zhu Su Yan	3/4	0/1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Independent Non-executive Directors						
Mr. Chong Peng Oon	4/4	1/1	2/2	1/1	1/1	1/1
Prof. Song Ming	3/4	0/1	2/2	1/1	1/1	1/1
Ms. Fu Xiao Nan	3/4	0/1	2/2	1/1	1/1	N/A

The Board is responsible for setting the Group's objectives and strategies as well as to monitor the Group's performance. The Board also approves matters like annual and interim results, major transactions, appointment of directors, dividend and accounting policies and scrutinizes internal control procedures of the Group's operations. The Board has delegated the responsibility and authority of day-to-day operations to the management team.

All directors are provided with updated information in relation to governance and control matters regularly. The directors may seek independent professional advice according to prescribed procedures in order to assist them to discharge their duties at the expenses of the Company.

Four regular board meetings were held by the Board during the year. At least 14 days notices are given to all directors for all regular board meetings. Directors can include matters to be discussed in the agenda if necessary. Agenda of regular board meetings accompanied with board papers are dispatched to all directors within a reasonable time before the date of meeting. All draft minutes of the Board are circulated to all directors within a reasonable time for comments before being confirmed.

Minutes of the Board and Board committees are kept by the secretary duly appointed at such meetings. All directors are entitled to inspect the board papers and relevant information and access to sufficient information on a timely basis so as to enable the Board to make informed decisions on matters to be brought before meetings.

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Under code provision A.6.5 of the CG Code, directors of the Company should participate in continuous professional development to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills. Each newly appointed director receives induction on the first occasion of his or her appointment, so as to ensure that he or she has appropriate understanding of the business and operations of the Company and that he or she is fully aware of his or her responsibilities and obligations under the Listing Rules and relevant regulatory requirements. Directors are also regularly updated on the Group's business and industry environments where appropriate in the management's monthly reports to the Board as well as briefings and materials circulated to the Board before board meeting.

During the year, the Company has arranged for all directors to undergo continuous trainings designed to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills so as to ensure that their contribution to the Board remains informed and relevant.

A record of training they received for the year ended 31 December 2020 was provided to the Company. The individual training record of each director for the year ended 31 December 2020 is set out below:

		Attending seminars/
	Reading	workshops relevant to
	regulatory	the business/directors'
	updates	duties
Executive Directors		
Mr. Tsoi Hoi Shan	✓	✓
Mr. Leung Wing Hon	✓	✓
Ms. Choy Siu Chit	✓	✓
Mr. Fang Yu Ping	✓	✓
Ms. Zou Xian Hong	✓	✓
Ms. Zhu Su Yan	✓	✓
Independent Non-Executive Directors		
Mr. Chong Peng Oon	✓	✓
Prof. Song Ming	✓	✓
Ms. Fu Xiao Nan	✓	✓

CHAIRMAN

The information of Mr. Tsoi Hoi Shan, the Chairman is set out in the Biographical Details of Directors & Senior Management.

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Board currently has three independent non-executive directors. Among the three independent non-executive directors, one of them possesses the appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise as required under Rule 3.10 of the Listing Rules. All the independent non-executive directors of the Company are appointed for a fixed term subject to retirement and re-appointment pursuant to the Company's articles of association.

Each of the independent non-executive directors has submitted a confirmation of his independence as required by Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Company considers that all independent non-executive directors to be independent and that each of them satisfies the guidelines of independence set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Company has established a Remuneration Committee to ensure that there are formal and transparent procedures to follow when determining the remuneration policies of the directors. The Remuneration Committee currently comprises three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Chong Peng Oon, Prof. Song Ming and Ms. Fu Xiao Nan. Mr. Chong Peng Oon is the chairman of the Remuneration Committee. The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee are consistent with the relevant provisions set out in the CG Code, but with a deviation from the code provision of the Remuneration Committee's responsibilities to determine the specific remuneration packages of all executive directors and senior management of a listed company. The Board considers that the Remuneration Committee of the Company should review (as opposed to determine) and make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration packages of directors only and not senior management for the following reasons:

- (i) the Board believes that the Remuneration Committee is not properly in a position to evaluate the performance of senior executives and that this evaluation process is more effectively carried out by the executive directors;
- (ii) the executive directors must be in a position to supervise and control senior management and thus must be able to determine their compensation; and
- (iii) there is no reason for executive directors to pay senior management more than industry standards and thus shareholders will benefit by reducing costs in the fixing of such compensation packages.

The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee are posted on the Company's website.

The Remuneration Committee held one meeting during the year. It undertook a review of the remuneration and benefits of the directors. The Remuneration Committee ensures that no director is involved in determining his/ her own emoluments.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee currently comprises three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Chong Peng Oon, Prof. Song Ming and Ms. Fu Xiao Nan. Mr. Chong Peng Oon is the chairman of the Audit Committee.

The major duties of the Audit Committee include reviewing and monitoring the financial reporting system and internal control procedures of the Group. The Audit Committee held two meetings during the year. It reviewed the Group's financial reporting matters, and reviewed the internal control systems in relation to finance and accounting and submitted improvement proposals to the Board. The terms of reference of the Audit Committee are consistent with the relevant provisions set out in the CG Code. The terms of reference of the Audit Committee are posted on the Company's website.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Board has established a Nomination Committee to ensure fair and transparent procedures for the appointment, re-election and removal of directors to the Board. The Nomination Committee currently comprises three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Chong Peng Oon, Prof. Song Ming and Ms. Fu Xiao Nan. Prof. Song Ming is the chairman of the Nomination Committee.

The Nomination Committee held one meeting during the year to discuss re-election of directors. During selection and recommendation of candidates for directors, the Committee will consider about experience, qualification and suitability of the candidates. The Board will approve the appointments based on the same criteria. The terms of reference of the Nomination Committee, a copy of which is posted on the Company's website, are consistent with the terms set out in the relevant section of the CG Code.

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Company has established a Risk Management Committee in February 2016. The Risk Management Committee comprises two independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Chong Peng Oon and Prof. Song Ming, and two executive directors, namely Mr. Leung Wing Hon and Ms. Choy Siu Chit. Mr. Chong Peng Oon is the chairman of the Risk Management Committee.

The major duties of the Risk Management Committee include overseeing and reviewing the Group's risk management and internal control systems. The Risk Management Committee held one meeting during the year to review the Group's risk management and internal control systems. The terms of reference of the Risk Management Committee are posted on the Company's website.

CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS AND RELEVANT EMPLOYEES

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers ("Model Code") set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct for director's securities transactions. Having made specific enquiry, all directors confirmed that they had complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the year ended 31 December 2020.

To comply with code provision A.6.4 of the CG Code, the Company has adopted standard code for the code of conduct for relevant employees' securities transactions to regulate certain employees of the Group who are deemed to be in possession of unpublished price sensitive information of the Company when dealing in the securities of the Company.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board acknowledges its responsibility for preparing the Group's financial statements. As at 31 December 2020, within the knowledge of the directors, there was no material event or condition that may cast significant doubt upon the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

In the year under review, the Board considers the systems of internal control of the Company are sufficient and effective, hence the Company has complied with the code provisions relevant to the internal control in the CG Code

AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

For the year ended 31 December 2020, the auditor of the Company provided audit and non-audit services for the Company and the Group.

The service fees for audit and non-audit services in 2020 amounted to approximately RMB4,775,000 and RMB1,690,000 respectively.

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Leung Wing Hon is the company secretary of the Company. Mr. Leung reports to Mr. Tsoi Hoi Shan, the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Leung Wing Hon was appointed as company secretary of the Company on 25 May 2007. He is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a fellow member of the Association of International Accountants. He undertook no less than 15 hours of relevant professional training during the year.

SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

Convening an extraordinary general meeting by Shareholders

Pursuant to article 58 of the Company's Articles of Association, any one or more Members holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the Secretary of the Company, to require an extraordinary general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition; and such meeting shall be held within two (2) months after the deposit of such requisition. If within twenty-one (21) days of such deposit, the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting the requisitionist(s) himself (themselves) may do so in the same manner, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board shall be reimbursed to the requisitionist(s) by the Company.

Putting Forward Proposals at General Meetings

A shareholder shall make a written requisition to the Board or the company secretary at the Company's office in Hong Kong at 6 Fuk Wang Street, Yuen Long Industrial Estate, New Territories, Hong Kong, specifying the shareholding information of the shareholder, his/her contact details and the proposal he/she intends to put forward at general meeting regarding any specified transaction/business and its supporting documents.

As regards proposing a person for election as a director, please refer to the procedures available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

Making Enquiry to the Board

Shareholders may at any time send their enquiries and concerns to the Board in writing to the company secretary at the Company's office in Hong Kong at 6 Fuk Wang Street, Yuen Long Industrial Estate, New Territories, Hong Kong.

INVESTOR RELATIONS

The Company considers that effective communication with shareholders is essential for enhancing investor relations and investor understanding of the Group's business performance and strategies. The Company has established a range of communication channels between itself, its shareholders and investors, including answering questions through the annual general meeting, the publications of annual and interim reports, notices, announcements and circulars on the website of the Company at www.tul.com.cn and www.irasia.com/listco/hk/unitedlab. During the year, the Board is not aware of any significant changes in the Company's constitutional documents.

Led by Mr. Leung Wing Hon, the Company's vice-chairman, the Company is well positioned with an experienced investor relations team supporting the various investor relations initiatives. Ms. Karen Yang joined the team as the Investor Relations Officer in August 2014 and was promoted as Manager in April 2019. The team will continue to work towards further enhancing the communication with investors through various platforms such as roadshows, meetings, plant visits, conference calls and other forms of engagement. In addition, the investor relations department will continue to implement various exercises towards building a targeted shareholders base that supports the investment proposition of the company to correctly reflect its valuation.

Effective investor relations communication is an integral part of the Company's management philosophy. The Company will continue to maintain effective communication with investors. Through the investor relations department's efforts, the Company aspired to instill further confidence among investors and enhance their understanding of our business.

On behalf of the Board

Leung Wing Hon

Vice-Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 30 March 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF
THE UNITED LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
聯邦制藥國際控股有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

OPINION

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of The United Laboratories International Holdings Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") set out on pages 38 to 153, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2020, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

BASIS FOR OPINION

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

KEY AUDIT MATTER

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

KEY AUDIT MATTER (Continued)

Key audit matter

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Impairment assessment of trade receivables, commercial bills receivables and consideration receivables

We identified the valuation of the trade receivables, commercial bills receivables and consideration receivables as a key audit matter as the assessment of expected credit loss ("ECL") is highly subjective and requires significant management judgments and assumptions. The Group estimates the ECL on trade receivables using a provision matrix, and performs individual assessment on commercial bills receivables and consideration receivables. The loss rates are estimated based on historical credit loss experience or with reference to the data from the external credit rating agency, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtor's industry and the macro economic environment.

At 31 December 2020, the net carrying value of the trade receivables, commercial bills receivables and consideration receivables was approximately RMB1,400,753,000, RMB208,720,000 and RMB263,679,000, with allowances for credit losses of approximately RMB19,697,000, RMB35,390,000 and RMB44,709,000, respectively.

Details relating to the Group's trade receivables, commercial bills receivables and consideration receivables and the ECL assessment are set out in Notes 24 and 39 to the consolidated financial statements, respectively.

Our audit procedures in relation to the valuation of the trade receivables, commercial bills receivables and consideration receivables included:

- Obtained an understanding of the process relating to the allowance for credit losses of trade receivables, commercial bills receivables and consideration receivables:
- Evaluated the reasonableness of the key judgments and assumptions relating to calculation of probability of default and forward-looking factor made in the ECL model;
- Evaluated the completeness, accuracy and relevance of data used in the ECL model and checked the arithmetic accuracy of the calculations;
- Obtained the full aging report of trade receivables, commercial bills receivables and consideration receivables and tested the accuracy by checking the aging of select invoices and instalment schedule on a sample basis; and
- Reviewing the presentation and disclosure of the trade receivables, commercial bills receivables and consideration receivables to comply with relevant HKFRSs.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

OTHER INFORMATION

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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

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

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are
 appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of
 the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business
 activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are
 responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible
 for our audit opinion.

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

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

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in the independent auditor's report is Fung Hin Chiu.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Certified Public Accountants
Hong Kong
30 March 2021

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2020

		2020	2019
	NOTES	RMB'000	RMB'000
Revenue	5	8,772,488	8,392,600
Cost of sales		(4,966,270)	(4,771,336)
Gross profit		3,806,218	3,621,264
Other income	6	202,350	123,059
Other gains and losses, net	7a	14,617	(1,773)
Selling and distribution expenses		(1,483,868)	(1,477,637)
Administrative expenses		(742,002)	(740,653)
Other expenses	7b	(353,182)	(386,829)
Impairment losses under expected credit loss model,			
net of reversal	9	(65,912)	(7,655)
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary	10	-	200,445
Loss on fair value change on investment properties	19	_	(97,614)
Loss on fair value change of embedded			
derivative components of convertible bonds	30	(314,614)	(110,117)
Finance costs	8	(181,273)	(280,838)
Profit before taxation		882,334	841,652
Tax expense	11	(181,416)	(199,888)
Profit for the year	12	700,918	641,764
Other comprehensive income (expense)			
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign			
operations		5,904	(1,971)
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Total comprehensive income for the year		706,822	639,793

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
NOTES	RMB'000	RMB'000
Profit (loss) for the year attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	702,989	641,764
Non-controlling interests	(2,071)	_
	700,918	641,764
Total comprehensive income (expense)		
for the year attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	708,893	639,793
Non-controlling interests	(2,071)	_
	706,822	639,793
Earnings per share 16	RMB cents	RMB cents
- Basic	39.81	39.14
- Diluted	39.81	39.14

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 December 2020

		31 Dec	
		2020	2019
	NOTES	RMB'000	RMB'000
Non-current assets			
	17	6 147 020	6 107 470
Property, plant and equipment	18	6,147,029	6,197,479
Right-of-use assets Goodwill		225,908	232,637
	20	3,031	3,031
Intangible assets	21	131,280	137,177
Deposit for acquisition of land use rights		7,262	7,262
Deposits for acquisition of property,		4	F0 407
plant and equipment		15,775	56,427
Other pledged deposits	29	24,000	24,000
Consideration receivables	24	105,679	276,363
Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss	22	500	500
Deferred tax assets	31	78,253	51,289
		6,738,717	6,986,165
		0,700,717	0,000,100
Current assets			
Inventories	23	1,428,502	1,575,235
Trade and bills receivables, other receivables,		, .,	,
deposits and prepayments	24	3,359,499	3,241,069
Other pledged deposits	29	-	7,423
Pledged bank deposits	25	440,194	724,981
Bank balances and cash	25	2,996,802	3,164,819
		8,224,997	8,713,527
Current liabilities			
Trade and bills payables, other payables			
and accrued charges	26	3,692,715	3,656,456
Contract liabilities	27	78,125	59,733
Lease liabilities	28	1,686	1,646
Tax payables		180,196	167,641
Borrowings – due within one year	29	907,142	2,573,398
		4,859,864	6,458,874
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Net current assets		3,365,133	2,254,653
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Total assets less current liabilities		10,103,850	9,240,818

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 December 2020

		December	
		2020	2019
	NOTES	RMB'000	RMB'000
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities	31	119,582	77,803
Deferred income in respect of government grants	26 & 34	65,351	68,085
Derivative financial instrument	35	4,573	_
Lease liabilities	28	-	117
Borrowings – due after one year	29	1,302,509	1,414,591
Convertible bonds	30	_	1,008,433
		1,492,015	2,569,029
		8,611,835	6,671,789
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	32	17,183	15,360
Reserves		8,596,723	6,656,429
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		8,613,906	6,671,789
Equity attributable to non-controlling interests		(2,071)	_
-			
Total Equity		8,611,835	6,671,789

The consolidated financial statements on pages 38 to 153 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 30 March 2021 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr. TSOI HOI SHAN

DIRECTOR

Mr. LEUNG WING HON

DIRECTOR

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Attributable to owners of the Company									
						Foreign			Non-	
	Share capital RMB'000	Share premium RMB'000	Special reserve RMB'000	Capital reserve RMB'000	Revaluation reserve RMB'000	exchange reserve RMB'000	Retained profits RMB'000	Subtotal RMB'000		Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	15,346	2,437,831	277,100	846,217	95,616	3,274	2,446,658	6,122,042	-	6,122,042
Exchange differences arising on translation										
of a foreign operation	_	-	-	-	-	(1,971)	_	(1,971)	-	(1,971)
Profit for the year	-	-	_	-	-	-	641,764	641,764	-	641,764
Total comprehensive (expense) income										
for the year	-	_	-	-	-	(1,971)	641,764	639,793	-	639,793
Dividends recognised as										
distribution (Note 15)	_	_	_	_	_	_	(98,383)	(98,383)	_	(98,383)
Issue of shares upon conversion										
of convertible bonds (Note 30)	14	8,323	_	_	_	_	_	8,337	_	8,337
Transfer of revaluation reserve upon										
disposal of a subsidiary	_	_	_	-	(95,616)	_	95,616	-	_	_
Appropriations	_	_	-	88,575	_	-	(88,575)	-	_	
At 31 December 2019	15,360	2,446,154	277,100	934,792	-	1,303	2,997,080	6,671,789	_	6,671,789
Exchange differences arising on translation										
of a foreign operation	_	_	_	_	_	5,904	_	5,904	_	5,904
Profit (loss) for the year	_	_	_	_	_	- 3,304	702,989	702,989	(2,071)	700,918
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Total comprehensive income (expense)										
for the year	_	_	_	_	_	5,904	702,989	708,893	(2,071)	706,822
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Dividends recognised as										
distribution (Note 15)	_		_	_	_	_	(128,140)	(128,140)	_	(128,140)
Issue of shares upon conversion							(120,140)	(120,140)		(120,170)
of convertible bonds (Note 30)	1,823	1,359,541	_	_	_	_	_	1,361,364	_	1,361,364
Appropriations	-	-	-	100,585	_	-	(100,585)	-	_	-
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At 31 December 2020	17,183	3,805,695	277,100	1,035,377	-	7,207	3,471,344	8,613,906	(2,071)	8,611,835

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FOUITY

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Capital reserve represents the PRC statutory reserve which must be provided for before declaring dividends to the shareholders as approved by the board of directors in accordance with the PRC regulations applicable to the Company's PRC subsidiaries until the fund reaches 50% of the registered capital of the respective subsidiaries.

Included in special reserve is an amount of RMB203,263,000 which represents the portion of registered capital of the two PRC subsidiaries contributed by certain beneficial owners of the Company. The remaining amount of RMB73,837,000 represents the difference between the carrying amount of the non-controlling interests acquired and the fair value of considerations paid for acquisition of additional interests in subsidiaries in prior years.

Revaluation reserve represents the fair value adjustments of certain land use rights of the Group situated in Chengdu, the PRC, attributable to the change of land use from owner-occupied lands to investment properties upon cessation of production together with associated deferred tax charge arising from the fair value change. The excess of fair value over the carrying value of lands is recognised as a revaluation surplus included in revaluation reserve in equity. The revaluation reserve was transferred to retained profits upon disposal of a subsidiary during the year ended 31 December 2019.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 RMB'000	2019
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Operating activities		
Profit before taxation	882,334	841,652
Adjustments for:	,	, , , ,
Write-down of inventories, net	5,263	8,825
Reversal of write-down of deposits for property, plant and equipment	(1,389)	(7,237)
Impairment losses under expected credit loss model, net of reversal	65,912	7,655
Imputed interest income from consideration receivables	(71,695)	_
Amortisation of intangible assets	12,712	12,607
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	593,447	588,427
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	8,306	74,698
Loss on fair value change on investment properties,	.,	,
net of demolition costs	_	69,052
Unrealised loss on a derivative financial instrument	4,573	_
Finance costs	181,273	280,838
Release of government grants	(12,781)	(13,479)
Bank interest income	(41,093)	(51,156)
Net (gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(43,535)	14,411
Net gain on lease modification	(13)	· –
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary	_	(200,445)
Loss on fair value change of embedded derivative		
components of convertible bonds	314,614	110,117
Net unrealised exchange (gain) loss	(102,241)	56,172
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	1,795,687	1,792,137
Decrease (increase) in inventories	141,470	(119,399)
(Increase) decrease in trade and bills receivables, other receivables,		
deposits and prepayments	(500,503)	295,020
Increase in trade and bills payables, other payables and accrued charges	268,262	868
Increase (decrease) in contract liabilities	18,392	(8,706)
Cash generated from operations	1,723,308	1,959,920
Income taxes paid	(154,046)	(158,736)
Net cash from operating activities	1,569,262	1,801,184

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Investing activities		
Payments for purchase of property, plant and equipment	(514,980)	(374,977)
Payment for deposits of acquisition of property,		
plant and equipment	(15,775)	(56,426)
Payments for right-of-use assets	_	(9,056)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	61,500	7,380
Placement of pledged bank deposits	(1,735,053)	(3,268,497)
Withdrawal of pledged bank deposits	2,019,912	3,099,195
Placement of other pledged deposits	_	(31,423)
Withdrawal of other pledged deposits	7,423	46,737
Interest received	41,093	51,156
Receipts of government grants	9,454	11,111
Receipt of consideration receivables	300,000	100,000
Additions to intangible assets	(6,815)	(8,447)
Net cash from (used in) investing activities Financing activities	166,759	(433,247)
Interest paid	(124,156)	(215,754)
Dividends paid	(128,140)	(98,383)
Repayment of lease liabilities	(1,641)	(114,991)
New borrowings raised	2,406,098	3,732,147
Repayment of borrowings	(4,061,196)	(2,985,288)
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Net cash (used in) from financing activities	(1,909,035)	317,731
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(173,014)	1,685,668
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	4,997	(2,745)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	3,164,819	1,481,896
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	2,996,802	3,164,819

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The United Laboratories International Holdings Limited (the "Company") is a public limited company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange"). The Company's parent company and ultimate holding company is Heren Far East Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and is ultimately controlled by The Choys' Family Trusts. The Company's registered office is located at Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman, KY1-1111, Cayman Islands and its principal place of business is located at 6 Fuk Wang Street, Yuen Long Industrial Estate, Yuen Long, New Territories, Hong Kong.

The Company acts as an investment holding company. The principal activities of its subsidiaries are set out in Note 45.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi ("RMB") which is also the functional currency of the Company and most of its subsidiaries (the "Group"), the currency of the primary economic environment in which the principal subsidiaries of the Company operate.

2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs")

Amendments to HKFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year

In the current year, the Group has applied the *Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in HKFRS Standards* and the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020 for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8

Definition of Material

Definition of a Business

Amendments to HKFRS 3 Amendments to HKFRS 9,

Interest Rate Benchmark Reform

HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7

Except as described below, the application of the *Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in HKFRS standards* and the amendments to HKFRSs in the current year had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior years and/or on the disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

2.1 Impacts on application of Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8 Definition of Material

The Group has applied the Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8 for the first time in the current year. The amendments provide a new definition of material that states "information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements, which provide financial information about a specific reporting entity." The amendments also clarify that materiality depends on the nature or magnitude of information, either individually or in combination with other information, in the context of the financial statements taken as a whole.

The application of the amendments in the current year had no impact on the consolidated financial statements.

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2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs") (Continued)

New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective

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

HKFRS 17 Insurance Contracts and related Amendments¹

Amendment to HKFRS 16 Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions⁴
Amendments to HKFRS 3 Reference to the Conceptual Framework²
Amendments to HKFRS 9, Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2⁵

HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4

and HKFRS 16

Amendments to HKFRS 10 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its

and HKAS 28 Associate or Joint Venture³

Amendments to HKAS 1 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and related

amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020)¹

Amendments to HKAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended Use²

Amendments to HKAS 37 Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract²
Amendments to HKFRSs Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018 – 2020²

- ¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023.
- ² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022.
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined.
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 June 2020.
- ⁵ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021.

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

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2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs") (Continued)

New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective (Continued)

Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16 Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2

Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16 *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2* relate to the modification of financial assets, financial liabilities and lease liabilities, specific hedge accounting requirements and disclosure requirements applying HKFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* to accompany the amendments regarding modifications and hedge accounting.

- Modification of financial assets, financial liabilities and lease liabilities. A practical expedient is
 introduced for modifications required by the reform (modifications required as a direct consequence
 of the interest rate benchmark reform and made on an economically equivalent basis). These
 modifications are accounted for by updating the effective interest rate. All other modifications are
 accounted for using the current HKFRSs requirements. A similar practical expedient is proposed for
 lessee accounting applying HKFRS 16 Leases;
- Hedge accounting requirements. Under the amendments, hedge accounting is not discontinued solely because of the interest rate benchmark reform. Hedging relationships (and related documentation) are required to be amended to reflect modifications to the hedged item, hedging instrument and hedged risk. Amended hedging relationships should meet all qualifying criteria to apply hedge accounting, including effectiveness requirements; and
- Disclosures. The amendments require disclosures in order to allow users to understand the nature
 and extent of risks arising from the interest rate benchmark reform to which the Group is exposed
 to and how the entity manages those risks as well as the entity's progress in transitioning from
 interbank offered rates to alternative benchmark rates, and how the entity is managing this transition.

At 31 December 2020, the Group has several London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") and Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate ("HIBOR") bank loans which may be subject to interest rate benchmark reform. The Group is still assessing the financial impact resulting from the reform on application of the amendments as the banks had not informed the Group for the details regarding the replacement benchmark in relation to the interest rate of the bank loans currently linked with LIBOR and HIBOR as at 31 December 2020.

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2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs") (Continued)

New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective (Continued)

Amendments to HKAS 1 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020)

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

- specify that the classification of liabilities as current or non-current should be based on rights that are in existence at the end of the reporting period. Specifically, the amendments clarify that:
 - (i) the classification should not be affected by management intentions or expectations to settle the liability within 12 months; and
 - (ii) if the right is conditional on the compliance with covenants, the right exists if the conditions are met at the end of the reporting period, even if the lender does not test compliance until a later date.
- clarify that if a liability has terms that could, at the option of the counterparty, result in its settlement by the transfer of the entity's own equity instruments, these terms do not affect its classification as current or non-current only if the entity recognises the option separately as an equity instrument applying HKAS 32 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*.

In addition, Hong Kong Interpretation 5 was revised as a consequence of the Amendments to HKAS 1 to align the corresponding wordings with no change in conclusion.

Based on the Group's outstanding liabilities at 31 December 2020, the application of the amendments will not result in reclassification of the Group's liabilities.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

3.1 Basis of preparation of consolidated financial statements

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA. For the purpose of preparation of the consolidated financial statements, information is considered material if such information is reasonably expected to influence decisions made by primary users. In addition, the consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Listing Rules") and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments that are measured at fair values at the end of reporting period, as explained in the accounting policies set out below.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

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, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these consolidated financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of HKFRS 2 Share-based Payment, leasing transactions that are accounted for in accordance with HKFRS 16, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in HKAS 2 Inventories or value in use in HKAS 36 Impairment of Assets.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

For financial instruments which are transacted at fair value and a valuation technique that unobservable inputs are to be used to measure fair value in subsequent periods, the valuation technique is calibrated so that at initial recognition the results of the valuation technique equals the transaction price.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.1 Basis of preparation of consolidated financial statements (Continued)

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

3.2 Significant accounting policies

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities controlled by the Company and its subsidiaries. Control is achieved when the Company:

- has power over the investee;
- is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and
- has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

The Group reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control listed above.

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Specifically, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income from the date the Group gains control until the date when the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Basis of consolidation (Continued)

Profit or loss and each item of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests. Total comprehensive income of subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with the Group's accounting policies.

All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income and expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

Non-controlling interests in a subsidiary is presented separately from the Group's equity therein, which represent present ownership interests entitling their holders to a proportionate share of net assets of the relevant subsidiaries upon liquidation.

Changes in the Group's interests in existing subsidiaries

When the Group loses control of a subsidiary, the assets and liabilities of that subsidiary and non-controlling interests (if any) are derecognised. A gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss and is calculated as the difference between (i) the aggregate of the fair value of the consideration received and the fair value of any retained interest and (ii) the carrying amount of the assets (including goodwill), and liabilities of the subsidiary attributable to the owners of the Company. All amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to that subsidiary are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities of the subsidiary (i.e. reclassified to profit or loss or transferred to another category of equity as specified/permitted by applicable HKFRSs). The fair value of any investment retained in the former subsidiary at the date when control is lost is regarded as the fair value on initial recognition for subsequent accounting under HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Goodwill

Goodwill arising on an acquisition of a business is carried at cost as established at the date of acquisition of the business (see the accounting policy above) less accumulated impairment losses, if any.

For the purposes of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units (or group of cash-generating units) that is expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, which represent the lowest level at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes and not larger than an operating segment.

A cash-generating unit (or group of cash-generating units) to which goodwill has been allocated is tested for impairment annually or more frequently when there is indication that the unit may be impaired. For goodwill arising on an acquisition in a reporting period, the cash-generating unit (or group of cash-generating units) to which goodwill has been allocated is tested for impairment before the end of that reporting period. If the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than its carrying amount, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill and then to the other assets of a pro rata basis based on the carrying amount of each asset in the unit (or group of cash-generating units).

On disposal of the relevant cash-generating unit or any of the cash-generating unit within the group of cash-generating units, the attributable amount of goodwill is included in the determination of the amount of profit or loss on disposal. When the Group disposes of an operation within the cash-generating unit (or a cash-generating unit within a group of cash-generating units), the amount of goodwill disposed of is measured on the basis of the relative values of the operation (or the cash-generating unit) disposed of and the portion of the cash-generating unit (or the group of cash-generating units) retained.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Revenue from contracts with customers

The Group recognises revenue when (or as) a performance obligation is satisfied, i.e. when "control" of the goods or services underlying the particular performance obligation is transferred to the customer.

A performance obligation represents a good or service (or a bundle of goods or services) that is distinct or a series of distinct goods or services that are substantially the same.

Control is transferred over time and revenue is recognised over time by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of the relevant performance obligation if one of the following criteria is met:

- the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Group's performance as the Group performs;
- the Group's performance creates or enhances an asset that the customer controls as the Group performs; or
- the Group's performance does not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

Otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the customer obtains control of the distinct good or service.

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

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Leases

Definition of a lease

A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

For contracts entered into or modified on or after the date of initial application or arising from business combinations, the Group assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease based on the definition under HKFRS 16 at inception, modification date or acquisition date, as appropriate. Such contract will not be reassessed unless the terms and conditions of the contract are subsequently changed.

The Group as a lessee

Right-of-use assets

The cost of right-of-use asset includes the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability and lease payment made at or before commencement date for land use rights.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

Right-of-use assets in which the Group is reasonably certain to obtain ownership of the underlying leased assets at the end of the lease term are depreciated from commencement date to the end of the useful life. Otherwise, right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its estimated useful life and the lease term.

When the Group obtains ownership of the underlying leased assets at the end of the lease term, upon exercising purchase options, the cost of the relevant right-of-use assets and the related accumulated depreciation and impairment losses are transferred to property, plant and equipment.

The Group presents right-of-use assets as a separate line item on the consolidated statement of financial position.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Leases (Continued)

The Group as a lessee (Continued)

Refundable rental deposits

Refundable rental deposits paid are accounted under HKFRS 9 and initially measured at fair value. Adjustments to fair value at initial recognition are considered as additional lease payments and included in the cost of right-of-use assets.

Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of a lease, the Group recognises and measures the lease liability at the present value of lease payments that are unpaid at that date. In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses the incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date if the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise fixed lease payments.

After the commencement date, lease liabilities are adjusted by interest accretion and lease payments. The Group presents lease liabilities as a separate line item on the consolidated statement of financial position.

Lease modifications

The Group accounts for a lease modification as a separate lease if:

- the modification increases the scope of the lease by adding the right to use one or more underlying assets; and
- the consideration for the leases increases by an amount commensurate with the stand-alone price for the increase in scope and any appropriate adjustments to that stand-alone price to reflect the circumstances of the particular contract.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Leases (Continued)

The Group as a lessee (Continued)

Lease modifications (Continued)

For a lease modification that is not accounted for as a separate lease, the Group remeasures the lease liability, based on the lease term of the modified lease by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the effective date of the modification.

The Group accounts for the remeasurement of lease liabilities by making corresponding adjustments to the relevant right-of-use asset.

Sale and leaseback transactions

The Group applies the requirements of HKFRS 15 to assess whether sale and leaseback transaction constitutes a sale by the Group.

The Group as a seller-lessee

For a transfer that does not satisfy the requirements as a sale, the Group as a seller-lessee continues to recognise the assets and accounts for the transfer proceeds as borrowings within the scope of HKFRS 9.

Foreign currencies

In preparing the financial statements of each individual group entity, transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of that entity (foreign currencies) are recognised at the rates of exchanges prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At the end of the reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing that date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items, and on the retranslation of monetary items, are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Foreign currencies (Continued)

For the purposes of presenting the consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of the Group's operations are translated into the presentation currency of the Group (i.e. Renminbi) using exchange rates prevailing at the end of each reporting period. Income and expenses items are translated at the average exchange rates for the period, unless exchange rates fluctuate significantly during that period, in which case the exchange rates at the date of transactions are used. Exchange differences arising, if any, are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity under the heading of foreign exchange reserve (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

Any specific borrowing that remain outstanding after the related asset is ready for its intended use or sale is included in the general borrowing pool for calculation of capitalisation rate on general borrowings. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

Government grants

Government grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the Group will comply with the conditions attaching to them and that the grants will be received.

Government grants are recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Group recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate. Specifically, government grants whose primary condition is that the Group should purchase, construct or otherwise acquire non-current assets are recognised as deferred income in the consolidated statement of financial position and transferred to profit or loss on a systematic and rational basis over the useful lives of the related assets.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Government grants (Continued)

Government grants related to income that are receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the Group with no future related costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they become receivable. Such grants are presented under "other income".

Retirement benefit costs

Payments to the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme or state-managed retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense when employees have rendered service entitling them to the contributions.

Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are recognised at the undiscounted amount of the benefits expected to be paid as and when employees rendered the services. All short-term employee benefits are recognised as an expense unless another HKFRS requires or permits the inclusion of the benefit in the cost of an asset.

A liability is recognised for benefits accruing to employees (such as wages and salaries, and annual leave) after deducting any amount already paid.

Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit before taxation because of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Taxation (Continued)

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit. In addition, deferred tax liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of goodwill.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences associated with such investments are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that there will be sufficient taxable profits against which to utilise the benefits of the temporary differences and they are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset is realised, based on tax rate (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

For the purposes of measuring deferred tax for leasing transactions in which the Group recognises the right-of-use assets and the related lease liabilities, the Group first determines whether the tax deductions are attributable to the right-of-use assets or the lease liabilities.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Taxation (Continued)

For leasing transactions in which the tax deductions are attributable to the lease liabilities, the Group applies HKAS 12 *Income Taxes* requirements to right-of-use assets and lease liabilities separately. Temporary differences on initial recognition of the relevant right-of-use assets and lease liabilities are not recognised due to application of the initial recognition exemption. Temporary differences arising from subsequent revision to the carrying amounts of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities, resulting from remeasurement of lease liabilities and lease modifications, that are not subject to initial recognition exemption are recognised on the date of remeasurement or modification.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied to the same taxable entity by the same taxation authority.

Current and deferred tax are recognised in profit or loss.

In assessing any uncertainty over income tax treatments, the Group considers whether it is probable that the relevant tax authority will accept the uncertain tax treatment used, or proposed to be used by individual group entities in their income tax filings. If it is probable, the current and deferred taxes are determined consistently with the tax treatment in the income tax filings. If it is not probable that the relevant taxation authority will accept an uncertain tax treatment, the effect of each uncertainty is reflected by using either the most likely amount or the expected value.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are tangible assets that are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes are stated in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost less subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses, if any.

Buildings in the course of construction for production, supply or administrative purposes are carried at cost, less any recognised impairment losses. Costs include any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management and, for qualifying assets, borrowing costs capitalised in accordance with the Group's accounting policy. Depreciation of these assets, on the same basis as other property assets, commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Property, plant and equipment (Continued)

When the Group makes payments for ownership interests of properties which includes both leasehold land and building elements, the entire consideration is allocated between the leasehold land and the building elements in proportion to the relative fair values at initial recognition. To the extent the allocation of the relevant payments can be made reliably, interest in leasehold land is presented as "right-of-use assets" in the consolidated statement of financial position. When the consideration cannot be allocated reliably between non-lease building element and undivided interest in the underlying leasehold land, the entire properties are classified as property, plant and equipment.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets other than construction in progress, less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired separately

Intangible assets with finite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at costs less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation for intangible assets with finite useful lives is recognised on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful life and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Intangible assets (Continued)

Internally-generated intangible assets - research and development expenditure

Expenditure on research activities is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

An internally-generated intangible asset arising from development activities (or from the development phase of an internal project) is recognised if, and only if, all of the following have been demonstrated:

- the technical feasibility of completing the intangible asset so that it will be available for use or sale;
- the intention to complete the intangible asset and use or sell it;
- the ability to use or sell the intangible asset;
- how the intangible asset will generate probable future economic benefits;
- the availability of adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the intangible asset; and
- the ability to measure reliably the expenditure attributable to the intangible asset during its development.

The amount initially recognised for internally-generated intangible asset is the sum of the expenditure incurred from the date when the intangible asset first meets the recognition criteria listed above. Where no internally-generated intangible asset can be recognised, development expenditure is charged to profit or loss in the period in which it is incurred.

Subsequent to initial recognition, internally-generated intangible asset is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses (if any), on the same basis as intangible assets that are acquired separately.

An intangible asset is derecognised on disposal, or when no future economic benefits are expected from use or disposal. Gains and losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset, measured at the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, are recognised in profit or loss in the period when the asset is derecognised.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Impairment on property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets other than goodwill

At the end of the reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets with finite useful lives to determine whether there is any indication that these assets have suffered an impairment losses. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the relevant asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment losses (if any). Intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment at least annually, and whenever there is an indication that they may be impaired.

The recoverable amount of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets are estimated individually. When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount individually, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

In testing a cash-generating unit for impairment, corporate assets are allocated to the relevant cash-generating unit when a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be established, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of cash generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be established. The recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit or group of cash-generating units to which the corporate asset belongs, and is compared with the carrying amount of the relevant cash-generating unit or group of cash-generating units.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset (or a cash-generating unit) for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or a cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or a cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. For corporate assets or portion of corporate assets which cannot be allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis to a cash-generating unit, the Group compares the carrying amount of a group of cash-generating units, including the carrying amounts of the corporate assets or portion of corporate assets allocated to that group of cash-generating units, with the recoverable amount of the group of cash-generating units. In allocating the impairment loss, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill (if applicable) and then to the other assets on a pro-rata basis based on the carrying amount of each asset in the unit or the group of cash-generating units. The carrying amount of an asset is not reduced below the highest of its fair value less costs of disposal (if measurable), its value in use (if determinable) and zero. The amount of the impairment loss that would otherwise have been allocated to the asset is allocated pro rata to the other assets of the unit or the group of cash-generating units. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Impairment on property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets other than goodwill (Continued)

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or a cash-generating unit or a group of cash-generating units) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or a cash-generating unit or a group of cash-generating units) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs of inventories are determined on a weighted average method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for inventories less all estimated costs of completion and costs necessary to make the sale.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when a group entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the market place.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value except for trade receivables arising from contracts with customers which are initially measured in accordance with HKFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability and of allocating interest income and interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts and payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial asset or financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Financial assets

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets

Financial assets that meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

All other financial assets are subsequently measured at FVTPL, except that at the date of initial recognition of a financial asset, the Group may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value of an equity investment in other comprehensive income if that equity investment is neither held for trading nor contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a business combination to which HKFRS 3 *Business Combinations* applies.

A financial asset is held for trading if:

- it has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near term; or
- on initial recognition it is a part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Group manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

In addition, the Group may irrevocably designate a financial asset that are required to be measured at the amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI") as measured at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets (Continued)

(i) Amortised cost and interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method for financial assets measured subsequently at amortised cost. Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired (see below). For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset from the next reporting period. If the credit risk on the credit-impaired financial instrument improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset from the beginning of the reporting period following the determination that the asset is no longer credit-impaired.

(ii) Financial asset at FVTPL

Financial assets that do not meet the criteria for being measured at amortised cost or FVTOCI or designated as FVTOCI are measured at FVTPL.

Financial asset at FVTPL is measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with any fair value gains or losses recognised in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss excludes any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset and is included in the "other gains and losses" line item.

Impairment of financial assets

The Group performs impairment assessment under expected credit loss ("ECL") model on financial assets (including trade and bills receivables, commercial bills receivables, other receivables and refundable deposits, pledged bank deposits, other pledged deposits and bank balances) which are subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9. The amount of ECL is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

Lifetime ECL represents the ECL that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of the relevant instrument. In contrast, 12-month ECL ("12m ECL") represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date. Assessment is done based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current conditions at the reporting date as well as the forecast of future conditions.

The Group always recognises lifetime ECL for trade receivables.

For all other instruments, the Group measures the loss allowance equal to 12m ECL, unless when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, in which case the Group recognises lifetime ECL. The assessment of whether lifetime ECL should be recognised is based on significant increases in the likelihood or risk of a default occurring since initial recognition.

(i) Significant increase in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the date of initial recognition. In making this assessment, the Group considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

(i) Significant increase in credit risk (Continued)

In particular, the following information is taken into account when assessing whether credit risk has increased significantly:

- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the financial instrument's external (if available) or internal credit rating;
- significant deterioration in external market indicators of credit risk, e.g. a significant increase in the credit spread, the credit default swap prices for the debtor;
- existing or forecast adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that
 are expected to cause a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt
 obligations;
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor;
- an actual or expected significant adverse change in the regulatory, economic, or technological environment of the debtor that results in a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations.

Irrespective of the outcome of the above assessment, the Group presumes that the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information that demonstrates otherwise.

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BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL 3. STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 **Significant accounting policies** (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

(i) Significant increase in credit risk (Continued)

> Despite the aforegoing, the Group assumes that the credit risk on a debt instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the debt instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date. A debt instrument is determined to have low credit risk if (i) it has a low risk of default, (ii) the borrower has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term and (iii) adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations. The Group considers a debt instrument to have low credit risk when it has an internal or external credit rating of "investment grade" as per globally understood definitions.

> The Group regularly monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and revises them as appropriate to ensure that the criteria are capable of identifying significant increase in credit risk before the amount becomes past due.

(ii) Definition of default

The Group considers an event of default occurs when information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the Group, in full (without taking into account any collaterals held by the Group).

Irrespective of the above, the Group considers that default has occurred when a financial asset is more than 90 days past due unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

(iii) Credit-impaired financial assets

A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events of default that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes observable data about the following events:

- (a) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower;
- (b) a breach of contract, such as a default or past due event;
- (c) the lender(s) of the borrower, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, having granted to the borrower a concession(s) that the lender(s) would not otherwise consider; or
- (d) it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.

(iv) Write-off policy

The Group writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the counterparty is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, for example, when the counterparty has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings, or in the case of trade receivables, when the amounts are over one year past due, whichever occurs sooner. Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the Group's recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. A write-off constitutes a derecognition event. Any subsequent recoveries are recognised in profit or loss.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

(v) Measurement and recognition of ECL

The measurement of ECL is a function of the probability of default, loss given default (i.e. the magnitude of the loss if there is a default) and the exposure at default. The assessment of the probability of default and loss given default is based on historical data and forward-looking information. Estimation of ECL reflects an unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined with the respective risks of default occurring as the weights.

Generally, the ECL is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Group in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at the effective interest rate determined at initial recognition.

Lifetime ECL for trade receivables are considered on a collective basis taking into consideration past due information and relevant credit information such as forward-looking macroeconomic information.

For collective assessment, the Group takes into consideration the following characteristics when formulating the grouping:

- Past-due status;
- Nature, size and industry of debtors; and
- External credit ratings where available.

The grouping is regularly reviewed by management to ensure the constituents of each group continue to share similar credit risk characteristics.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

(v) Measurement and recognition of ECL (Continued)

Interest income is calculated based on the gross carrying amount of the financial asset unless the financial asset is credit-impaired, in which case interest income is calculated based on amortised cost of the financial asset.

The Group recognises an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss for all financial instruments by adjusting their carrying amount, with the exception of trade and other receivables, where the corresponding adjustment is recognised through a loss allowance account.

Derecognition of financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Group recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Group continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in profit or loss.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial liabilities and equity

Classification as debt or equity

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Company are recognised at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Financial liabilities

All financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method or at FVTPL.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities including trade and bills payables, other payables and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

Convertible bonds contains liability component, conversion option and early redemption option derivative components

Convertible bonds issued by the Group that contain the liability, conversion option and early redemption option components (which are not closely related to the host liability component) are classified separately into respective items on initial recognition. Conversion option that will be settled other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of the Company's own equity instruments and that gives the Company a choice over how it is settled is a conversion option derivative. Early redemption option that results in redemption other than by an amount which approximates the amortised cost of the liability on each exercise date is a redemption option derivative. At the date of issue, the liability, conversion option and early redemption option derivatives are recognised at fair value.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Convertible bonds contains liability component, conversion option and early redemption option derivative components (Continued)

In subsequent periods, the liability component of the convertible bonds is carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The conversion option and early redemption option derivatives are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

Transaction costs that relate to the issue of the convertible bonds are allocated to the liability, conversion option and early redemption option derivatives in proportion to their relative fair values. Transaction costs relating to the conversion option and redemption option derivatives are charged to profit or loss immediately. Transaction costs relating to the liability component are included in the carrying amount of the liability portion and amortised over the period of the convertible bonds using the effective interest method.

Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date when derivative contracts are entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at the end of the reporting period. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

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4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, which are described in Note 3.2, the directors of the Company are required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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

Critical judgments in applying accounting policies

The following are the critical judgments, apart from those involving estimations (see below), that the directors of the Company have made in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements.

Disposal of entire equity interest in 聯邦制藥 (成都) 有限公司 (the "Chengdu Company")

The entire equity interest in Chengdu Company was considered as fully disposed of during the year ended 31 December 2019 although the Group retained 33% equity interest in Chengdu Company upon the completion of disposal.

The directors of the Company assessed whether or not the Group has disposed of the entire interest in Chengdu Company based on whether the Group has power over Chengdu Company and exposure or rights to variable returns from its involvement through 33% equity interest is still retained in Chengdu Company. In making the judgment, the directors of the Company considered the substance of the overall transaction, its variable returns from its involvement on 33% equity interest in Chengdu Company and its ability to direct the relevant activities that significantly affect the Chengdu Company's returns. After the assessment, the directors of the Company considered that the Group has disposed of the entire equity interest in Chengdu Company.

Details of the transaction are set out in Note 10.

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4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (Continued)

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The followings are the key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Provision of ECL for trade receivables, commercial bills receivables and other receivables

The Group estimates the ECL on trade receivables using a provision matrix, and performs individual assessment on commercial bills receivables and consideration receivables. The loss rates are estimated based on historical credit loss experience or with reference to the data from the external credit rating agency, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtor's industry and the macro economic environment.

For the purposes of ECL assessment on the remaining other receivables, the management of the Group makes periodic individual assessment on the recoverability of other receivables and refundable deposits based on historical settlement records, past experience, and also available reasonable and supportive forward-looking information.

At every reporting date, all available historical observed default rates are reassessed and changes in the forward-looking information are considered. The provision of ECL is sensitive to changes in estimates. The information about the ECL and the Group's trade receivables, commercial bills receivables and other receivables are disclosed in Note 39 and Note 24, respectively.

Useful lives of property, plant and equipment

In applying the accounting policy on property, plant and equipment with respect to depreciation, the management estimates the useful lives of various categories of property, plant and equipment according to experience of the usage of property, plant and equipment and also by reference to the relevant industrial norm. If the actual useful lives of property, plant and equipment are less than the original estimates due to changes in the commercial and technological environment, such differences will impact the timing of the depreciation charge in profit or loss and the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment. The carrying amount of property, plant and equipment is disclosed in Note 17.

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4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (Continued)

Key sources of estimation uncertainty (Continued)

Estimated write-down of inventories to net realisable value

The Group writes down inventories based on assessments of the net realisable value of existing inventories. Write-down to inventories is made where events or changes in circumstances indicate that the net realisable value of certain items are lower than the costs of those items. The identification of obsolete inventories requires the use of estimation of the net realisable value of items of inventory and estimates on the conditions and usefulness of items of inventories. Where the expectation on the net realisable value is lower than the cost for certain items, a write-down may be required. During the year ended 31 December 2020, write-down of inventories of RMB5,263,000 (2019: RMB8,825,000) has been recognised. The carrying amount of inventories is disclosed in Note 23.

Valuation of the embedded derivatives in convertible bonds

The fair value for the embedded derivatives in convertible bonds are established by using valuation techniques. The Group has established a process to ensure that valuation techniques are developed by qualified personnel and are validated and reviewed by personnel independent of the personnel that developed the valuation techniques. Valuation techniques are certified before being implemented for valuation and are calibrated to ensure that outputs reflect actual market conditions. The valuation model is sensitive to changes in certain key inputs including volatility of share prices and dividend yield that require significant management estimates. Any changes in the estimates and assumptions will affect the fair values of the embedded derivatives in convertible bonds. The carrying amount of embedded derivatives is disclosed in Note 30.

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5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group is currently organised into three revenue streams, including Intermediate products, Bulk medicine and Finished products.

(i) Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers

		For the year ended 31 December 2020				
	Intermediate	Bulk	Finished			
	products	medicine	products	Total	Elimination	Consolidated
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Types of products						
- 6-APA	1,092,941	-	-	1,092,941	-	1,092,941
- Antibiotics products	-	3,609,573	2,091,597	5,701,170	-	5,701,170
- Insulin Products	-	-	1,165,605	1,165,605	-	1,165,605
- Others	336,749	11,147	464,876	812,772		812,772
Revenue from contracts						
with customers	1,429,690	3,620,720	3,722,078	8,772,488	-	8,772,488
Inter-segment sales	1,397,230	592,085	_	1,989,315	(1,989,315)	
Segment revenue	2,826,920	4,212,805	3,722,078	10,761,803	(1,989,315)	8,772,488

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5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

(i) Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers (Continued)

	For the year ended 31 December 2019					
	Intermediate	Bulk	Finished			
	products	medicine	products	Total	Elimination	Consolidated
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Types of products						
- 6-APA	876,272	_	_	876,272	-	876,272
- Antibiotics products	_	3,592,613	2,146,648	5,739,261	-	5,739,261
- Insulin Products	_	_	858,700	858,700	-	858,700
- Others	404,080	499	513,788	918,367		918,367
Revenue from contracts						
with customers	1,280,352	3,593,112	3,519,136	8,392,600	-	8,392,600
Inter-segment sales	1,516,838	533,695	_	2,050,533	(2,050,533)	
Segment revenue	2,797,190	4,126,807	3,519,136	10,443,133	(2,050,533)	8,392,600

All of the Group's revenue is recognised at a point in time during the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019.

(ii) Performance obligations for contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised at a point of time when control of the goods has been transferred, being when the goods have been delivered to port of discharge or the customer's specific location as stipulated in the sales agreement. The Group satisfied its performance obligations upon shipment or upon delivery in accordance with the contract signed with customers, who start to bear the risks of obsolescence and loss in relation to the goods.

(iii) Transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligation for contracts with customers

Contracts for sale of pharmaceutical products are typically non-cancellable. The contracts for sales of products have expected duration of one year or less. As permitted under HKFRS 15, the transaction price allocated to these unsatisfied contracts is not disclosed.

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5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment information

HKFRS 8 *Operating Segments* requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Group that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker ("CODM") (i.e. executive directors of the Company) for the purpose of allocating resources to segments and assessing their performance.

The three revenue streams are the operating and reportable segments of the Group on which the Group reports its primary segment information.

(a) Segment revenue and results

Year ended 31 December 2020

	Intermediate products RMB'000	Bulk medicine RMB'000	Finished products RMB'000	Segment total RMB'000	Elimination RMB'000	Consolidated RMB'000
REVENUE						
External sales	1,429,690	3,620,720	3,722,078	8,772,488	-	8,772,488
Inter-segment sales	1,397,230	592,085	-	1,989,315	(1,989,315)	
Segment revenue	2,826,920	4,212,805	3,722,078	10,761,803	(1,989,315)	8,772,488
RESULTS						
Segment profit	258,072	212,015	886,608			1,356,695
Unallocated other income						193,232
Unallocated corporate expenses						(180,078)
Unallocated other gains and losses, net						8,372
Loss on fair value change of						•
embedded derivative components						
of convertible bonds						(314,614)
Finance costs						(181,273)
Profit before taxation						882,334

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5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment information (Continued)

(a) Segment revenue and results (Continued)

Year ended 31 December 2019

	Intermediate	Bulk	Finished	Segment		
	products	medicine	products	total	Elimination	Consolidated
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
REVENUE						
External sales	1,280,352	3,593,112	3,519,136	8,392,600	_	8,392,600
Inter-segment sales	1,516,838	533,695	_	2,050,533	(2,050,533)	
Segment revenue	2,797,190	4,126,807	3,519,136	10,443,133	(2,050,533)	8,392,600
RESULTS						
Segment profit	87,344	235,943	783,500			1,106,787
Unallocated other income						108,873
Unallocated corporate expenses						(98,522)
Unallocated other gains and losses, net						12,638
Loss on fair value change of embedded derivative components						,
of convertible bonds						(110,117)
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary						200,445
Loss on fair value change on						
investment properties						(97,614)
Finance costs						(280,838)
Profit before taxation						841,652

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5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment information (Continued)

(a) Segment revenue and results (Continued)

Measurement

The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies described in Note 3.2. Performance is measured based on segment results that is used by the CODM for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance. Taxation is not allocated to reportable segments.

Other than the segment revenue and segment results analysis presented above, information about assets and liabilities was not regularly provided to the CODM. Hence, no segment asset or segment liability information is presented.

Inter-segment revenue is charged at prevailing market rates.

Reportable segment results represent the profit earned by each segment without allocation of certain other income, corporate expenses and other gains and losses, loss on fair value change of embedded derivative components of convertible bonds, gain on disposal of a subsidiary, loss on fair value change on investment properties and finance costs.

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5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment information (Continued)

(b) Other segment information

Amounts included in the measurement of segment profit or loss:

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	Intermediate products	Bulk medicine	Finished products	Unallocated	Consolidated
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,840	-	10,872	-	12,712
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	4,975	2,572	759	-	8,306
Depreciation of property,					
plant and equipment	455,141	80,141	49,639	8,526	593,447
Net (gain) loss on disposal of					
property, plant and equipment	(4,591)	(448)	183	(38,679)	(43,535)
Impairment losses					
(reversed) recognised	(4,914)	(933)	2,377	69,382	65,912

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5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment information (Continued)

(b) Other segment information (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Intermediate products RMB'000	Bulk medicine RMB'000	Finished products RMB'000	Unallocated RMB'000	Consolidated RMB'000
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,840	-	10,767	-	12,607
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	71,293	2,018	1,387	-	74,698
Depreciation of property,					
plant and equipment	444,576	84,404	51,752	7,695	588,427
Net loss on disposal of property,					
plant and equipment	13,560	802	49	-	14,411
Impairment losses					
recognised (reversed)	1,376	(737)	(2,990)	10,006	7,655

(c) Geographical information

The revenue by geographical market (irrespective of the origin of the goods) based on the location of the customers are presented below:

	Revenue from external customers		
	2020	2019	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
PRC, including Hong Kong (country of domicile)	6,259,058	6,045,514	
Europe	730,289	642,620	
India	818,938	833,723	
Middle East	58,040	44,353	
South America	227,875	234,337	
Other Asian regions	421,103	366,692	
Other regions	257,185	225,361	
	8,772,488	8,392,600	

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5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment information (Continued)

(c) Geographical information (Continued)

The information about its non-current assets is presented based on the geographical location of the assets, as below:

	Non-current assets		
	2020		
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
PRC (country of domicile)	6,446,843	6,548,430	
Hong Kong	83,442	85,583	
	6,530,285	6,634,013	

Non-current assets excluded other pledged deposits, consideration receivables, financial asset at FVTPL and deferred tax assets.

(d) Information about major customers

There is no customer who contributes more than 10% of the total sales of the Group.

6. OTHER INCOME

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Bank interest income	41,093	51,156
Sales of scrap materials	9,118	11,886
Imputed interest income from consideration receivables	71,695	_
Subsidy income (Note)	66,207	40,041
Sundry income	14,237	19,976
	202,350	123,059

Note: Subsidy income includes government grants from the PRC government which are specifically for (i) capital expenditure incurred for plant and machinery, which are recognised as income over the useful life of related assets; (ii) incentives and other subsidies for research and development activities, which are recognised upon meeting the specific conditions; and (iii) incentives which have no specific conditions attached to the grants. Details of the subsidy income are set out in Note 34.

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7. OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES/OTHER EXPENSES

		2020 RMB′000	2019 RMB'000
(a)	Other gains and losses, net		
	Net loss on derivative financial instruments (Note)	3,137	1,640
	Reversal of write-down of deposits for property,		
	plant and equipment	(1,389)	(7,237)
	Net (gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(43,535)	14,411
	Net foreign exchange loss (gain)	27,184	(7,079)
	Net gain on lease modification	(13)	_
	Others	(1)	38
		(14,617)	1,773
(b)	Other expenses		
	Research and development expenditures	339,567	367,968
	Temporary production suspension costs	-	6,478
	Tax penalty	800	4,312
	Land penalty	5,767	_
	Others	7,048	8,071
		353,182	386,829

Note: During the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, the Group had entered into several foreign currency forward contracts with banks and financial institutions to reduce its exposure to foreign currency risks. These derivatives were not accounted for under hedge accounting. There was one (2019: nil) outstanding derivative financial instrument held by the Group at 31 December 2020.

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8. FINANCE COSTS

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Interest on borrowings	145,953	185,240
Interest on convertible bonds (Note 30)	42,981	97,356
Interest on lease liabilities	80	2,551
	189,014	285,147
Less: amounts capitalised in property, plant and equipment	(7,741)	(4,309)
	181,273	280,838

Borrowing costs capitalised during the current year arose on the general borrowing pool and are calculated by applying a capitalisation rate of 4.28% (2019: 4.47%) per annum to expenditure on qualifying assets.

9. IMPAIRMENT LOSSES UNDER EXPECTED CREDIT LOSS MODEL, NET OF REVERSAL

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Impairment losses (reversed) recognised:		
- trade receivables	(3,470)	(2,351)
- other receivables	2,666	(3,377)
- consideration receivables	31,326	13,383
- commercial bills receivables	35,390	_
	65,912	7,655

Details of impairment assessment are set out in Note 39.

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10. DISPOSAL OF A SUBSIDIARY

On 7 August 2019, The United Laboratories Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and Evergrande Chengdu, an independent third party, entered into an investment and cooperation agreement (the "Agreement").

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, (1) Evergrande Chengdu has agreed to subscribe for 67% equity interest of Chengdu Company (the "Share Subscription"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company by way of a capital injection for a consideration of approximately RMB812,121,000 (the "Consideration for 67% Equity Interest"), and (2) the Group has agreed to transfer the remaining 33% equity interest of Chengdu Company to Evergrande Chengdu for a consideration of approximately RMB217,879,000 (the "Consideration for 33% Equity Interest") (in which RMB50,000,000 will be deducted if the necessary consents and approvals for the adjustments of plot ratio of the land (the "Land") stipulated in the Agreement cannot be obtained from the government within the specific period) after the fifth installment of the total consideration (the "Transaction"). The total consideration of the Transaction is approximately RMB1,030,000,000 and will be settled in seven installments within 27 months from the date of disposal.

The seventh installments of RMB171,500,000 shall be settled by way of receiving certain commercial properties developed on the Land from Evergrande Chengdu. If transfer of such properties cannot be effected within the specified period, such amount shall be settled in cash.

Subsequent to the date of the Agreement, the Group has been informed by the government that the adjustments of plot ratio of the Land stipulated in the Agreement were not approved, and therefore, the Consideration for 33% Equity Interest of Chengdu Company has been adjusted from RMB217,879,000 to RMB167,879,000. The total consideration of the Transaction is therefore adjusted to RMB980,000,000 which will be settled in seven installments within 27 months from the date of disposal.

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the registered share capital of Chengdu Company has been increased from RMB400,000,000 to RMB1,212,121,000 upon the Share Subscription and 67% of equity interest of Chengdu Company has been legally transferred to Evergrande Chengdu.

The board of directors of Chengdu Company after the Share Subscription consists of three directors, of which one is appointed by the Group and the rest of the directors are appointed by Evergrande Chengdu. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the fiduciary duty of the director of Chengdu Company representing the Group (the "CD Director") is only limited to monitor the settlement of the Consideration for 67% Equity Interest upon capital injection from Evergrande Chengdu to Chengdu Company and the subsequent settlement of Consideration for 33% Equity Interest of Chengdu Company. In addition, the CD Director do not have existing rights that give it the current ability to direct the relevant activities that significantly affect the Chengdu Company's returns and the Group is not entitled to share any profit or loss recognised by Chengdu Company and net assets of Chengdu Company after the Share Subscription.

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10. DISPOSAL OF A SUBSIDIARY (Continued)

Given that neither the Group has power over Chengdu Company and exposure or rights to variable returns from its involvement nor has any ability to direct the relevant activities that significantly affect the Chengdu Company's return, the directors of the Company consider that the Group has lost the control in respect of Chengdu Company and has no significant influence over Chengdu Company for its remaining 33% equity interest and the Transaction is considered as a disposal of the 100% equity interest of Chengdu Company to Evergrande Chengdu on 6 November 2019 (i.e. the date of the Share Subscription) although the Group legally held 33% equity interest of Chengdu Company at 31 December 2019.

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the first installment of RMB100,000,000 was received by the Group in December 2019 and the carrying amount of the consideration receivables is RMB760,310,000, with allowances for credit losses of approximately RMB13,383,000, with the consideration amount of RMB880,000,000 at 31 December 2019.

During the year ended 31 December 2020, the remaining 33% Equity Interest of Chengdu Company has been transferred to Evergrande Chengdu and installments of RMB300,000,000 were settled by cash. Installment of RMB237,000,000 has been settled through commercial bills issued by Evergrande Chengdu and guaranteed by Evergrande Real Estate Group Limited that will be matured subsequent to the end of the reporting period (Note 43). The carrying amount of the consideration receivables is RMB263,679,000, with allowances for credit losses of approximately RMB44,709,000, with the consideration amount of RMB343,000,000 at 31 December 2020.

	31/12/2020		31/12/20	019	06/11/2019	
		Net		Net		Net
	Undiscounted	carrying	Undiscounted	carrying	Undiscounted	carrying
	amount	amount	amount	amount	amount	amount
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Consideration receivables:						
Cash consideration receivables						
within 12 months	171,500	158,000	537,000	483,947	637,000	597,330
Cash consideration receivables						
after 12 months	171,500	105,679	343,000	276,363	343,000	276,363
Total cash consideration						
receivables (Note)	343,000	263,679	880,000	760,310	980,000	873,693

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10. DISPOSAL OF A SUBSIDIARY (Continued)

Note: The consideration receivables are measured at fair value at the date of disposal, based on the present value of the estimated future cash flow discounted using the effective interest rate of 12% per annum and carried at amortised cost subsequently. The effective interest rates were determined by the directors of the Company by reference to a valuation performed by WeValue. WeValue is an independent qualified professional valuer which is not connected with the Group.

In determining the discount rate of the deferred considerations, the management of the Group has worked closely with WeValue to perform the valuation and establish the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs to the model in deriving an appropriate discount rate.

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

Analysis of assets and liabilities of which control was lost:

2019 RMB'000
RMB'000
255,723
629,372
(212,685
672,410
873,693
(672,410
(312
(526
200,445
100,000

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11. TAX EXPENSE

	2020 RMB′000	2019 RMB'000
The tax charge (credit) comprises:		
The tax charge (creatly comprises.		
Current tax		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT")	166,601	209,209
PRC withholding tax on distributed profits of PRC subsidiaries	_	32,500
	166,601	241,709
Underprovision in prior year		
Hong Kong Profit tax	-	(3,067)
PRC Enterprise Income Tax	_	3,397
	_	330
Deferred tax charge (credit) (Note 31)	14,815	(42,151)
	181,416	199,888

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profits for both years.

On 21 March 2018, the Hong Kong Legislative Council passed The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 7) Bill 2017 (the "Bill") which introduces the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The Bill was signed into law on 28 March 2018 and was gazetted on the following day. Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2 million of profits of qualifying corporations will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%, which only one entity nominated by a group of "connected" entities will be entitled to select the lower tax rate. The profits of Group entities not entitled to the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%. The two-tiered profits tax rates regime are applicable to the Hong Kong subsidiaries for its annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. No Hong Kong Profits Tax has been recognised as its subsidiaries incorporated in Hong Kong had no assessable profits for both years.

PRC EIT is calculated at the applicable rates of tax prevailing in the areas in which the Group operates, based on the existing legislation, interpretations and practices.

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11. TAX EXPENSE (Continued)

Pursuant to the PRC EIT law and its detailed implementation rules promulgated on 16 March 2007 and 6 December 2007, respectively, the tax rate for domestic and foreign enterprises is unified at 25% and is effective from 1 January 2008. Besides, with effect from 1 January 2008, if the subsidiaries are qualified as high-technology companies (under the new PRC EIT law), the subsidiaries are entitled to a reduced rate of 15% and such qualification is subject to renewal for every three years. Certain of group entities in the PRC are entitled to the reduced tax rate of 15% for 2020 and 2019.

According to a joint circular of Ministry of Finance and State Administration of Taxation, Cai Shui 2008 No.1, dividend distributed out of the profits generated since 1 January 2008 by a PRC entity to a non-PRC tax resident shall be subject to the PRC EIT pursuant to Articles 3 and 27 of the Income Tax Law Concerning Foreign Investment Enterprises and Foreign Enterprises and Article 91 of the Detailed Rules for the Implementation of the Income Tax Law for Enterprises with Foreign Investment and Foreign Enterprises. The withholding tax rate applicable to the Group is 5%. At 31 December 2020 and 2019, deferred tax was provided for in full in respect of the temporary differences attributable to such profits.

The tax expense for the year can be reconciled to the profit before taxation per the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as follows:

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Profit before taxation	882,334	841,652
Tax at the PRC EIT rate of 25% (2019: 25%)	220,584	210,413
Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purpose	114,511	93,654
Tax effect of income not taxable for tax purpose	(22,109)	(13,229)
Additional tax arising from disposal of a subsidiary	_	7,889
Tax effect of super deduction of research and		
development expenses (Note)	(54,047)	(64,380)
Underprovision in prior year	_	330
Tax effect of LAT and other associated tax arising on		
fair value change of investment properties	_	(20,858)
Tax effect of tax losses not recognised	28,861	27,814
Utilisation of tax losses previously not recognised	(55,503)	(2,426)
Tax effect of deductible temporary differences not recognised	17,793	_
PRC withholding tax on distributable profits of the PRC subsidiaries	41,779	40,847
Effect of tax concessionary rates granted to the PRC subsidiaries	(106,226)	(85,044)
Others	(4,227)	4,878
Tax expense for the year	181,416	199,888

Note: Pursuant to Caishui [2018] circular No. 99, the Group is able to enjoy super deduction of 175% on qualifying research and development expenditures for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019.

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12. PROFIT FOR THE YEAR

	2020 RMB′000	2019 RMB'000
Profit for the year has been arrived at after charging:		
Auditor's remuneration	4,775	4,865
Depreciation Depreciation of right-of-use assets	8,306	74,698
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	593,447	588,427
Amortisation of intangible assets (included in cost of sales)	12,712	12,607
Staff costs, including directors' emoluments		
Salaries and other benefits costs	1,047,329	1,069,640
Contributions to retirement benefit schemes	98,602	119,944
	1,145,931	1,189,584
Write-down of inventories, net (included in cost of sales)	5,263	8,825
Cost of inventories recognised as expenses	4,966,270	4,771,336

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13. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS

Directors' and chief executive's remuneration for the year, disclosed pursuant to the applicable Listing Rules and Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, is as follows:

2020

(a) Executive directors

	Tsoi Hoi Shan RMB'000	Leung Wing Hon RMB'000	Choy Siu Chit RMB'000	Fang Yu Ping RMB'000	Zou Xian Hong RMB'000	Zhu Su Yan RMB'000	Total RMB'000
_							
Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other emoluments							
Salaries and other benefits	3,426	3,417	3,211	1,606	1,606	1,606	14,872
Bonus	-	-	-	720	720	720	2,160
Contributions to retirement							
benefit schemes (Note)	16	16	16	12	14	(14)	60
Sub-total	3,442	3,433	3,227	2,338	2,340	2,312	17,092

The executive directors' emoluments shown above were for their services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company and the Group.

(b) Independent non-executive directors

	Chong	Song	Fu	
	Peng Oon	Ming	Xiao Nan	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Fees	214	214	214	642

The independent non-executive directors' emoluments shown above were for their services as directors of the Company.

Total **17,734**

Note: During the year ended 31 December 2020, Ms. Zhu Su Yan was eligible for refund on contributions to the social benefit schemes in respect of year 2019.

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13. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS (Continued)

2019

(a) Executive directors

	Tsoi	Leung	Choy	Fang	Zou	Zhu	
	Hoi Shan	Wing Hon	Siu Chit	Yu Ping	Xian Hong	Su Yan	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Fees	_	-	-	_	-	_	-
Other emoluments							
Salaries and other benefits	3,257	3,155	3,053	1,527	1,527	1,527	14,046
Bonus	_	_	-	720	720	720	2,160
Contributions to retirement							
benefit schemes	15	15	15	34	29	34	142
Sub-total	3,272	3,170	3,068	2,281	2,276	2,281	16,348

The executive directors' emoluments shown above were for their services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company and the Group.

(b) Independent non-executive directors

	Chong	Song	Fu	
	Peng Oon	Ming	Xiao Nan	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Fees	204	204	204	612

The independent non-executive directors' emoluments shown above were for their services as directors of the Company.

Total 16,960

During the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, no emoluments were paid by the Group to the directors as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office. None of the directors has waived any emoluments during both years.

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14. FIVE HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES

For the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, all the five highest paid individuals of the Group are directors of the Company, details of which are included in Note 13.

15. DIVIDENDS

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Dividends for ordinary shareholders of the Company recognised		
as distribution during the current year		
– 2019 final dividend RMB7 cents		
(2019: 2018 final dividend RMB6 cents) per share	128,140	98,383

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, a final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2020 of RMB8 cents (2019: RMB7 cents) per ordinary share, in an aggregate amount of RMB147,231,000 (2019: RMB128,140,000), has been proposed by the directors of the Company and is subject to approval by the shareholders in the forthcoming annual general meeting.

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16. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company is based on the following data:

Earnings

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Earnings for the purposes of basic and diluted earnings per share		
being profit for the year attributable to owners of the Company	702,989	641,764
Number of shares		
	2020	2019
	'000	'000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of		
basic and diluted earnings per share	1,765,968	1,639,725

The computation of diluted earnings per share for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2020 does not assume the conversion of the Company's convertible bonds outstanding during the year since their exercise would result in an increase in earnings per share.

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17. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

			Furniture,			
	Leasehold land and	Plant and	fixtures and	Motor	Construction	
	buildings	machinery	and equipment	vehicles	in progress	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
COST						
At 1 January 2019	4,483,236	7,072,377	128,108	44,234	24,753	11,752,708
Additions	36,535	49,027	3,810	3,320	287,180	379,872
Transfer from right-of-use assets	-	775,694	-	-		775,694
Disposals/write-off (Note)	(303,457)	(836,637)	(46,230)	(5,978)	_	(1,192,302)
Reclassification	30,707	177,378	2,182	(0,070)	(210,267)	-
At 31 December 2019	4,247,021	7,237,839	87,870	41,576	101,666	11,715,972
Additions	20,734	66,947	5,011	1,726	466,544	560,962
Disposals/write-off	(10,751)	(36,918)	(468)	(1,701)	-	(49,838)
Reclassification	144,745	283,927	1,475	905	(431,052)	
At 31 December 2020	4,401,749	7,551,795	93,888	42,506	137,158	12,227,096
	1,101,110	1,001,100		,	101,100	,,
DEPRECIATION						
AND IMPAIRMENT						
At 1 January 2019	1,049,727	3,821,387	109,397	43,285	_	5,023,796
Charge for the year	141,222	436,081	8,917	2,207	_	588,427
Transfer from right-of-use assets	_	566,370	_	-	_	566,370
Eliminated on disposals/						
write-off (Note)	(78,582)	(531,666)	(45,386)	(4,466)	-	(660,100)
At 31 December 2019	1,112,367	4,292,172	72,928	41,026	-	5,518,493
Charge for the year	144,593	438,822	7,962	2,070	-	593,447
Eliminated on disposals/write-off	(4,407)	(25,485)	(433)	(1,548)		(31,873)
At 31 December 2020	1,252,553	4,705,509	80,457	41,548	_	6,080,067
IMPAIRMENT						
At 1 January 2019	222,271	287,542	_	598	_	510,411
Eliminated on disposals/						
write-off (Note)	(222,271)	(287,542)	-	(598)	-	(510,411)
A+ 21 December 2010 and 2000						
At 31 December 2019 and 2020	-	-	_		-	

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17. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

	Leasehold land and buildings RMB'000	Plant and machinery RMB'000	Furniture, fixtures and equipment RMB'000	Motor vehicles RMB'000	Construction in progress RMB'000	Total RMB'000
CARRYING AMOUNTS At 31 December 2020	3,149,196	2,846,286	13,431	958	137,158	6,147,029
At 31 December 2019	3,134,654	2,945,667	14,942	550	101,666	6,197,479

Note: The amount includes write-off of property, plant and equipment with a cost of approximately RMB1,128,533,000 prior to disposal of the subsidiary as set out in Note 10. The relevant depreciation of RMB619,842,000 and impairment of RMB508,691,000 have been eliminated upon the write-off.

The above items of property, plant and equipment less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, except for construction in progress, are depreciated on a straight-line basis at the following rates per annum:

Leasehold land and buildings Over the lease term

Plant and machinery 5% - 20%Furniture, fixtures and equipment 20% - 25%Motor vehicles 20% - 25%

The carrying amount of land and buildings shown above comprises properties situated on:

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Leasehold land and buildings in Hong Kong	67,800	70,458
Buildings in the PRC	3,081,396	3,064,196
	3,149,196	3,134,654

Note: At 31 December 2020, the Group was in the process of obtaining the real estate ownership certificate for buildings in the PRC with an aggregate carrying amount of RMB667,439,000 (2019: RMB645,752,000).

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18. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	Leasehold lands RMB'000	Staff Quarter RMB'000	Motor Vehicles RMB'000	Plant and machinery RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2019 Additions	228,592 9,056	637 -	2,673 -	275,701 -	507,603 9,056
Transfer to property, plant and equipment Depreciation	– (6,720)	- (264)	– (1,337)	(209,324) (66,377)	(209,324) (74,698)
At 31 December 2019 Additions Depreciation Lease modification	230,928 - (6,778) -	373 - (264) -	1,336 1,800 (1,264) (223)	- - - -	232,637 1,800 (8,306) (223)
At 31 December 2020	224,150	109	1,649	-	225,908
			31/	r ended 12/2020 RMB'000	Year ended 31/12/2019 RMB'000
Total cash outflow for leases				1,721	9,056

For both years, the Group leases staff quarter and vehicles for its operations. Lease contracts are entered into for fixed term of 1 year to 3 years.

In addition, the Group owns several industrial buildings where its manufacturing facilities are primarily located and office buildings. The Group is the registered owner of these property interests, including the underlying leasehold lands. Lump sum payments were made upfront to acquire these property interests. The leasehold land components of these owned properties are presented separately only if the payments made can be allocated reliably.

Sale and leaseback transactions - seller-lessee

To better manage the Group's capital structure and financing needs, the Group sometimes enters into sale and leaseback arrangements in relation to machinery leases. These legal transfer does not satisfy the requirements of HKFRS 15 to be accounted for as a sale of the machinery. During the year ended 31 December 2020, the Group has not raise any borrowings in respect of such sale and leaseback arrangements while the Group has raised RMB400,000,000 borrowings in respect of such arrangements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

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19. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES AND PROPERTIES HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT

a) Properties held for development

During the year ended 31 December 2014, the Group made a full land premium payment of RMB484,050,000 to respective authority and obtained all land use right certificates, of a land located in Chengdu, Pengzhou ("Chengdu Lands"). The land use right certificate indicated that the period for which Chengdu lands could be used for commercial and residential purposes would expire on 27 December 2053 and 2083, respectively.

Pursuant to the Group's development plan of the Chengdu Lands at 31 December 2014, certain lands will be developed into residential properties for sale. Accordingly, the amount of approximately RMB255,723,000 based on the proportion of lands to be developed as properties for sale had been reclassified from "Investment properties" to "Properties held for development" representing the deemed costs equivalent to the fair value measured at 31 December 2014 immediately prior to its reclassification.

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the entire properties held for development of RMB255,723,000 has been disposed of as a result of disposal of a subsidiary as set out in Note 10.

b) Investment properties

In 2014, the Group applied to local authority in Pengzhou for extension of the commencement date of property development which was approved by respective government authority in February 2015, with an extended period to no later than 31 December 2019 (the "Extension Document").

Pursuant to Article 26 of Chapter II of the Urban Real Estate Administration Law of the PRC and the Extension Document, when the development has not started in one year from the date required to start the development as prescribed by the Extension Document, an idle land fee not more than 20 percent of the lease fees for land use ("Idle Land Fee") may be imposed, i.e. if the real estate development work was not commenced on or before 31 December 2018. Furthermore, the land will be taken back by the government without compensation if the real estate development work is not commenced on or before 31 December 2019.

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19. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES AND PROPERTIES HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

b) Investment properties (Continued)

In September 2017, the Group entered into an agreement with the local government of Pengzhou to facilitate the development of the Chengdu Lands for five years (the "Cooperative Agreement"). Pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement, the Group will contribute approximately 40 acre of the lands and existing structures erected on the lands (including office buildings and 102 workshops) to Pengzhou local government, whilst the Pengzhou local government will fund the construction of an administrative centre which is regarded as the first phase development of the Chengdu Lands (the "First Phase Development"). The Group will also be responsible to construct the administrative centre. Such administrative centre will be entirely owned by Pengzhou local government after five years from September 2017. To compensate the 40 acre lands contributed by the Group, the local government of Pengzhou has agreed to adjust the plot ratio of the remaining area of the lands to the original gross floor area. Meanwhile, a supplementary agreement has been entered into between the Pengzhou local government and the Group on 26 March 2018 (the "Supplementary Agreement") that the First Phase Development would commence upon the submission of the construction plan and the related documents. Also, the construction should be completed within 1 year from the date of signing the Supplementary Agreement i.e. 25 March 2019.

In December 2018, the Group obtained the building permit from the relevant local authority in Pengzhou. Due to unforeseen reasons, the Group did not commenced the construction of the administrative centre in 2018. Based on the meeting minutes between the Group and the local government of Pengzhou on 8 March 2018, the Group was relieved from the responsibility for the delay of completion of the administrative centre. It was further agreed that the construction of the administrative centre should be completed within 1 year after the construction permit has been obtained.

The directors of the Company obtained a legal opinion in respect of the Cooperative Agreement, the Supplementary Agreement and the meeting minutes between the Group and the local government of Pengzhou on 8 March 2019. As advised by the legal counsel of the Group, there will be no Idle Land Fee imposed to the Group though the First Phase Development did not commence in 2019 and the land will not be taken back by the government without compensation.

In May 2019, the Group has obtained the approval of the plan of the First Phase Development prior to the disposal.

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the Group has incurred some demolition costs of approximately RMB28,562,000. The entire investment properties with carrying amount of RMB629,372,000 after taking into consideration of the fair value change of the investment properties of approximately RMB97,614,000, have been disposed of through the disposal of a subsidiary as set out in Note 10.

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19. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES AND PROPERTIES HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

c) Fair value measurement of investment properties

As set out in Note 10, the Group disposed of the investment properties on 6 November 2019. The investment properties were measured at fair value on 6 November 2019 with a fair value loss determined by the directors of the Company by reference to a valuation performed by Ravia Global Appraisal Advisory Limited ("Ravia") of approximately RMB97,614,000. Ravia, a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, is an independent qualified professional valuer which is not connected with the Group and has appropriate qualifications. The carrying amounts of investment properties represent land held for development for investment purposes.

In determining the fair value of the investment properties, the management of the Group determines the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs for fair value measurements. The Group engages and works closely with Ravia to perform the valuation and establish the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs to the model. The management of the Group reports the findings to the board of directors of the Company on a regular basis to explain the cause of fluctuations in the fair value of the investment properties.

There was no comparable recent sale transaction of land with similar size available in the relevant markets and accordingly the valuation of the Chengdu Lands was determined using the residual method, i.e. discounted cash flows of expected gross development value of the Chengdu Lands and deducting therefrom, inter alia, the estimated development costs to be incurred to arrive at the residual value.

The discounted cash flows involve the use of a number of unobservable inputs, such as expected selling price of completed units, construction period, finance costs, construction cost and developer's profit margin, which would expose the Group to fair value measurement risks.

Prior to the date of disposal, the management revisited average construction cost and average selling price of the investment properties and adjusted the inputs to the model after considering an increase in average construction cost and a decrease in average selling price with reference to the prevailing market conditions, resulting in a decrease of RMB97,614,000 in fair value of the investment properties.

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19. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES AND PROPERTIES HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

c) Fair value measurement of investment properties (Continued)

Investment properties held by the Group in the consolidated statement of financial position	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation technique(s) and key input(s)	Significant unobservable inputs at the date of disposal	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Leasehold land in Chengdu, the PRC	Level 3	Residual Method	 Expected selling price of completed units: at an average of RMB9,933 per square meter at date of disposal Average construction period: 3 - 7 years Finance costs: 4.75 - 4.90% per annum Average construction cost: RMB6,900 per square meter Developer's profit margin: 40% 	 A slight increase in the expected selling price of properties in similar locality would result in a significant increase in fair value, and vice versa. An increase in the construction period would result in a decrease in the fair value, and vice versa. An increase in the finance costs would result in a decrease in the fair value, and vice versa. An increase in the average construction costs would result in a decrease in the fair value, and vice versa. An increase in the developer's profit margin would result in a decrease in the fair value, and vice versa.

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20. GOODWILL

	RMB'000
COST	
At 1 January 2019, 31 December 2019 and 2020	3,031

Goodwill has been allocated to two individual cash-generating units, including one subsidiary which operates in the Bulk medicine segment and one subsidiary which operates in the Finished products segment. The carrying amounts of goodwill at the end of the reporting period allocated to these units are as follows:

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Bulk medicine	774	774
Finished products	2,257	2,257
	3,031	3,031

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21. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Development		
	cost	Know-how	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Note i)	(Note ii)	
COST			
At 1 January 2019	165,555	47,100	212,655
Additions	8,447	_	8,447
At 31 December 2019 (Note) Additions	174,002 6,815	47,100 _	221,102 6,815
At 31 December 2020 (Note)	180,817	47,100	227,917
At 31 December 2020 (Note)	100,017	47,100	227,317
AMORTISATION			
At 1 January 2019	38,202	15,156	53,358
Charge for the year	9,693	2,914	12,607
At 31 December 2019	47,895	18,070	65,965
Charge for the year	9,798	2,914	12,712
At 31 December 2020	57,693	20,984	78,677
IMPAIRMENT			
At 1 January 2019,			
31 December 2019 and 2020	_	17,960	17,960
CARRYING AMOUNTS			
At 31 December 2020	123,124	8,156	131,280
At 31 December 2019	126,107	11,070	137,177
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21. INTANGIBLE ASSETS (Continued)

Notes: At 31 December 2020, cost of intangible assets comprise:

i. An amount of RMB20,237,000 (2019: RMB20,237,000), representing development costs incurred in obtaining licenses for manufacturing finished products granted by the relevant PRC authorities. The licenses granted allow the Group to apply for the relevant technical know-how to manufacture finished products for five years from the date of granting relevant licenses. The costs of these intangible assets are therefore amortised over the useful lives of five years and were fully amortised in prior years.

A total amount of RMB160,580,000 (2019: RMB153,765,000), representing the capitalised development costs incurred in clinical trial process stage and in obtaining licenses for manufacturing finished products including insulin glargine and insulin. During the year ended 31 December 2019, the development cost of 6-Aminopenicillanic Acid of RMB2,417,000 has started to amortise from the date when it was put into production process. It is amortised over 10 years which is the expected period for which it will bring future economic benefits to the Group. The development cost of Clavulanate Potassium of RMB9,200,000 has started to amortise from the date when it was put into production process since the year ended 31 December 2018. It is amortised over 5 years which is the expected period for which it will bring future economic benefits to the Group. The capitalised development cost of insulin glargine of RMB69,408,000 has started to amortise from the date when it was put into production process since the year ended 31 December 2017. It is amortised over 10 years which is the expected period for which it will bring future economic benefits to the Group. There has been no amortisation for the remaining development cost of another insulin as the related products are in clinical trial process stage. In accordance with HKAS 36, the Group performed its annual impairment test for intangible asset not yet available to use by comparing its carrying amount with its recoverable amount. The calculation applied discounted cash flow methodology, of which the cash flow projections are based on financial budget endorsed by management. The management of the Group determined no impairment loss is required.

ii. An amount of RMB47,100,000 (2019: RMB47,100,000), representing externally acquired technical know-how ("Know-how") in identifying processes for manufacturing finished products and protocols for fermentation/purification methodology. During the year ended 31 December 2015, two of the Know-how at a total cost of RMB29,140,000 had commenced amortisation starting from the date when they were put into production process. It is amortised over 10 years which is the expected period for which they will bring future economic benefits to the Group. Due to suspension of a product development, the management estimated the recoverable amount of it to be minimal as the future economic benefits are not probable to bring to the Group based on value in use calculation. As a result, a full impairment loss of RMB17,960,000 has been recognised on one of the Know-how of the relevant product development during the year ended 31 December 2018.

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22. FINANCIAL ASSET AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Equity securities of unlisted investments,		
classified as non-current assets	500	500

The above unlisted equity investments represent the Group's equity interest in a private entity established in the PRC, which are measured at FVTPL at the end of both reporting period.

23. INVENTORIES

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Raw materials	458,550	514,016
Work in progress	193,628	205,897
Finished goods	776,324	855,322
	1,428,502	1,575,235

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24. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES, OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade receivables	1,420,450	1,241,536
Bills receivables	1,343,365	1,354,984
Consideration receivables (Note 10)	308,388	773,693
Commercial bills receivables (Note 43)	244,110	_
Value added tax receivables	93,924	59,045
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	160,437	127,758
Less: allowances for credit losses		
- trade	(19,697)	(23,167)
- non-trade	(85,799)	(16,417)
	3,465,178	3,517,432
Less: Amount due within one year	(3,359,499)	(3,241,069)
Amount due after one year	105,679	276,363

At 1 January 2019, carrying amount of trade receivables from contracts with customers amounted to RMB1,134,749,000.

The Group normally allows a credit period of 60 days on average to its trade customers, and may be extended to selected customers depending on their trade volume and settlement with the Group. The bills receivables have a general maturity period of between 90 days and 180 days.

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24. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES, OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

The following is an analysis of trade receivables by age, net of allowance for credit losses, presented based on dates of goods receipt, which is the same as revenue recognition date, and an analysis of bills receivables by age, net of allowance for credit losses, presented based on the bills issuance date, at the end of the reporting period:

	2020 RMB′000	2019 RMB'000
Trade receivables		
0 to 30 days	806,012	697,533
31 to 60 days	411,407	306,184
61 to 90 days	149,574	127,859
91 to 120 days	21,955	67,030
121 to 180 days	11,805	19,763
	1,400,753	1,218,369
Bills receivables		
0 to 30 days	358,164	345,572
31 to 60 days	287,311	188,439
61 to 90 days	204,825	216,072
91 to 120 days	149,526	209,528
121 to 180 days	325,678	363,268
Over 180 days	17,861	32,105
	,	52,100
	1,343,365	1,354,984

At 31 December 2020, total bills received amounting to RMB1,343,365,000 (2019: RMB1,354,984,000) and certain bills were further discounted or endorsed by the Group with full recourse. The Group continues to recognise their full carrying amounts at the end of the reporting period and details are disclosed below. All bills received by the Group are with a maturity period of less than one year.

At 31 December 2020, included in the Group's trade receivables balance are debtors with aggregate carrying amount of RMB183,334,000 (2019: RMB214,652,000) which are past due at the reporting date. Out of the past due balances, nil (2019: nil) has been past due 90 days or more. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

Details of impairment assessment of trade receivables, commercial bills receivables and other receivables are set out in Note 39.

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24. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES, OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

Transfer of financial assets

The following were the Group's financial assets at 31 December 2020 and 2019 that were transferred to banks or suppliers by discounting or endorsing those bills receivables on a full recourse basis. As the Group has not transferred the significant risks and rewards relating to these receivables, it continues to recognise the full carrying amount of the bills receivables and has recognised the cash received on the transfer as a secured borrowing (see Note 29) for discounted bills receivables or it continues to recognise the full carrying amount of the bills receivables and the full carrying amount of the trade and other payables (see Note 26) for endorsed bills receivables. These financial assets are carried at amortised cost in the Group's consolidated statement of financial position.

At 31 December 2020

	Bills receivables discounted to banks with full recourse RMB'000	Bills receivables endorsed to suppliers with full recourse RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Carrying amount of transferred assets Carrying amount of associated liabilities	26,493	341,058	367,551
	(26,493)	(341,058)	(367,551)

At 31 December 2019

	Bills receivables	Bills receivables	
	discounted to	endorsed to	
	banks with	suppliers with	
	full recourse	full recourse	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Carrying amount of transferred assets	61,793	222,698	284,491
Carrying amount of associated liabilities	(61,793)	(222,698)	(284,491)

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25. PLEDGED BANK DEPOSITS, BANK BALANCES AND CASH

Pledged deposits amounting to RMB440,194,000 (2019: RMB724,981,000) have been placed in designated banks as part of the security provided for general short-term banking facilities granted to the Group by banks and are therefore classified as current assets (see Note 38). The range of effective interest rates of the pledged deposits at 31 December 2020 was 0.3% to 2.7% (2019: 0.25% to 2.93%) per annum.

Bank balances and cash comprise cash held by the Group and short-term bank deposits with an original maturity of three months or less. The range of effective interest rates of the bank balances was 0.001% to 3.55% (2019: 0.001% to 0.42%) per annum at 31 December 2020.

The carrying amounts of the Group's monetary assets denominated in foreign currency, i.e. currency other than the functional currency of the respective group entities at the end of the reporting period were as follows:

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Pledged bank deposits and bank balances		
- HK\$	74,266	361,484
- USD	804,245	58,888
– Euro	9,795	38,257

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26. TRADE AND BILLS PAYABLES, OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUED CHARGES

The Group normally receives credit terms of up to 120 days and 180 days for trade payables and bills payables, respectively, from its suppliers. The following is an analysis of the trade and bills payables by age, presented based on the invoice date or bills issuance date at the end of the reporting period:

	2020 RMB′000	2019 RMB'000
Trade payables		
0 to 90 days	899,089	726,116
91 to 180 days	125,460	172,467
Over 180 days	21,865	30,508
	1,046,414	929,091
Bills payables		
0 to 90 days	583,980	797,167
91 to 180 days	507,538	543,136
Over 180 days	139,563	13,773
	1,231,081	1,354,076
Other payables and accruals	419,372	428,022
Other tax payable	109,176	99,823
Accrual of freight expense	44,803	48,612
Accrual of salary, staff welfare and unclaimed annual leave	144,000	113,853
Accrual of water, electricity fee & steam	241,974	246,066
Deferred income in respect of government grants (Note 34)	122,607	125,934
Payables in respect of the acquisition of property,		
plant and equipment	398,639	379,064
	3,758,066	3,724,541
Less: Amount due within one year shown under current liabilities	(3,692,715)	(3,656,456)
Amount shown under non-current liabilities	65,351	68,085

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26. TRADE AND BILLS PAYABLES, OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUED CHARGES (Continued)

Included in the trade payables, other payables and payables in respect of the acquisition of property, plant and equipment above are RMB57,673,000, RMB107,539,000 and RMB175,846,000 (2019: RMB155,229,000, RMB38,597,000 and RMB28,872,000), respectively which had been settled by endorsed bills for which the maturity dates of the bills receivables have not yet fallen due at the end of the reporting period (see Note 24).

27. CONTRACT LIABILITIES

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Receipts in advances from customers – finished goods	78,125	59,733

At 1 January 2019, contract liabilities amounted to RMB68,439,000.

The following table shows how much of the revenue recognised for the years relates to the contract liabilities at the beginning of the year:

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Revenue recognised during of the year	59,733	68,439

When the Group receives an amount from certain new customers before products are delivered to and received by the customer, this will give rise to a contract liability at the beginning of a contract, until the revenue recognised on the relevant contract exceeds the amount received. The balance is mainly contributed from new customers.

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28. LEASE LIABILITIES

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Lease liabilities payable:		
Within one year	1,686	1,646
Within a period of more than one year but not more than two years	-	117
	1,686	1,763
Less: Amount due for settlement with 12 months shown under		
current liabilities	(1,686)	(1,646)
Amount due for settlement after 12 months shown under		
non-current liabilities	-	117

The weighted average incremental borrowing rates applied to lease liabilities at 6.25% (2019: 6.25%).

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29. BORROWINGS

	2020 RMB′000	2019 RMB'000
Bank loans Discounted bills with recourse (Note 24) Corporate Bonds Other loans	1,989,683 26,493 - 193,475	2,493,743 61,793 1,095,418 337,035
	2,209,651	3,987,989
Analysed as: Secured Unsecured	466,148 1,743,503	1,227,033 2,760,956
	2,209,651	3,987,989
The carrying amount of the bank loans are repayable: - Within one year - Within a period of more than one year,	742,710	1,272,627
but not exceeding two years – Within a period of more than two years but not more than five years	1,031,566 215,407	429,655 791,461
The carrying amount of the non-bank loans are repayable: - Within one year - Within a period of more than one year, but not exceeding two years	164,432 55,536	205,353 137,939
 Within a period of more than two years but not more than five years 	_	55,536
The carrying amount of non-bank loans that contain a repayment on demand clause (shown under current liabilities) but repayable*: - Within a period more than two years but not more than five years	-	1,095,418
Less: Amount due within one year shown under current liabilities	2,209,651 (907,142)	3,987,989 (2,573,398)
Amount shown under non-current liabilities	1,302,509	1,414,591

^{*} The amounts due are based on scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements.

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29. BORROWINGS (Continued)

Interest rate

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Fixed rate	81,493	2,057,204
HIBOR plus 2.20% to 2.35% (2019: HIBOR plus 1.50% to 3.00%)	1,687,315	1,291,680
PRC Loan Prime Rate ("LPR") (LPR plus 0.5% to 0.86%)		
(2019: LPR plus 0.5% to 0.86%)	193,475	342,035
LIBOR plus 2.00% (2019: LIBOR plus 0.80% to 2.00%)	247,368	297,070
	2,209,651	3,987,989

The range of effective interest rates of the floating rate borrowings at 31 December 2020 is 2.00% to 4.71% (2019: 0.80% to 6.19%) per annum. The range of effective interest rates of the fixed rate borrowings at 31 December 2020 is 2.05% to 5.85% (2019: 0.3% to 5.72%) per annum.

In March 2017, the Group issued fixed rate bonds of RMB1,100,000,000 carrying a fixed coupon rate of 5.5% per annum with a maturity of three years (extendable to five years) and was redeemable at par value (the "Corporate Bonds"). As the bondholders have the right to demand payment of the Corporate Bonds from the Group at 31 December 2019, the Corporate Bonds have been included in current liabilities at 31 December 2019. During the year ended 31 December 2020, the fixed rate bonds have been fully repaid. The carrying amount of the Corporate Bonds was RMB1,095,418,000 at 31 December 2019.

During the year ended 31 December 2020, other borrowing of RMB193,475,000 (2019: RMB337,035,000) has been advanced from other financing institutions, independent third parties not connected to the Group, which is subject to floating interest rate and secured by plant and machinery with carrying amount of RMB732,029,000 (2019: RMB843,228,000).

At 31 December 2020, deposits of RMB24,000,000 (2019: RMB31,423,000), which are interest-free, were pledged to respective financing institutions. The balance of RMB24,000,000 has been included in non-current assets for both years as the deposits will be released after one year from the end of the reporting period. Deposits of RMB7,423,000 were released in 2020 upon the expiry of respective loans in 2020 and were therefore classified as current assets for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Other than borrowings of RMB1,687,315,000 (2019: RMB1,291,680,000) and RMB247,368,000 (2019: RMB687,063,000) are denominated in HK\$ and EUR, respectively, the remaining borrowings are all in RMB.

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30. CONVERTIBLE BONDS

On 5 December 2016, the Company issued USD denominated HKD settled 4.5% unsecured convertible bonds (the "Convertible Bonds") at par with the aggregate principal amount of USD130,000,000 with initial conversion price of HK\$5.35 (subject to adjustments) per share at a fixed exchange rate of HK\$7.7563 to USD1.00. An adjustment has been made to the conversion price from HK\$5.35 to HK\$4.86 on a one-time basis on 13 December 2016 pursuant to the terms and conditions as prescribed in the subscription agreement dated 21 November 2016. Subsequently, an adjustment has been made to the conversion price from HK\$4.86 to HK\$4.72 on a one-time basis on 31 October 2019 and from HK\$4.72 to HK\$4.65 on a one-time basis on 29 June 2020 pursuant to the terms and conditions as prescribed in the subscription agreement dated 21 November 2016. The Convertible Bonds are listed on Stock Exchange.

The Convertible Bonds bear interest from (and including) the issue date at the rate of 4.5% per annum calculated by reference to the principal amount thereof and payable semi-annually in arrears on 5 June and 5 December of each year, commencing with the first interest payment date falling on 5 June 2018. The Convertible Bonds will mature on 5 December 2021 and shall be redeemed by the Company at par, together with accrued interest thereon, on 5 December 2021.

Conversion at the option of the bondholder may occur at any time between 15 January 2017 and 27 November 2021. The Company will, at the option of the bondholder, redeem all or some of the Convertible Bonds on 5 December 2019 at their principal amount, with accrued but unpaid interest excluding the date fixed for redemption. At 5 December 2019, no bondholder has redeemed the Convertible Bonds and the option expired.

The Company may at any time after 5 December 2019 and prior to 5 December 2021, the date of maturity, redeem the Convertible Bonds in whole, but not in part, at their principal amount, together with interest accrued but unpaid up to the day before the date fixed for redemption, provided that the closing price of the shares of the Company, translated into US dollars at the prevailing rate applicable to the relevant trading day, for 30 consecutive trading days prior to the date upon which notice of such redemption is published is at least 130% of the conversion price then in effect, translated into US dollars at the fixed exchange rate of HK\$7.7563 to USD1.00.

The Company may at any time redeem the outstanding Convertible Bonds in whole, but not in part, at their principal amount together with interest accrued but unpaid up to the day before the date fixed for redemption if, immediately prior to the date of notice, at least 90% of principal amount of the bonds originally issued has already been converted, redeemed or purchased and cancelled.

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30. CONVERTIBLE BONDS (Continued)

The Convertible Bonds contain liability component, conversion option and early redemption option derivatives. The Company's and the holder's early redemption option derivatives are not closely related to the host liability component as the early redemption amount is not closed to the amortised cost of the liability on each exercise date. The conversion option and the Company's and the bond holder's early redemption option derivatives are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

At the date of issue, the debt component was recognised at fair value, calculated based on the present value of the redemption amount at maturity. In subsequent periods, the debt component is carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate of the debt component is 14.6% (2019: 14.6%).

The derivatives components of the Convertible Bonds are measured at fair values at the date of issue and in subsequent periods with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

In June 2018, the Convertible Bonds with fixed principal amount of USD8,049,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB51,111,000) were converted into total 12,845,770 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each at a conversion price of HK\$4.86 per conversion share.

In December 2019, the Convertible Bonds with fixed principal amount of USD1,000,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB6,993,000) were converted into total 1,643,283 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each at a conversion price of HK\$4.72 per conversion share (Note 32).

During the year ended 31 December 2020, the entire remaining balance with fixed principal amount of USD120,951,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB792,324,051) was converted into 180,845,022 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each at a conversion price of HK\$4.72 per conversion share and 18,181,433 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each at a conversion price of HK\$4.65 (adjusted after the dividend declared by the Company on 29 June 2020 under the anti-dilution clause of the Convertible Bonds agreement) per conversion share, respectively.

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30. CONVERTIBLE BONDS (Continued)

The fair value of the Convertible Bonds with embedded derivatives were determined by the directors with reference to a valuation report carried out by an independent valuer. The movement of the Convertible Bonds for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019 are set out as below:

	Debt	Derivative	Total
	component	components	amount
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	645,640	185,254	830,894
Interest charged	97,356	_	97,356
Interest paid	(37,924)	_	(37,924)
Conversion into ordinary shares	(5,878)	(2,459)	(8,337)
Exchange loss	11,768	4,559	16,327
Loss arising on changes of fair value	_	110,117	110,117
At 31 December 2019	710,962	297,471	1,008,433
Interest charged	42,981	_	42,981
Interest paid	(13,226)	-	(13,226)
Conversion into ordinary shares	(747,149)	(614,215)	(1,361,364)
Exchange loss	6,432	2,130	8,562
Loss arising on changes of fair value	-	314,614	314,614
At 31 December 2020	-	_	-

Binomial model is used for valuation of the derivative components of the Convertible Bonds. Details of the inputs and assumptions of the model are as follows:

	31 December
	2019
Share price of the Company	HK\$5.68
Exercise price	HK\$4.72
Remaining life	1.93 years
Risk-free rate	1.737%
Expected volatility	40.811%
Expected dividend yield	1.202%

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30. CONVERTIBLE BONDS (Continued)

Risk-free rate was determined by using the average of 3-year yield and 5-year yield of HK\$ Hong Kong Sovereign bonds on each of the end of the reporting period.

Expected volatility was determined by using the annualised standard deviation of the continuously compounded rate of return on the daily average adjusted share price of the Company over periods that are commensurate with the time to maturity at the respective valuation date.

Expected dividend yield was determined by the sustainability of the Company's dividend policy.

31. DEFERRED TAXATION

The followings are the deferred tax assets (liabilities) recognised and movements thereon for the current and prior years:

				Withholding	
				tax on	
	Fair value	Accelerated		undistributed	
	change on	(tax)	Unrealised	profits of	
	investment	accounting	profit on	the PRC	
	properties	depreciation	inventories	subsidiaries	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	(223,154)	(4,256)	15,516	(69,456)	(281,350)
Credit (charge) to profit or					
loss for the year	38,121	12,962	(585)	(8,347)	42,151
Disposal of a subsidiary					
(Note 10)	185,033	27,652	_	_	212,685
At 31 December 2019	_	36,358	14,931	(77,803)	(26,514)
Credit (charge) to profit or					
loss for the year	_	16,633	10,331	(41,779)	(14,815)
At 31 December 2020	-	52,991	25,262	(119,582)	(41,329)

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31. DEFERRED TAXATION (Continued)

The following is the analysis of the deferred tax balances for financial reporting purpose:

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Deferred tax assets	78,253	51,289
Deferred tax liabilities	(119,582)	(77,803)
	(41,329)	(26,514)

The Group's unrecognised deductible temporary differences are as follows:

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Tax loss carry forwards	802,997	909,566

During the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, no tax loss was expired. Included in unrecognised tax losses are losses of RMB361,852,000 (2019: RMB581,559,000) that will expire within five years. Other losses may be carried forward indefinitely. No deferred tax asset in respect of tax losses has been recognised because the amount of future taxable profit that will be available to realise such assets is uncertain.

The unused tax losses will be expired as follow:

	2020 RMB′000	2019 RMB'000
2021	218,412	438,119
2022	100,302	100,302
2023	23,502	23,502
2024	19,636	19,636
	361,852	581,559

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32. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	Amount HK\$'000
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each:		
Authorised:		
At 1 January 2019, 31 December 2019 and 2020	3,800,000,000	38,000
Issued and fully paid:		
At 1 January 2019	1,639,720,770	16,397
Issue of ordinary shares upon conversion of	, ,	,,,,,
Convertible Bonds (Note 30)	1,643,283	16
At 31 December 2019	1,641,364,053	16,413
Issue of ordinary shares upon conversion of		
Convertible Bonds (Note 30)	199,026,455	1,991
At 31 December 2020	1,840,390,508	18,404
		RMB'000
		THIND OOD
Shown in the consolidated financial statements as:		
At 31 December 2020		17,183
At 31 December 2019		15,360

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33. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Group participates in Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme ("MPF Scheme") for all employees in Hong Kong. The MPF Schemes are registered with the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance. The assets of the MPF Schemes are held separately from those of the Group in funds under the control of an independent trustee. Under the rule of the MPF Schemes, the employer and its employees are each required to make contributions to the MPF Schemes at 5% of the employee's basic salary with the maximum contribution of HK\$1,500 per month. The obligation of the Group with respect of MPF Schemes is to make the required contributions under the MPF Schemes. No forfeited contribution is available to reduce the contributions payable in future years. The Group's contributions to the MPF Scheme of RMB1,009,000 (2019: RMB1,003,000) are charged to profit or loss.

Employees of the subsidiaries in the PRC are members of pension schemes operated by the Chinese local government. The subsidiaries are required to contribute a certain percentage of the relevant part of the payroll of these employees to the pension schemes to fund the benefits. The only obligation for the Group with respect to the pension schemes is the required contributions under the pension schemes. The Group's contributions to the pension schemes of RMB97,593,000 (2019: RMB118,941,000) are charged to profit or loss.

34. GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Incentive subsidies of RMB49,450,000 (2019: RMB26,562,000) have been received in the current year to encourage the operations of certain PRC subsidiaries for the development of environmental friendly manufacturing, pollution prevention, development on export sales and advanced technology. Full amounts are recognised as income in profit or loss as there were no specific conditions attached to the grants and, therefore, the Group recognised the grants to profit or loss upon receipt. The subsidies were granted on a discretionary basis to the Group during the current year.

During the current year, the Group recognised government grants of RMB3,976,000 in respect of Covid-19-related subsidies and entire amount relates to Employment Support Scheme provided by the Hong Kong government.

Certain subsidies relate to the development of pharmaceutical products or improvement of production efficiency amounting of RMB57,256,000 (2019: RMB57,849,000) at 31 December 2020 are included as deferred income. The amounts are recognised as income when the Group has fulfilled the relevant conditions attaching to the grants, including but not limited to obtaining the medical licenses of the pharmaceutical products or the starting of commercial sales of the pharmaceutical products. During the current year, the Group has recognised the government grant of approximately RMB3,413,000 (2019: RMB4,111,000) as income in profit or loss.

Government subsidies granted for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment by the Group brought forward from prior year had been treated as deferred income and was transferred to income over the useful lives of the relevant assets. At 31 December 2020, an amount of RMB65,351,000 (2019: RMB68,085,000) were included in non-current liabilities. During the year ended 31 December 2020, RMB9,368,000 (2019: RMB9,368,000) was released to the profit or loss.

The aggregate subsidy income recognised to the profit or loss during the year ended 31 December 2020 amounted to RMB66,207,000 (2019: RMB40,041,000) (Note 6).

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35. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Foreign currency swap contract – liability	4,573	_

The Group's derivative financial instrument represents a foreign currency swap contract for hedging a portion of its foreign exchange risk related to its bank borrowings denominated in foreign currencies.

Major terms of the foreign currency swap contract are as follows:

Notional amount	Maturity	Exchange rate
Sell USD89,288,000 Buy HKD692,000,000	8 November 2022	USD1: HKD7.75

36. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Capital expenditure in respect of the acquisition of		
property, plant and equipment contracted for but not provided		
in the consolidated financial statements	354,725	369,170

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37. PLEDGE OF OR RESTRICTIONS ON ASSETS

Pledge of assets

Other than deposits and property, plant and equipment made to financing institutions disclosed in Note 29 of the consolidated financial statements, the Group had also pledged the following assets to banks as securities against banking facilities granted to the Group at the end of the reporting period:

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Property, plant and equipment	446,089	545,169
Rights-of-use assets	178,270	183,013
Bills receivables	26,493	61,793
Pledged bank deposits	440,194	724,981

Restrictions on assets

In addition, lease liabilities of RMB1,686,000 (2019: RMB1,763,000) are recognised with related right-of-use assets of RMB1,758,000 (2019: RMB1,709,000) at 31 December 2020. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased assets that are held by the lessor and the relevant leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

Furthermore, bills receivables issued by third parties endorsed with recourse for settlement of trade payables, other payables and payables in respect of the acquisition of property, plant and equipment, are disclosed in Notes 24 and 26.

38. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group manages its capital to maintain a balance between continuity of funding of cash flows from operating activities and the flexibility through the use of the finance from banks. The Group also monitors the current and expected liquidity requirements and its compliance with lending covenants regularly to ensure that it maintains sufficient working capital and adequate committed lines of funding to meet its liquidity requirement.

The capital structure of the Group consists of net debt, which includes borrowings (Note 29), convertible bonds (Note 30) and lease liabilities (Note 28), net of cash and cash equivalents and equity attributable to owners of the Company, comprising issued share capital, retained profits and other reserves.

The management of the Group reviews the capital structure on a regular basis. As part of this review, the management considers the cost of capital and the associated risk, and takes appropriate actions to adjust the Group's capital structure.

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Categories of financial instruments

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Financial assets		
Financial asset at FVTPL	500	500
Financial assets at amortised cost	6,773,539	7,281,821
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	5,110,255	7,572,535
Derivative financial instruments		
- Convertible bond	-	297,471
- Foreign currency swap contract	4,573	_

Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's major financial instruments include trade and bills receivables, other receivables, commercial bills receivables, other pledged deposits, pledged bank deposits, bank balances and cash, financial asset at FVTPL, trade and bills payables, other payables, convertible bonds, borrowings, lease liabilities and derivative financial instrument. Details of the financial instruments are disclosed in respective notes. The risks associated with these financial instruments include market risk (foreign currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. The management of the Group manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Market risk

Foreign currency risk

The Group has foreign currency sales and purchases, and also convertible bonds, certain bank balances and bank borrowings denominated in USD, Euro and HK\$ other than the functional currency of respective group entities, which expose the Group to foreign currency risks. The Group manages its foreign currency risk by closely monitoring the movement of the foreign currency rate and using foreign exchange forward contracts to eliminate the currency exposures.

The carrying amounts of the Group's net monetary assets and monetary liabilities denominated in foreign currency, i.e. currency other than the functional currency of the respective group entities, at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	Ass	sets	Liabilities		
	2020	2019	2020	2019	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
USD	1,086,047	356,403	31,069	1,027,071	
Euro	13,393	42,089	247,433	687,217	
HK\$	74,266	362,393	1,692,215	1,445,394	

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Market risk (Continued)

Foreign currency risk (Continued)

Foreign currency sensitivity analysis

The following table details the Group's sensitivity to a 5% (2019: 5%) increase and decrease in RMB against the relevant foreign currencies. 5% is the sensitivity rate used which represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in foreign currency exchange rate. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and adjusts their translation at the end of the reporting period for a 5% change in foreign currency rates. A positive (negative) number below indicates an increase (decrease) in post-tax profit for both years where RMB strengthens 5% against the relevant foreign currencies. For a 5% weakening of RMB against the relevant foreign currencies, there would be an equal and opposite impact on the profit for both years.

	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
USD	(40,123)	28,909
Euro	9,795	26,634
HK\$	67,585	43,655

The Group had entered into a foreign currency swap contract with the bank to reduce its exposure to foreign currency risk of its bank borrowings denominated in foreign currencies. The derivatives were not accounted for under hedge accounting. The Group measures the foreign currency swap contract at fair value at the end of the reporting period, and therefore exposed the Group to foreign currency risk.

No sensitivity analysis on the foreign currency swap contract has been presented since the management of the Group determined the exposure related to the foreign currency swap contract would be minimal as the exchange rate of HKD is pegged to USD.

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Market risk (Continued)

Fair value and cash flow interest rate risks

The Group has significant borrowings which bear interest rate risk. Floating rate borrowings, bank deposits and bank balances expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk. Borrowings, leases liabilities and convertible bonds issued at fixed rates expose the Group to fair value interest rate risk. During the current year, the Group has not hedged its cash flow and fair value interest rate risk.

Interest rate sensitivity analysis

No sensitivity analysis was prepared for pledged bank deposits and bank balances as the financial impact arising on changes in interest rates was minimal due to limited changes in interest rate. The sensitivity analysis below has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for the floating rate borrowings at the end of the reporting period. The analysis is prepared assuming the financial instruments outstanding at the end of the reporting period was outstanding for the whole year. A 50 basis point increase or decrease is used which represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates.

At the end of the reporting period, if interest rates of HIBOR, LIBOR and LPR had been increased/decreased by 50 basis points and all other input variables remained constant, the Group's post-tax profit for the year ended 31 December 2020 would decrease/increase by RMB8,428,000 (2019: RMB7,965,000).

The Group monitors interest rate exposure and will consider hedging significant interest rate exposure should the need arise.

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Market risk (Continued)

Other price risk

The conversion option and early redemption option derivatives of the Company's convertible bonds carried at fair value exposed the Group to equity price risk.

Equity price risk sensitivity analysis

If the share price of the Company input to the valuation model for assessing the fair value of the conversion option and early redemption option derivatives of the Company's convertible bonds had been 10% higher/lower while all other variables were held constant, the profit for the year ended 31 December 2019 would decrease/increase by approximately RMB60,976,000/RMB56,753,000.

The sensitivity analyses below had been determined based on the fair value movement of the derivative. If the expected volatility of share price of the Company input to the valuation model for assessing the fair value of such derivatives had been 10% higher/lower while all other variables were held constant, the profit for the year ended 31 December 2019 would decrease/increase by approximately RMB13,684,000/RMB11,004,000.

Credit risk and impairment assessment

At 31 December 2020, the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk which will cause a financial loss to the Group due to failure to discharge an obligation by the counterparties is arising from the carrying amount of the respective recognised financial assets as stated in the consolidated statement of financial position.

In order to minimise the credit risk, the management of the Group has delegated a team responsible for determination of credit limits and credit approvals. Before accepting any new customer, the Group assesses the potential customer's credit quality and defines credit limits by customer. Limits attributed to customers are reviewed once a year. Other monitoring procedures are in place to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts. The Group only accepts bills issued or guaranteed by reputable PRC banks if trade receivables are settled by bills and therefore the directors of the Company consider the credit risk arising from the endorsed or discounted bills is insignificant. In this regard, the directors of the Company consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

The Group uses provision matrix to calculate ECL for trade receivables. The provision rates are based on internal credit risk as groupings of various debtors that have similar loss patterns. The provision matrix is based on the Group's historical default rates taking into consideration forward-looking information that is reasonable and supportable available without undue costs or effort. At every reporting date, the historical observed default rates are reassessed and changes in the forward-looking information are considered.

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

The credit risk on bank balances, pledged bank deposits and bills receivables are limited because the counterparties are banks mostly with high credit ratings of grade A or above assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

Other than concentration of credit risk on liquid funds which are deposited with several banks with high credit ratings, the Group does not have any other significant concentration of credit risk. Trade receivables consist of a large number of customers.

To manage the risk arising from other receivables and other pledged deposits, the Group only transacts with reputable parties that have no default history and have a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term. The credit risk on other pledged deposits are limited because the counterparties are financial institutions with high external credit ratings of grade A or above. The management has concluded that the ECL for other pledged deposits are not significant.

The Group estimates the ECL on trade receivables using a provision matrix, and performs individual assessment on commercial bills receivables and consideration receivables. The loss rates are estimated based on historical credit loss experience or with reference to the data from the external credit rating agency, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtor's industry and the macro economic environment.

For the purposes of ECL assessment on the remaining other receivables, the management of the Group makes periodic individual and collective assessment on the recoverability of other receivables and refundable deposits based on historical settlement records, past experience, and also available reasonable and supportive forward-looking information.

The gross carrying amounts of commercial bills receivables, consideration receivables and other receivables that are assessed individually and collectively are RMB244,110,000, RMB308,388,000, RMB37,900,000 and RMB63,826,000 at 31 December 2020 respectively (2019: nil, RMB773,693,000, nil and RMB29,739,000). During the year ended 31 December 2020, an impairment loss, net of reversal of RMB35,390,000, RMB31,326,000, RMB1,036,000 and RMB1,630,000 has been recognised (2019: nil, RMB13,383,000, nil and reversal of RMB3,377,000) in connection with commercial bills receivables, consideration receivables and other receivables that are assessed individually and collectively, respectively.

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

The following table shows the movement in ECL that has been recognised for considerations receivables, commercial bills receivables and other receivables.

		Lifetime ECL	
		(not credit-	
	12m ECL RMB'000	impaired) RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	6,411	_	6,411
Changes due to other receivables			
recognised at 1 January 2019: Impairment losses reversed	(6,411)	_	(6,411)
Newly originated other receivables	16,417		16,417
At 31 December 2019	16,417	_	16,417
Changes due to other receivables			
recognised at 1 January 2020:			
Impairment losses reversed	(7,596)	-	(7,596)
Transfer to lifetime ECL (not credit-impaired)	(8,821)	8,821	-
Impairment losses recognised	_	71,278	71,278
Newly originated other receivables	5,700		5,700
At 31 December 2020	5,700	80,099	85,799

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

Changes in the loss allowance for other receivables are mainly due to:

	31/12/2	020	31/12/2019	
		Increase in		
	Increase in	Lifetime ECL	Increase	
	(decrease) in	(not credit-	(decrease) in	
	12m ECL	impaired)	12m ECL	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
One debtor with a gross carrying amount of				
RMB773,693,000 (2019: N/A) transferred to				
lifetime ECL (not-credit impaired)	(8,821)	8,821	-	
Settlement by one debtor with a gross carrying				
amount of RMB300,000,000 (2019: N/A)	(4,562)	-	-	
Additional ECL on one debtor with a gross carrying				
amount of RMB552,498,000 (2019: N/A)				
upon transfer to lifetime ECL (not-credit impaired)	-	71,278	_	
Newly originated other receivable balance				
with gross amount of RMB101,726,000 (2019:				
RMB823,872,000)	5,700	_	16,417	
Settlement in full of other receivables with	·		·	
a gross carrying amount of RMB29,739,000				
(2019: RMB59,201,000)	(3,034)	-	(6,411)	

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

The Group's internal credit risk grading assessment comprises the following categories:

Internal			
credit rating	Description	Trade receivables	Other financial assets
Low risk	Low risk types customers represent the counterparty has a low risk default and no material past-due amounts	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired	12m ECL
Normal risk	Normal risk types customers represent debtors frequently repays after due dates but usually settle in full	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired
High risk	High risk types customers represent there have been significant increases in credit risk since initial recognition through information developed internally or external resources	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired
Loss	There is evidence indicating the asset is credit- impaired	Lifetime ECL – credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL - credit-impaired
Write-off	There is evidence indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and the Group has no realistic prospect of recovery	Amount is written off	Amount is written off

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

The tables below detail the credit risk exposures of the Group's financial assets at 31 December 2020 and 2019 which are subject to ECL assessment:

2020	Notes	External credit rating	Internal credit rating	12m or lifetime ECL	Gross carrying amount RMB'000
Pledged bank deposits	25	A1 to Ba1	N/A	12m ECL	440,194
Other pledged deposits	29	A2 to A3	N/A	12m ECL	24,000
Bank balances	25	Aa1 to Ba1	N/A	12m ECL	2,996,527
Refundable deposits	24	N/A	Note 1	12m ECL	3,340
Other receivables	24	N/A	Note 1	12m ECL	98,386
Consideration receivables	24	N/A	Note 3	Lifetime ECL (not credit-impaired)	308,388
Commercial bills receivables	24	N/A	Note 3	Lifetime ECL (not credit-impaired)	244,110
Bills receivables	24	A1 to B1	N/A	12m ECL	1,343,365
Trade receivables	24	N/A	Note 2	Lifetime ECL (provision matrix)	1,420,450

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

		External	Internal		Gross
		credit	credit	12m or	carrying
2019	Notes	rating	rating	lifetime ECL	amount
					RMB'000
Pledged bank deposits	25	AA+ to Baa1	N/A	12m ECL	724,981
Other pledged deposits	29	A2 to A3	N/A	12m ECL	31,423
Bank balances	25	AAA to Ba1	N/A	12m ECL	3,164,221
Refundable deposits	24	N/A	Note 1	12m ECL	3,215
Other receivables	24	N/A	Note 1	12m ECL	26,524
Consideration receivables	24	N/A	Note 1	12m ECL	773,693
Bills receivables	24	Aa3 to Ba1	N/A	12m ECL	1,354,984
Trade receivables	24	N/A	Note 2	Lifetime ECL	1,241,536
				(provision matrix)	

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

Notes:

- (1) For the purposes of internal credit risk management, the Group uses repayment history or other relevant information to assess whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. At 31 December 2020, the balances of other receivables and refundable deposits (31 December 2019: the balances of other receivables, considerable receivables and refundable deposits) are not past due and based on the historical default rates of these balances are considered as low risk.
- (2) For trade receivables, the Group has applied the simplified approach in HKFRS 9 to measure the loss allowance at lifetime ECL. The Group uses provision matrix to calculate ECL for trade receivables. The provision rates are based on internal credit risk as groupings of various debtors that have similar loss patterns. The provision matrix is based on the Group's historical default rates taking into consideration forward-looking information that is reasonable and supportable available without undue costs or effort. At every reporting date, the historical observed default rates are reassessed and changes in the forward-looking information are considered. The following ECL rates are about the exposure to credit risk for trade receivables which are assessed based on provision matrix taking into account the weighted average rate of various categories' debtors at 31 December 2020 and 2019 within lifetime ECL (not credit-impaired).

		2020			2019	
	Average	Gross carrying	Allowance	Average	Gross carrying	Allowance
	loss rate	amount	amount	loss rate	amount	amount
		RMB'000	RMB'000		RMB'000	RMB'000
Low risk	0.09%	567,041	503	0.08%	681,406	545
Normal risk	0.94%	672,495	6,349	0.92%	357,912	3,293
High risk	7.10%	180,914	12,845	9.55%	202,218	19,329
		1,420,450	19,697		1,241,536	23,167

(3) After the assessment, credit risk of the consideration receivables and commercial bills receivables has been increased significantly since initial recognition. After considering various factors, including but not limited to the financial position of Evergrande Chengdu and the yield rate of the bonds issued by Evergrande Chengdu or its holding company, the Group transferred the 12m ECL of RMB8,821,000 to lifetime ECL and further provided ECL allowance of RMB71,278,000 during the year ended 31 December 2020, after the reversal of ECL of RMB7,596,000 due to the settlement during the year. At 31 December 2020, the management of the Group considered that the ECL of consideration receivables and commercial bills receivables are sufficient.

During the current year, an impairment loss of RMB19,697,000 (2019: RMB23,167,000) has been recognised and amount of RMB23,167,000 (2019: RMB25,518,000) has been reversed for trade receivables, based on the provision matrix.

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

The following table shows the movement in lifetime ECL that has been recognised for all trade receivables under the simplified approach.

	Lifetime	
	ECL	
	(not credit-	
	impaired)	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	25,518	25,518
Changes due to trade receivables recognised		
at 1 January 2019:		
Impairment losses reversed	(25,518)	(25,518)
Newly originated trade receivables	23,167	23,167
At 31 December 2019	23,167	23,167
Changes due to trade receivables recognised		
at 1 January 2020:		
Impairment losses reversed	(23,167)	(23,167)
Newly originated trade receivables	19,697	19,697
At 31 December 2020	19,697	19,697

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

Changes in the loss allowance for trade receivables are mainly due to:

	2020		2019		
	Increase (decrease)		Increase (decrease)		
	in lifetime	ECL	in lifetime	ECL	
	Not credit-	Credit-	Not credit-	Credit-	
	impaired	impaired	impaired	impaired	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Newly originated trade receivable balance					
in 2020					
With gross amount of RMB1,420,450,000					
(2019: RMB1,241,536,000)	19,697	-	23,167	-	
Settlement in full of trade debtors with a gross					
carrying amount of RMB1,241,536,000					
(2019: RMB1,134,749,000)	(23,167)	-	(25,518)	-	

The Group writes off a receivable when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings, or when the trade receivables are over three years past due, whichever occurs earlier.

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulties in meeting its financial obligations as and when they fall due. In the management of the liquidity risk, the Group monitors and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate by the management to finance the Group's operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows. The management monitors the utilisation of bank borrowings and ensures its compliance with loan covenants.

The Group relies on bank and other borrowings as a significant source of liquidity. At the date of these consolidated financial statements, the Group has available unutilised banking facilities of RMB6,557,367,000 (2019: RMB4,431,377,000). The directors of the Company are of the view that the banking facilities could be renewed based on historical experience that the Group has not encountered any difficulties to obtain banking facilities.

The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its non-derivative financial liabilities. The table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows (including interest payments computed using contractual rates or, if floating, based on the relevant market rates at the reporting date) of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Group can be required to pay. The table includes both interest and principal cash flows.

	Weighted	On demand		3 months		Total	
	average	or less than	1 – 3	to	1 – 5	undiscounted	Carrying
	interest rate	1 month	months	1 year	years	cash flows	amount
	%	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 31 December 2020							
Trade, bills and other payables	-	290,655	1,900,426	709,523	-	2,900,604	2,900,604
Borrowings							
- floating-rate	3.45	17,484	34,873	830,936	1,364,784	2,248,077	2,128,158
- fixed-rate	2.40	4,098	9,029	68,981	-	82,108	81,493
Lease liabilities	6.25	159	318	1,264	-	1,741	1,686
		312,396	1,944,646	1,610,704	1,364,784	5,232,530	5,111,941
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Derivative – net settlement	3.30	-	-	-	4,858	4,858	4,573

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39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Liquidity risk (Continued)

	Weighted average interest rate %	On demand or less than 1 month RMB'000	1 – 3 months RMB'000	3 months to 1 year RMB'000	1 – 5 years RMB'000	Total undiscounted cash flows RMB'000	Carrying amount RMB'000
At 31 December 2019							
Trade, bills and other payables	_	398,739	1,696,475	778,370	_	2,873,584	2,873,584
Borrowings							
- floating-rate	3.82	13,261	51,174	658,095	1,391,172	2,113,702	1,930,785
- fixed-rate	4.48	1,268,996	237,132	485,940	161,972	2,154,040	2,057,204
Convertible bonds*	4.50	-	18,962	16,179	899,990	935,131	1,008,433
Lease liabilities	6.25	143	285	1,283	119	1,830	1,763
		1,681,139	2,004,028	1,939,867	2,453,253	8,078,287	7,871,769

^{*} The carrying amount of the convertible bonds disclosed here includes the carrying amount of the related derivative component.

The table below summarises the maturity analysis of term loans of RMB1,095,418,000 with a repayment on demand clause based on the agreed scheduled repayments set out in the loan agreements at 31 December 2019. The amounts include interest payments computed using the specified fixed rates or variable rates. As a result, these amounts are greater than the amounts disclosed in the "on demand" time band in the maturity analysis above. Taking into account the Group's financial position, the directors of the Company do not consider that it is probable that the banks will exercise its discretion to demand immediate repayment. The directors of the Company believe that such term loans will be repaid in accordance with the scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements.

Maturity Analysis – Bank loans with a repayment on demand clause based on scheduled repayments

					Total		
	Less than		3 months to	1 – 5	undiscounted	Carrying	
	1 month	1 – 3 months	1 year	years	cash outflows	amount	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
31 December 2019	5,152	10,304	47,227	1,105,550	1,168,233	1,095,418	

The amounts included above for variable interest rate instruments for non-derivative financial liabilities is subject to change if changes in variable interest rates differ to those estimates of interest rates determined at the end of the reporting period.

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40. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair value of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis

Some of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. The following table gives information about how the fair values of these financial assets and financial liabilities are determined (in particular, the valuation techniques and inputs used), as well as the level of the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurements are categorised (levels 1 to 3) based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements is observable.

- Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. at prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

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40. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(Continued)

Fair value of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis (Continued)

	Fair val 31 Dece 2020 RMB'000		Fair value hierarchy	Valuation technique(s) and key input(s)	Significant unobservable inputs	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Financial assets Financial asset at FVTPL – unquoted equity investment	500	500	Level 3	Method of comparables is used to evaluate the market value of the unquoted equity investments by using price to book ratio of listed entities in similar industries.	 discount for lack of marketability of 32% (2019: 30%), determined by reference to recent market research. 	A significant increase in the discount for lack of marketability would result in a significant decrease in the fair value.
Financial liabilities Foreign currency swap contracts classified as financial instruments accounted for as FVTPL in the consolidated statement of financial position	Liabilities - 4,573	nil	Level 2	Discounted cash flow Future cash flows are estimated based on forward exchange rates (from observable forward exchange rates at the end of the reporting period) and contracted forward rates, discounted at a rate that reflects the credit risk of various counterparties.	N/A	N/A
Embedded derivative components of the Convertible Bonds classified as financial instruments accounted for as FVTPL in the consolidated statement of financial position	nil	297,471	Level 3	Binomial Pricing Model is employed in deriving the fair value of the Convertible Bonds. The value of the embedded derivatives component is the difference between the value of the Convertible Bonds and the fair value of the straight note, which is the present value of the contractually determined stream of future cash flows discounted at a rate that provided substantially the same cash flows, on the same terms, but without the derivatives component. The main inputs include term to maturity, dividend yield, risk-free rate, spot price as of the valuation date, exercise price and expected volatility of stock price.	 dividend yield. volatility of 40.81% is applied in the Convertible Bonds by reference to the Company's historical volatility. 	 A significant increase in the dividend yield would result in a significant decrease in the fair value. A slight increase in the volatility in share price would result in a significant increase in the change in fair value.

The unrealised fair value loss of embedded derivatives components of the Convertible Bonds was RMB110,117,000 during the year ended 31 December 2019.

The reconciliations of recurring fair value measurement of above liabilities at Level 3 fair value measurements are set out in Note 30. There is no transfer between the different levels of the fair value hierarchy for both years.

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40. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(Continued)

Fair value of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis (Continued)

Except as detailed in the following table, the directors of the Company consider that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities measured at amortised cost in the consolidated financial statements approximate their fair values. Such fair values have been determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models based on discounted cash flow analysis.

		31 December 2019	
	Carrying	Fair	Fair value
	amount	value	hierarchy
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Financial liabilities Corporate Bonds (included in borrowings)	4 005 440 000	4 400 000 000	
fixed rate	1,095,418,000	1,100,000,000	Level 1

Fair value measurements and valuation processes

In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group uses market-observable data to the extent it is available. For the embedded derivative component of the Convertible Bonds and unlisted equity investment, the third party qualified valuers were engaged by the Group to perform the valuation. The Group works closely with the qualified external valuers to establish the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs to the model. The external valuers' findings are reported to the board of directors of the Company semi-annually to explain the cause of fluctuations in the fair value of the assets and liabilities.

Information about the valuation techniques and inputs used in determining the fair value of various assets and liabilities are disclosed above.

41. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES SUBJECT TO OFFSETTING, ENFORCEABLE MASTER NETTING ARRANGEMENTS AND SIMILAR AGREEMENTS

The Group has entered certain derivative transactions that are covered by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association Master Agreements ("ISDA Agreements") signed with various banks. These derivative instruments are not offset in the consolidated statement of financial position as the ISDA Agreements are in place with a right of set off only in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy so that the Group currently has no legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts.

No further disclosure on the netting arrangement is presented as the financial impact is insignificant.

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42. RECONCILIATION OF LIABILITIES ARISING FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

The table below details changes in the Group's liabilities arising from financing activities, including both cash and non-cash changes. Liabilities arising from financing activities are those for which cash flows were, or future cash flows will be, classified in the Group's consolidated statement of cash flows as cash flows from financing activities.

	Borrowings RMB'000 (Note 29)	Convertible bonds RMB'000 (Note 30)	Lease liabilities RMB'000 <i>(Note 28)</i>	Dividend payable RMB'000 (Note 15)	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	3,208,954	830,894	119,305	_	4,159,153
Financing cash flows	574,131	(37,924)	(120,093)	(98,383)	317,731
Derecognition of bills receivables	(16,019)	(07,024)	(120,000)	(00,000)	(16,019)
Conversion of convertible bond	(10,010)	(8,337)	_	_	(8,337)
Fair value change	_	110,117	_	_	110,117
Finance costs	185,240	97,356	2,551	_	285,147
Dividend declared	-	-	2,001	98,383	98,383
Exchange loss	35,683	16,327	_	-	52,010
At 31 December 2019 Financing cash flows Derecognition of bills receivables Conversion of convertible bond Fair value change Finance costs Dividend declared Exchange (gain) loss Non-cash changes - New Leases entered - Lease modification	3,987,989 (1,765,948) (61,793) - - 145,953 - (96,550)	1,008,433 (13,226) — (1,361,364) 314,614 42,981 — 8,562	1,763 (1,721) - - - 80 - - - 1,800	- (128,140) - - - - 128,140 -	4,998,185 (1,909,035) (61,793) (1,361,364) 314,614 189,014 128,140 (87,988)
- Lease modification	_	-	(236)		(236)
At 31 December 2020	2,209,651	-	1,686	-	2,211,337

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43. MAJOR NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS

During the current year, short term borrowings drawn on discounted bills with recourse and bills receivables endorsed to suppliers with full recourse with an aggregate amount of RMB284,491,000 (2019: RMB16,019,000) have been derecognised when the related discounted and endorsed bills receivables were matured.

During the current year, the Group received commercial bills of RMB244,110,000 from Evergrande Chengdu as settlement of the fifth installment of consideration receivables of RMB237,000,000 (Note 10) and remaining of RMB7,110,000 was recorded in other payable.

During the current year, the Group entered into new lease agreements for the use of leased vehicles for one year. On the lease commencement, the Group recognised RMB1,800,000 right-of-use assets and RMB1,800,000 lease liabilities.

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the Group has reclassified all plant and machinery under sales and leaseback arrangement amounting to RMB209,324,000 from right-of-use assets into property, plant and equipment by exercising the purchase option at nominal amount at the end of the lease term.

44. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Compensation to key management personnel representing directors' remuneration has been disclosed in Note 13.

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45. LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES

Details of the Company's subsidiaries at 31 December 2020 and 2019 are as follows:

Name of subsidiaries	Place of incorporation/ establishment	ration/ share capital/ equity interest held		erest held ompany	Principal activities and place of operation	
			2020	2019		
The United Laboratories (Hong Kong) Holding Limited	British Virgin Islands	USD50,000	100%	100%	Investment holding in Hong Kong	
The United Laboratories (Hong Kong) Group Limited	British Virgin Islands	USD50,000	100%	100%	Investment holding in Hong Kong	
Bowden Trading Limited	Samoa	USD1,000	100%	100%	Trademark holding in Hong Kong	
The United Laboratories Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$15,000,000	100%	100%	Investment holding and manufacturing and sale of pharmaceutical products in Hong Kong	
Team Crown Trading Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	100%	100%	Trading of pharmaceutical products in Hong Kong	
Bear World Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	100%	100%	Investment holding in Hong Kong	
Team Profit Management Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	100%	100%	Inactive	
Lynbond International Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	100%	100%	Inactive	
珠海聯邦康知樂實業有限公司 (Note c)	The PRC	RMB250,000,000	100%	100%	Investment holding in the PRC	
Zhuhai United Laboratories Co., Ltd. (Notes d and f)	The PRC	RMB1,678,396,000	100%	100%	Manufacturing and sale of pharmaceutical products in the PRC	
珠海樂邦制藥有限公司 (Note b)	The PRC	RMB12,825,000	100%	100%	Investment holdings in the PRC	
珠海市萬邦藥業有限公司 (Note c)	The PRC	RMB1,000,000	100%	100%	Trading of pharmaceutical products in the PRC	

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45. LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name of subsidiaries	Issued and Place of fully paid Attributable incorporation/ share capital/ establishment registered capital by the Company (Note a)		equity interest held by the Company		Principal activities and place of operation	
			2020	2019		
珠海聯邦制藥銷售有限公司 (Note c)	The PRC	RMB1,000,000	100%	100%	Trading of pharmaceutical products in the PRC	
Guangdong Kaiping Kingly Capsules Limited (Note b)	The PRC	RMB31,250,000	100%	100%	Manufacturing and sale of soft capsules casings in the PRC	
中山金億食品有限公司 (Note b)	The PRC	RMB8,015,000	100%	100%	Investment holding in the PRC	
珠海市金德福企業策劃有限公司 (Note c)	The PRC	RMB15,000,000	100%	100%	Investment holding in the PRC	
United Laboratories (Inner Mongolia) Limited (Note b)	The PRC	RMB2,744,000,000	100%	100%	Manufacturing and sale of pharmaceutical intermediate products in the PRC	
內蒙古光大聯豐生物科技有限公司 (Note c)	The PRC	RMB6,000,000	100%	100%	Production and sale of organic fertiliser in the PRC	
The United Animal Healthcare (Inner Mongolia) Co., Ltd. (Note c)	The PRC	RMB35,200,000	100%	100%	Manufacturing and sale of pharmaceutical intermediate products in the PRC	
富邦生物 (內蒙古) 有限公司 (Note e)	The PRC	RMB20,000,000	75%	0%	Manufacturing and sale of pharmaceutical intermediate products in the PRC	
聯邦制藥 (中國) 有限公司 (Note b)	The PRC	RMB160,080,000	100%	100%	Investment holding in the PRC	
珠海聯邦金龍營銷策劃有限公司 (Note c)	The PRC	RMB50,000,000	100%	100%	Providing management services in the PRC	

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45. LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name of subsidiaries	Place of incorporation/ establishment	Issued and fully paid share capital/ registered capital	Attributable equity interest held by the Company (Note a)		Principal activities and place of operation
			2020	2019	
成都樂邦生物醫藥科技有限公司 (Note c)	The PRC	RMB1,000,000	100%	100%	Investment holding in the PRC
成都智匯城有限公司 (Note c)	The PRC	RMB10,000,000	100%	100%	Investment holding in the PRC
聯邦制藥 (中山) 有限公司 (Note c)	The PRC	RMB50,000,000	100%	100%	Manufacturing and sale of pharmaceutical products and food production in the PRC

Notes:

- (a) Other than The United Laboratories (Hong Kong) Holding Limited, all subsidiaries are indirectly held by the Company.
- (b) A wholly foreign-owned enterprise established in the PRC.
- (c) A company established in the PRC with limited liability.
- (d) A joint stock limited liability company established in the PRC.
- (e) A company established in the PRC during the year ended 31 December 2020.
- (f) 珠海聯邦制藥股份有限公司 issued unsecured corporate bonds which are listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange at 31 December 2019. Details are set out in Note 29.

At 31 December 2020, none of the subsidiaries had issued any debt securities. At 31 December 2019, none of the subsidiaries had issued any debt securities except for 珠海聯邦制藥股份有限公司 which has issued RMB1,100,000,000 of bonds, in which the Group has no financial interest.

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46. INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY

(a) Statement of financial position of the Company

	2020 RMB′000	2019 RMB'000
Non-current assets Interests in subsidiaries Property, plant and equipment Amounts due from subsidiaries	4,118,488 781 1,391,479	4,058,950 1,159 –
	5,510,748	4,060,109
Current assets Other receivables and prepayments Amounts due from subsidiaries Pledged bank deposits Bank balances and cash	482 500,000 16,446 343,295	1,021 1,687,534 - 394,746
	860,223	2,083,301
Current liabilities Other payables and accrued charges Amount due to a subsidiary Borrowings – due within one year Tax payable	4,329 150 675,401 5,312	5,735 120 502,281 –
	685,192	508,136
Net current assets	350,432	1,575,165
Total assets less current liabilities	5,685,779	5,635,274
Non-current liabilities Borrowings – due after one year Derivative financial instrument Convertible bonds	1,013,102 4,573 –	872,377 - 1,008,433
	1,017,675	1,880,810
Net assets	4,668,104	3,754,464
Capital and reserves Share capital Reserves	17,183 4,650,921	15,360 3,739,104
Total equity	4,668,104	3,754,464

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46. INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

(b) Reserves

	Share premium RMB′000	Retained profits RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	2,437,831	1,571,286	4,009,117
Loss and total comprehensive		.,,	.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
expense for the year	_	(179,953)	(179,953)
Dividends recognised as distribution			
(Note 15)	_	(98,383)	(98,383)
Issue of shares upon conversion of			
convertible bonds (Note 30)	8,323		8,323
At 31 December 2019	2,446,154	1,292,950	3,739,104
Loss and total comprehensive			
expense for the year	-	(319,584)	(319,584)
Dividends recognised as distribution			
(Note 15)	-	(128,140)	(128,140)
Issue of shares upon conversion of			
convertible bonds (Note 30)	1,359,541	-	1,359,541
At 31 December 2020	3,805,695	845,226	4,650,921

47. EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Subsequent to the end of reporting period, RMB144,110,000 of commercial bills receivables had been settled by cash and the Group entered into an agreement with Evergrande Chengdu to extend the maturity date of the commercial bills in relation to the remaining balance of RMB100,000,000 which will be matured on 23 April 2021.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

RESULTS

	Year ended 31 December					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Revenue	6,077,944	6,826,645	7,510,586	8,392,600	8,772,488	
Profit (loss) before taxation	(137,472)	68,951	793,879	841,652	882,334	
Tax (expense) credit	(134,891)	12,807	(110,951)	(199,888)	(181,416)	
Profit (loss) for the year attributable to						
owners of the Company	(272,363)	81,758	682,928	641,764	702,989	

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	As at 31 December					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Total assets	14,966,056	14,111,846	14,602,297	15,699,692	14,963,714	
Total liabilities	(9,618,570)	(8,670,081)	(8,480,255)	(9,027,903)	(6,351,879)	
Equity attributable to:						
Owners of the Company	5,347,486	5,441,765	6,122,042	6,671,789	8,613,906	
Non-controlling interests	_	-	-	-	(2,071)	