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INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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The board (the “**Board**”) of Directors of the Company is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2024 (the “**Reporting Period**”) together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2023 as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	Six months ended 30 September	
		2024 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	2023 CNY'000 (Unaudited)
Revenue	3	28,232	28,587
Cost of sales		<u>(18,099)</u>	<u>(17,730)</u>
Gross profit		10,133	10,857
Other income	4	1,198	1,098
Selling and distribution expenses		(1,596)	(1,773)
Administrative and other expenses		(12,611)	(15,100)
Finance costs	5	(286)	(270)
Gain/(loss) on fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	15	<u>17</u>	<u>(675)</u>
Loss before tax		(3,145)	(5,863)
Income tax (expense)/credit	6	<u>(102)</u>	<u>797</u>
Loss for the period	7	(3,247)	(5,066)
Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the period			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations		<u>(410)</u>	<u>1,910</u>
Total comprehensive loss for the period		<u>(3,657)</u>	<u>(3,156)</u>
Loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company		<u>(3,247)</u>	<u>(5,066)</u>
Total comprehensive loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company		<u>(3,657)</u>	<u>(3,156)</u>
Loss per share (CNY):			
Basic and diluted	9	<u>(2.04) cents</u>	<u>(3.18) cents</u>

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2024

		30 September 2024	31 March 2024
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>CNY'000</i> (Unaudited)	<i>CNY'000</i> (Audited)
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	<i>10</i>	27,627	19,066
Right-of-use assets		2,562	2,609
Investment property	<i>11</i>	2,376	2,426
Intangible assets	<i>12</i>	4,893	4,936
Deferred tax assets		587	543
Restricted bank balances	<i>14</i>	14,403	14,345
		<hr/> 52,448	<hr/> 43,925
Current assets			
Inventories		6,208	5,715
Trade, guarantee service fee, loan and loan interest, bills and other receivables	<i>13</i>	46,876	53,218
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<i>15</i>	1,535	1,551
Pledged bank deposit	<i>14</i>	20,000	20,000
Bank balances and cash	<i>14</i>	20,249	27,445
		<hr/> 94,868	<hr/> 107,929
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	<i>16</i>	19,687	20,892
Income tax payables		1,196	1,150
		<hr/> 20,883	<hr/> 22,042
Net current assets		<hr/> 73,985	<hr/> 85,887
Total assets less current liabilities		<hr/> 126,433	<hr/> 129,812

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONT'D)*As at 30 September 2024*

		30 September 2024	31 March 2024
	<i>Note</i>	<i>CNY'000</i>	<i>CNY'000</i>
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Non-current liabilities			
Asset retirement obligations		10,468	10,182
Deferred income		150	158
		<u>10,618</u>	<u>10,340</u>
Net assets		<u>115,815</u>	<u>119,472</u>
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	<i>17</i>	13,261	13,261
Reserves		102,554	106,211
		<u>115,815</u>	<u>119,472</u>
Total equity		<u>115,815</u>	<u>119,472</u>

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 September 2024

1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands under the Companies Law, Chapter 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability on 15 July 2015 and its shares were listed on the GEM of the Stock Exchange on 29 December 2015. P.B. Asia Holdings Limited held 34,235,118 Shares, representing approximately 21.52% of the total number of issued Shares and Bonus Eventus Securities Limited held 40,690,572 Shares, representing approximately 29.34% of the total number of issued Shares. P.B. Asia Holdings Limited and Bonus Eventus Securities Limited are owned and indirectly owned as to 50% by Dr. CHAN Man Fung and 50% by Mr. PUI Wai Lun. In addition, Dr. CHAN Man Fung directly holds 6,682,000 Shares, representing approximately 4.2% of the total number of issued Shares.

The address of the registered office of the Company is 71 Fort Street, P.O. Box 500, George Town, Grand Cayman, KY1-1106, Cayman Islands and the address of the principal place of business of the Company is Room 1601, 16/F., Park Commercial Centre, 180 Tung Lo Wan Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

The Company is an investment holding Company. The Company and its subsidiaries (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “**Group**”) are principally engaged in bentonite mining, production and sales of drilling mud and pelletising clay, financial services business and rental business.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the Reporting Period have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“**IASB**”) and the applicable disclosure requirements of the GEM Listing Rules. The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2024 are consistent with those adopted in the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. The Group has adopted new or revised standards, amendments to standards and interpretations of IFRSs which are effective for accounting periods commencing on or after 1 April 2024. The adoption of such new or revised standards, amendments to standards and interpretations does not have material impact on the consolidated accounts and does not result in substantial changes to the Group’s accounting policies.

The Group has not early applied the new and revised IFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2024 of the Group are presented in Chinese Yuan (“**CNY**”), which is also the functional currency of the Company. CNY is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the principal subsidiary of the Company operates (the functional currency of the principal subsidiary).

3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Operating segments are identified on the basis of internal reports which provides information about components of the Group. Information are reported to and reviewed by the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

For management purpose, the Group has three reportable and operating segments: (i) bentonite mining, production and sales of drilling mud and pelletising clay, (ii) financial services business and (iii) property investment.

Revenue represents the sales of drilling mud and pelletising clay, wealth management service income, loan interest income, guarantee service fee income and rental income.

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024 (Unaudited) CNY'000	2023 (Unaudited) CNY'000
Drilling mud	8,739	11,028
Pelletising clay	10,829	9,484
Total revenue of bentonite mining	19,568	20,512
Wealth management services income	7,285	6,450
Loan interest income	766	1,014
Guarantee service fee income	566	566
Total revenue of financial services	8,617	8,030
Rental income	47	45
Total rental income	47	45
Total revenue	28,232	28,587

Geographical information

The following table provides an analysis of the Group's revenue from external customers based on geographical location of the customers:

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024 (Unaudited) CNY'000	2023 (Unaudited) CNY'000
Hong Kong	8,098	7,509
PRC excluding Hong Kong	20,134	21,078
Total revenue	28,232	28,587

4. OTHER INCOME

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024	2023
	<i>CNY'000</i>	<i>CNY'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Bank interest income	633	683
Release of government grant for property, plant and equipment	13	13
Government grant	8	8
Other income	544	394
	<u>1,198</u>	<u>1,098</u>

5. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024	2023
	<i>CNY'000</i>	<i>CNY'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interest expenses on lease liability	–	13
Unwinding of discount on provision for dismantlement	286	257
	<u>286</u>	<u>270</u>

6. INCOME TAX (EXPENSE)/CREDIT

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024	2023
	<i>CNY'000</i>	<i>CNY'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Current tax:		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax (“EIT”)	(150)	–
Hong Kong Profits Tax	–	(71)
Deferred taxation:		
Current period	48	868
	<u>(102)</u>	<u>797</u>

Notes:

- (a) Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Cayman Islands and the BVI, the Group is not subject to any income tax in the Cayman Islands and the BVI.
- (b) Hong Kong profits tax is provided at the rate of 16.5% on the Group's estimated assessable profit for the Reporting Period.
- (c) Under the Law of the PRC on EIT ("EIT Law") and implementation regulation of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the subsidiaries established in the PRC other than Wuhu Feishang Non-metal Material Co., Limited* (蕪湖飛尚非金屬材料有限公司) is 25% for both periods.
- (d) Wuhu Feishang Non-metal Material Co., Limited* (蕪湖飛尚非金屬材料有限公司) was recognised as a High Technology Enterprise and subject to EIT law at 15% for both periods.

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7. LOSS FOR THE PERIOD

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024	2023
	CNY'000	CNY'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Loss for the period has been arrived at after charging/(crediting):		
Amortisation of intangible asset	36	36
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	20	20
Amount of inventories recognised as an expenses	12,725	11,883
Exchange loss/(gain), net	19	(169)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	628	965
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	–	419
Amortisation of land-use right	46	46
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8. DIVIDEND

No dividend was paid, declared or proposed during the Reporting Period, nor has any dividend been proposed since the end of the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2023: nil).

9. LOSS PER SHARE

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

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024	2023
	CNY'000	CNY'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Loss		
Loss for the purpose of basic and diluted loss per share	<u>(3,247)</u>	<u>(5,066)</u>

Six months ended 30 September
2024 2023

Number of shares

Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic and diluted loss per share (*'000 shares*)

	159,114	159,114
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Basic and diluted loss per share (*CNY*)

	(2.04) cents	(3.18) cents
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Note:

The dilutive loss per share is equal to the basic loss per share as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares outstanding for both periods.

10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the Reporting Period, the Group spent approximately CNY9,241,000 (six months ended 30 September 2023: approximately CNY164,000) on acquisition of property, plant and equipment.

During the Reporting Period, the Group has disposed certain property, plant and equipment with cost values of approximately CNY6,000 and net carrying value of CNYnil (six months ended 30 September 2023: approximately CNY1,267,000) for no cash proceeds (six months ended 30 September 2023: nil), resulting in no any loss on disposal (six months ended 30 September 2023: approximately CNY1,267,000).

11. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	As at 30 September 2024 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2024 CNY'000 (Audited)
Fair value at the beginning of period/year	2,426	2,457
Net loss from fair value adjustment	–	(163)
Exchange adjustments	(50)	132
Fair value at the end of period/year	2,376	2,426

12. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

During the six months end 30 September 2024, the Group did not spend any expenditure (six months ended 30 September 2023: nil) in relation to the mining site.

13. TRADE, GUARANTEE SERVICE FEE, LOAN AND LOAN INTEREST, BILLS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	As at 30 September 2024 <i>CNY'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2024 <i>CNY'000</i> (Audited)
Trade receivables – goods	10,606	9,584
Trade receivables – wealth management services	431	1,054
Guarantee service fee receivables	200	–
Less: loss allowance	(144)	(144)
	11,093	10,494
Loan and loan interest receivables	12,187	14,158
Less: loss allowance	(1,891)	(1,932)
	10,296	12,226
Bill receivables	3,772	12,610
Prepayments and deposits	16,076	9,043
Other receivables	5,837	9,214
Less: loss allowances	(198)	(369)
	46,876	53,218

As at 30 September 2024 and 31 March 2024, trade receivables from contracts with customers amounted to approximately CNY11,093,000 and approximately CNY10,494,000 respectively.

The Group offers revolving credit to one of its customer amounted approximately CNY400,000 as at 30 September 2024 (31 March 2024: one customer amounted approximately CNY400,000). This revolving credit provides for a predetermined credit limit that may be outstanding at any one time based on their background, credit history, length of business relationship and historical transaction amounts. The Group generally evaluates the credit limits granted to the customer annually upon renewal of the relevant sales agreements and upon special request from the customers. The Group held charges on such customers' vehicles as collaterals over the balance of approximately CNY400,000 as at 30 September 2024 (31 March 2024: approximately CNY400,000). Such collateral is not transferable and rentable and can be realised by the Group at first priority upon the liquidation or deregistration of such customer. For the remaining balances of approximately CNY21,617,000 as at 30 September 2024 (31 March 2024: approximately CNY22,274,000), the Group does not hold any collateral over these amounts.

The Group allows credit period ranging from 5 days upon receipt of invoice to three months from the receipt of goods by or invoices to its trade customers. The following is an ageing analysis of trade receivables, net of allowance for impairment of trade receivables, presented based on the invoice date, which approximates the respective revenue recognition dates, at the end of the Reporting Period.

	As at 30 September 2024 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2024 CNY'000 (Audited)
Within 30 days	11,043	10,238
31 to 60 days	80	222
61 to 90 days	39	29
Over 90 days	75	5
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Total	11,237	10,494

As at 30 September 2024 and 31 March 2024, all of the bills receivables were aged within 180 days.

The following is ageing analysis on loan and loan interest receivables based on their respective contractual maturity date.

	As at 30 September 2024 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2024 CNY'000 (Audited)
Within 30 days	8,772	9,569
31 to 60 days	5	3
61 to 90 days	274	–
Over 90 days	1,245	2,654
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Total	10,296	12,226

14. RESTRICTED BANK BALANCES, PLEDGED BANK DEPOSIT AND BANK BALANCES AND CASH

Restricted bank balances

Restricted bank balances represent restricted cash set aside by the Group in banks placed for the settlement of asset retirement obligations for future environmental rehabilitation. The restricted bank balances carried at prevailing market rates ranging from 0.15% to 3.24% per annum (31 March 2024: 0.25% to 3.24% per annum) during the Reporting Period.

Pledged bank deposit

Pledged bank deposit represented deposit pledged to banks to secure general banking facilities granted to an independent third party. During the Reporting Period, the bank deposit of CNY20,000,000 (31 March 2024: CNY20,000,000) has been pledged to secure short-term bank borrowing of the independent third party and was therefore classified as current asset. The pledged bank deposit carry interest rates at 1.95% per annum (31 March 2024: 2.1% per annum) and will be released upon the expiry of the relevant banking facilities.

Bank balances and cash

Bank balances and cash include the following for the purposes of the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows:

	As at 30 September 2024 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2024 CNY'000 (Audited)
Cash at bank and in hand	19,577	26,779
Short-term bank deposits	<u>672</u>	<u>666</u>
Bank balances and cash shown in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position	20,249	27,445
Less: Bank deposits with a maturity of more than three months	<u>(672)</u>	<u>(666)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents shown in the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows (<i>Note</i>)	<u>19,577</u>	<u>26,779</u>

Note:

Bank balances and bank deposits carried at prevailing market rates ranging from 0.15% to 1.85% per annum during the Reporting Period (31 March 2024: 0.10% to 1.89% per annum).

15. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	As at 30 September 2024 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2024 CNY'000 (Audited)
Equity securities listed in Hong Kong	<u>1,535</u>	<u>1,551</u>

As at 30 September 2024, the fair values of equity securities listed in Hong Kong were determined based on the quoted market closing prices available on the Stock Exchange. The equity securities were held in a portfolio designated by management of the Group as held for trading and are classified as current asset as at 30 September 2024.

16. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As at 30 September 2024 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2024 CNY'000 (Audited)
Trade payables (<i>Note a</i>)	4,089	4,956
Other payables and accruals	15,472	15,810
Contract liabilities (<i>Note b</i>)	126	126
	<u>19,687</u>	<u>20,892</u>

(a) Trade payables

The following is an ageing analysis of trade payables presented based on invoice date at the end of the Reporting Period.

	As at 30 September 2024 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2024 CNY'000 (Audited)
Within 30 days	3,872	4,376
31 to 60 days	127	350
61 to 90 days	49	217
Over 90 days	41	13
	<u>4,089</u>	<u>4,956</u>

The average credit period granted is 30 days.

(b) Contract liabilities

The Group has recognised the following revenue-related to contract liabilities:

	As at 30 September 2024 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2024 CNY'000 (Audited)
Contract liabilities arising from:		
Sales of goods	<u>126</u>	<u>126</u>

The deposit of the Group received on sales of drilling mud and pelletising clay remains as a contract liability until the date the goods are delivered to customers.

Movements in contract liabilities:

	As at 30 September 2024 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2024 CNY'000 (Audited)
Balance as at 1 April 2024/2023	126	76
Decrease in contract liabilities as a result of recognising revenue during the reporting period/year that was included in the contract liabilities at the beginning of the reporting period/year	–	(76)
Increase in contract liabilities as a result of receipt in advance of sales of drilling mud and pelletising clay not yet delivered at the end of reporting period/year	–	126
	<u>126</u>	<u>126</u>
As at 30 September 2024/31 March 2024	<u>126</u>	<u>126</u>

17. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	Share capital <i>(Equivalent to)</i>	
		<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>CNY'000</i>
Ordinary share of HK\$0.1 each Authorised As at 1 April 2023, 31 March 2024 and 30 September 2024	<u>1,000,000,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	
Issued and fully paid As at 1 April 2023, 31 March 2024 and 30 September 2024	<u>159,114,400</u>	<u>15,911</u>	<u>13,261</u>

18. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS

Equity-settled share option scheme of the Company

The Company's share option scheme (the "Scheme"), was adopted pursuant to written resolution of the Company passed on 12 December 2015 for the primary purpose of providing incentives to directors and eligible employees, and will expire on 28 December 2025. Under the Scheme, the board of directors of the Company may grant options to eligible employees, including directors of the Company and its subsidiaries, to subscribe for shares in the Company.

No share options have been granted, exercised, expired, lapsed, cancelled and outstanding during the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2023: nil).

19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

During the Reporting Period, Wuhu Feishang Non-metal Material Co., Limited* (蕪湖飛尚非金屬材料有限公司) entered into the back-to-back Guarantee Agreement, pursuant to which Wuhu Feishang Non-metal Material Co., Limited* (蕪湖飛尚非金屬材料有限公司) has agreed to provide financial guarantee to the Wuhu Haiyuan Copper Industrial Co., Limited* (蕪湖市海源銅業有限責任公司), a company established in the PRC and an independent third party (the “**Borrower**”). As at 30 September 2024, deposit in the sum of CNY20 million for was pledged procuring the Borrower to obtain the loan of CNY19 million provided by the bank. In return, Wuhu Feishang Non-metal Material Co., Limited* (蕪湖飛尚非金屬材料有限公司) receive a guarantee fee of 6% of the amount of deposit pledged by Wuhu Feishang Non-metal Material Co., Limited* (蕪湖飛尚非金屬材料有限公司). The fair value of the financial guarantee issued at initial recognition was immaterial.

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW

Bentonite Mining

China's economy has continued to grow in the second and third quarters of 2024, although the growth rate has slowed. Overall, the economy remains relatively healthy. In response to new economic challenges, the government has implemented timely macroeconomic control measures, which appear to be gradually taking effect. However, global market volatility has also impacted China's macroeconomy, particularly in commodities. During this Reporting Period, underlying factors have remained stable, with supply exceeding demand. As a result, revenue from our bentonite product has seen a slight decline, dropping from approximately CNY20.5 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately CNY19.6 million for the Reporting Period, and our profit margin has decreased from 36.3% to 31.8% compared to the same period in 2023.

Financial Services

Apart from the production and sale of bentonite products in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"), the Group has also carried out its business on financial services in Hong Kong through its wholly-owned subsidiaries – P.B. Nikyo Wealth Management Limited ("**P.B. Nikyo**") and P.B. Credit Limited ("**P.B. Credit**") as well as generating financial guarantee fee income through Wuhu Feishang Non-metal Material Co., Limited* (蕪湖飛尚非金屬材料有限公司) ("**Wuhu Subsidiary**"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company in the PRC. The financial services of the Group include the wealth management services, money lending business and financial guarantee services.

P.B. Nikyo is a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and is a licensed insurance intermediary under the Insurance Ordinance (Cap. 41 of the Laws of Hong Kong). It is also registered as an MPF Corporate Intermediary with the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority in accordance with the Mandatory Provident Fund Intermediary Certificate issued by the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority. P.B. Credit is a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and has been carried on business as a money lender under the Money Lenders Ordinance.

Wealth Management Services

The insurance brokerage business in Hong Kong is poised for continued growth in 2024, driven by a combination of increasing premiums, evolving consumer preferences, and regulatory changes. The overall insurance market is expected to expand, reflecting both the resilience of the sector and the changing dynamics within it. In the first half of 2024, Hong Kong's insurance industry reported a 5.1% year-on-year increase in total gross premiums, reaching approximately HK\$310.9 billion compared to the same period in 2023. This growth was primarily fueled by the long-term insurance sector, particularly individual life and annuity products, which saw a notable 6.9% increase in premiums. The long-term business segment recorded total premiums of approximately HK\$273 billion, with individual life and annuity (non-linked) products leading the charge. However, linked policies experienced a decline of 16%, indicating a shift in consumer preference towards more stable investment options. The general insurance sector also showed resilience, with gross premiums reaching about HK\$37.9 billion. Notably, the accident and health insurance segment surged by 12.5%, driven by increased demand for group medical and travel insurance. In conclusion, while the outlook for the insurance brokerage business in Hong Kong for 2024 appears optimistic due to robust premium growth and evolving consumer preferences, the Group will remain vigilant regarding regulatory compliance and market competition to fully capitalize on emerging opportunities.

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For the six months ended 30 September 2024, our Group’s wealth management and insurance brokerage services demonstrated significant growth and resilience despite market fluctuations. The value of new business increased from approximately HK\$1.4 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately HK\$2.7 million for the Reporting Period, marking a substantial growth of approximately 99.0%. This increase reflects our enhanced marketing strategies. The persistency rate of insurance policies improved from 98.4% for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to 99.9% for the Reporting Period. The persistency rate was also maintained at a high level which indicated a high level of customer satisfaction and trust in our services. The number of agents decreased from 53 to 46. Despite this reduction, our strategic focus on productivity and efficiency has ensured that service levels and client satisfaction remain high.

Key performance indicator of wealth management services

		Six months ended		
		30 September		
		2024	2023	Change
Value of new business (Note 1)	<i>HK\$’000</i>	2,712	1,363	99.0%
Revenue of general insurance	<i>HK\$’000</i>	888	874	1.6%
Persistency Rate of insurance policy	<i>Percentage</i>	99.9	98.4	1.5%
Agency force	<i>Number of agent</i>	46	53	(13.2%)

Note 1:

The value of new business is defined as the annualised first year commission, which is the basic commission paid to agency force, generated from the insurance policy issued during the financial year.

Money Lending Business

The money lending market in Hong Kong faces multiple challenges and opportunities in 2024, influenced by factors such as interest rate changes, the pace of economic recovery, and market demand from small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Lending demand in Hong Kong is influenced by various factors, including consumer confidence and business investment willingness. As per press release of reputable credit agency in September 2024, while inquiries for personal loans increased by 1% in the first quarter of 2024, the actual loan issuance volume decreased by 4.9%. As per the Half-Yearly Monetary and Financial Stability Report (September 2024) issued by Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the first half of 2024 saw a modest decline in total loans and advances from authorized institutions (the “AIs”) by 1.9% on a half-yearly basis, continuing a trend from previous periods due to subdued credit demand amid high interest rates. For the delinquency rates, the gross classified loan ratio for the AIs rose to 1.89% at the end of June 2024 from 1.57% at the end of 2023, signaling potential increases in defaults. This indicates that despite existing market demand, lending institutions have become more cautious in their assessments of new customers due to rising credit risks. Looking ahead to 2024, Hong Kong’s lending market will continue to be influenced by global economic conditions, interest rate changes, and the economic recovery situation in mainland China. The Group needs to closely monitor these factors to adjust our credit strategies and maintain stable business growth.

The loan interest income decreased from approximately CNY1.0 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately CNY0.8 million during the Reporting Period. The decrease was due to the cautious money lending strategy resulted in lower amount of loan being approved and granted. As at 30 September 2024, a total principal amount and accrued interest of approximately decreased to CNY12.2 million (31 March 2024: approximately CNY14.2 million).

Financial Guarantee Services

The Group generated guarantee service fee income through Wuhu Subsidiary, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company in the PRC. Wuhu subsidiary has been providing financial guarantee services to a borrower since 2018. The guarantee service fee income was approximately CNY566,000 during the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2023: approximately CNY566,000).

Property Investment

The Group holds the property for investment purpose and has leased out the property for generating stable rental income and gaining from long-term capital appreciation. The rental income derived from the investment property is approximately CNY47,000 during the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2023: approximately CNY45,000).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

Breakdown of the Group's Revenue

	For the six months ended 30 September			
	2024		2023	
	<i>CNY'000</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>CNY'000</i>	<i>%</i>
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
Drilling mud	8,739	31.0	11,028	38.5
Pelletising clay	10,829	38.3	9,484	33.2
Total revenue of bentonite mining	19,568	69.3	20,512	71.7
Wealth management services income	7,285	25.8	6,450	22.6
Loan interest income	766	2.7	1,014	3.5
Guarantee service fee income	566	2.0	566	2.0
Total revenue of financial services	8,617	30.5	8,030	28.1
Rental income	47	0.2	45	0.2
Total rental income	47	0.2	45	0.2
Total revenue	28,232	100.0	28,587	100.0

Breakdown of the Group's Sales Volume and Average Selling Price by Products

	For the six months ended 30 September			
	2024		2023	
	Sales volume (tonnes)	Average selling price (CNY/tonne)	Sales volume (tonnes)	Average selling price (CNY/tonne)
Drilling mud	19,970	437.6	24,303	453.8
Pelletising clay	19,159	565.2	20,518	462.2

The overall revenue decreased by approximately 1.2% from approximately CNY28.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately CNY28.2 million for the Reporting Period. The decrease in revenue was due to combined effect of (i) increase of revenue of financial services and (ii) decrease of revenue of bentonite mining.

The revenue of bentonite products decreased approximately 4.6% from approximately CNY20.5 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately CNY19.6 million during the Reporting Period. The decrease in revenue was mainly due to the downturn of the iron and steel industry, the market demand for bentonite products continued to slacken.

The revenue of financial services increased by approximately 7.3% from approximately CNY8.0 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately CNY8.6 million for the Reporting Period. The increase in revenue of financial services for the Reporting Period was mainly due to combined effect of (i) the increase of approximately 12.9% in wealth management services income and (ii) decrease of approximately 24.5% in loan interest income comparing to the corresponding period in 2023. The decrease of loan interest income was mainly attributable to the reduction of loan portfolios size during the Reporting Period when compared with the corresponding period in 2023.

Cost of Sales

Breakdown of the Group's Cost of Sales

Cost Items	For the six months ended 30 September			
	2024		2023	
	CNY'000 (Unaudited)	%	CNY'000 (Unaudited)	%
Extraction costs	609	3.4	972	5.5
Processing costs				
– Air-drying costs	1,349	7.4	894	5.0
– Consumables, materials and supplies	2,888	16.0	3,419	19.3
– Depreciation and amortisation	701	3.9	548	3.1
– Staff costs	2,494	13.8	1,786	10.1
– Transportation costs	1,710	9.4	1,413	8.0
– Utility costs	1,627	9.0	1,759	9.9
– Others	1,347	7.4	1,092	6.2
Sales tax and surcharges	611	3.4	1,184	6.7
Total cost of bentonite mining	13,336	73.7	13,067	73.8
Commission expense of wealth management services	4,763	26.3	4,663	26.2
Total cost of financial services	4,763	26.3	4,663	26.2
Total cost	18,099	100.0	17,730	100.0

Breakdown of the Group's Cost of Sales of Bentonite Mining by Products

	For the six months ended 30 September					
	2024			2023		
	CNY/tonne	CNY'000 (Unaudited)	%	CNY/tonne	CNY'000 (Unaudited)	%
Drilling mud	361.4	7,218	54.1	298.3	7,248	55.0
Pelletising clay	319.3	6,118	45.9	283.6	5,819	45.0
		13,336	100.0		13,067	100.0

The overall cost of sales increased by approximately 2.1% from approximately CNY17.7 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately CNY18.1 million for the Reporting Period. The increase in cost of sales was caused by combined effect of (i) increase of commission expenses of wealth management services and (ii) increase of cost of bentonite mining business.

The commission expense of wealth management services increased by approximately 2.1% from approximately CNY4.7 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately CNY4.8 million for the Reporting Period. The increase in the commission expense of wealth management services mainly caused by the increase of approximately 12.9% in revenue of wealth management services income for the Reporting Period comparing to the corresponding period in 2023. Contributed by the cost control in reducing the rate of commission expenses, the increased percentage of commission expense of wealth management services was lower than the increased percentage of wealth management services income.

The total cost of sales of bentonite mining increased by approximately 2.1% from approximately CNY13.1 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately CNY13.3 million for the Reporting Period. The increase in the total cost of sales of bentonite mining was mainly due to increase in unit cost of sales.

The cost of sales for drilling mud compared to last year's period is stable because the increase in unit price offset the decrease in sales volume. The sales volume declined by approximately 17.8% and the unit price of cost of sales increased by approximately 21.2% compared to the same period of last year.

The cost of sales for pelletising clay increased by approximately 5.1% from approximately CNY5.8 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately CNY6.1 million for the Reporting Period. This increase in cost of sales was attributed to a smaller decline in sales volume compared to the rise in unit price. The sales volume declined by approximately 6.6% and the unit price of cost of sales increased by approximately 12.6% compared to the same period of last year.

Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin

Gross Profit and Gross Margin

Breakdown of the Group's Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin

	For the six months ended 30 September			
	2024		2023	
	Gross profit	Gross profit	Gross profit	Gross profit
	margin	margin	margin	margin
	CNY'000	%	CNY'000	%
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
Drilling mud	1,521	17.4	3,780	34.3
Pelletising clay	4,711	43.5	3,665	38.6
Bentonite Mining	6,232	31.8	7,445	36.3
Wealth management services	2,522	34.6	1,787	27.7
Loan interest income	766	100.0	1,014	100.0
Guarantee services fee income	566	100.0	566	100.0
Financial services	3,854	44.7	3,367	41.9
Rental income	47	100.0	45	100.0
Total	10,133	35.9	10,857	38.0

The overall gross profit decreased by approximately 6.7% from approximately CNY10.9 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately CNY10.1 million for the Reporting Period, and the overall gross profit margin decreased from approximately 38.0% for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately 35.9% for the Reporting Period. The decrease in overall gross profit margin was mainly due to the combined effect of decrease in gross profit margin of bentonite mining business and increase in gross profit margin of financial services business.

Gross profit for the sale of drilling mud decreased by approximately 59.8% from approximately CNY3.8 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately CNY1.5 million for the Reporting Period, with the gross profit margin for the sale of drilling mud decreasing from approximately 34.3% for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately 17.4% for the Reporting Period. The lower sales revenue and higher cost of sales resulted in a decrease in both gross profit and gross margin.

Gross profit for the sale of pelletising clay increased by approximately 28.5% from approximately CNY3.7 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately CNY4.7 million for the Reporting Period, with the gross profit margin for the sale of pelletising clay increased from approximately 38.6% for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately 43.5% for the Reporting Period. The increase in gross profit and gross profit margin for pelletising clay was attributed to the increase in average selling price offsetted by the slightly increase in cost of sales.

The increase of gross profit of financial services was contributed by the combined effect of (i) increase of gross profit of wealth management services and (ii) decrease of loan interest income. Gross profit for the wealth management services increased by approximately 41.1% from approximately CNY1.8 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to CNY2.5 million for the Reporting Period, while the gross profit margin of wealth management services increased from approximately 27.7% for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately 34.6% for the Reporting Period. The increase of gross profit margin of wealth management services was contributed by the cost control on the rate of commission expenses.

Other Income

No material fluctuation was noted for the other income during the Reporting Period.

Selling and Distribution Expenses

The selling and distribution expenses decreased by approximately 10.0% from approximately CNY1.8 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately CNY1.6 million for the Reporting Period. This was primarily due to the decrease in sales volume of pelletising clay and drilling mud for the Reporting Period.

Administrative and Other Expenses

The administrative and other expenses decreased by approximately 16.5% from approximately CNY15.1 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately CNY12.6 million for the Reporting Period. The decrease was primarily due to decrease of legal and professional fee, staff cost and for the Reporting Period one-off loss of disposal in fixed asset of amount of approximately CNY1.3 million recorded in 2023.

Finance Costs

The finance costs increased by approximately 5.9% from approximately CNY270,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately CNY286,000 for the Reporting Period. The increase was mainly due to the increase in unwinding of discount on provision for dismantlement.

Income Tax (Expense)/Credit

The Group had an income tax expense of approximately CNY0.1 million for the Reporting Period and income tax credit of approximately CNY0.8 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023. The income tax expense was mainly due to the increase of PRC Enterprise income tax generated from profit of PRC business.

Loss for the Period

Due to the combined effect of the aforesaid factors, the loss for the period attributable to the owners of the Company for the Reporting Period was approximately CNY3.2 million, a decrease of approximately CNY1.8 million from the loss for the period of approximately CNY5.1 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023.

Property, Plant and Equipment

The Group's property, plant and equipment amounted to approximately CNY27.6 million as at 30 September 2024, compared to approximately CNY19.1 million as at 31 March 2024.

The increase was primarily due to the increase of construction in progress of approximately CNY9.2 million during the six months ended 30 September 2024. In order to improve the efficiency of the internal logistics and transport of materials among the currently dispersed storage of raw materials, semi-finished products and finished products, the Group upgraded and expanded the production line of the existing plant since March 2024 by reconstructing its integrated workshop and finished product warehouse. The construction involving installation of facilities and building of equipment foundation is conducive for the automation of production process and centralized management. The construction work is currently in progress. The capital expenditures were financed by the Group's internal resources.

Prepayment

The prepayment and deposits were increased by approximately CNY7.0 million from approximately CNY9.0 million as at 31 March 2024 to approximately CNY16.1 million for the Reporting Period. The increase of prepayment and deposits was due to the payment for the construction of factory facilities which the details was disclosed in the announcement dated 29 February 2024 and circular dated 21 March 2024.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES REVIEW

Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 30 September 2024, the Group had net current assets of approximately CNY74.0 million (31 March 2024: approximately CNY85.9 million).

As at 30 September 2024, the Group had cash and cash equivalents of approximately CNY19.6 million (31 March 2024: approximately CNY26.8 million) which was mainly dominated in CNY.

As at 30 September 2024, the Group has pledged its bank deposit CNY20 million (31 March 2024: CNY20 million) to secure the general banking facilities granted to an independent third party with principal amount of CNY19 million (31 March 2024: CNY19 million).

Capital Commitments

As at 30 September 2024, the Group did not have significant capital commitments (31 March 2024: Nil).

Capital Structure

There was no change to the Group's capital structure for the Reporting Period (31 March 2024: Nil).

Significant Investments Held

The Group had no significant investment held during the Reporting Period (31 March 2024: Nil).

Material Acquisitions and Disposals of Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures

The Group did not have any material acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures during the Reporting Period (31 March 2024: Nil).

Charges on the Group's Assets

As at 30 September 2024, the Group has pledged its bank deposit CNY20 million (31 March 2023: CNY20 million) to secure the general banking facilities granted to an independent third party with principal amount of CNY19 million (31 March 2023: CNY19 million). Details of the pledge are as set out in note 14 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Future Plans for Material Investments or Capital Assets and their Expected Sources of Funding

Save as disclosed in this announcement, the Group did not have other plan for material investments or acquisition of material capital assets during the Reporting Period.

Gearing Ratio

As at 30 September 2024, the gearing ratio was nil (31 March 2024: Nil) as the Group was not in need of any material debt financing during the Reporting Period.

Currency Exposure and Management

Since the majority of the Group's business activities are transacted in CNY, the Directors consider that the Group's risk in foreign exchange is insignificant.

Contingent Liabilities

As at 30 September 2024, the Group did not have any loan capital or debt securities issued or agreed to be issued, outstanding bank overdrafts and liabilities under acceptances or other similar indebtedness, debentures, mortgages, charges or loans or acceptance credits, finance leases or hire purchase commitments or guarantees or material contingent liabilities. Details of the contingent liabilities are as set out in note 19 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

OUTLOOK

In the past nine months of 2024, the government has determined to step up policy efforts to stimulate the economy. A series of targeted expansionary fiscal and monetary policies and highly supportive industrial policies have been and will continue to be successively implemented to speed up recovery and stabilize growth, which will lend steady support to urban infrastructure construction as well as bentonite demand. The iron and steel industry and the building materials industry are expected to slowly recover, as the real estate industry would expect to see more policy support in various innovative ways. Investment in the "Three Major Projects" under the new development model for the real estate sector – the construction of affordable housing, the development of "dual use" public infrastructure, and urban renewal projects – is expected to partially offset the decrease in capital expenditures by real estate enterprises. In the near future, the demand for bentonite products will recover slowly, and the profit margin of bentonite products is expected to remain stable.

The Group strives to upgrade products to meet the customer requirement for energy conservation and emission reduction and maintain the sales volume of its bentonite products by improving product quality and adhering to the "selling more with lower margin" strategy. The Group intends to continue expanding its customer base and market share by boosting product awareness of its bentonite products, refining its production technology and developing new products to enhance the Group's overall competitiveness to cope with the risks and uncertainties of the business environment.

For the financial services segment, including our insurance brokerage and money lending businesses in Hong Kong, the year 2024 saw progress amidst evolving market conditions. This progress can be attributed in the growing awareness of wealth management among consumers. Despite these advancements, the Group remains cautiously optimistic about the medium and long-term prospects of this segment in Hong Kong.

The insurance brokerage business is expected to experience a dynamic landscape for the second half of the financial year, characterized by growth opportunities, evolving consumer behaviors, and significant challenges. The outlook for the insurance brokerage market in Hong Kong for the second half of the financial year is optimistic, characterized by growth opportunities arising from increased demand for insurance products and technological advancements. With projected market growth driven by robust premium increases across various segments, the Group remains vigilant in addressing regulatory changes and economic uncertainties. The Group anticipates continued momentum in the insurance brokerage sector, supported by sustained economic recovery and ongoing regulatory developments aimed at enhancing consumer protection and market transparency. We will maintain our focus on operational excellence and regulatory compliance, ensuring robust control measures are in place to mitigate risks and optimize cost efficiency.

Looking ahead, the money lending market in Hong Kong is expected to navigate a challenging landscape characterized by cautious consumer behavior and tighter credit conditions. However, with continued economic growth projected at around 3.3% for 2024 and ongoing adjustments in lending practices, there may be opportunities for recovery within specific segments such as personal loans and corporate financing as market conditions stabilize. In summary, while the first half of 2024 has presented challenges for the money lending industry in Hong Kong, ongoing adaptations among lenders and shifts in consumer preferences could pave the way for future growth opportunities within this dynamic market. The Group remains committed to prudently expanding its money lending portfolio, guided by a disciplined risk management framework and market-responsive lending strategies. We will continue to monitor market dynamics closely, adjusting our lending practices to meet evolving customer needs while maintaining a conservative approach to liquidity and capital adequacy.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 30 September 2024, the Group employed 122 full time employees (as at 30 September 2023: 131) for its principal activities. Employees' costs (including Directors' emoluments) amounted to approximately CNY10.4 million for the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2023: approximately CNY12.7 million). The Group recognises the importance of retaining high calibre and competent staff and continues to provide remuneration packages to employees with reference to the performance of the Group, the performance of individuals and prevailing market rates. Other various benefits, such as medical and retirement benefits, are also provided. In addition, share options may be granted to eligible employees of the Group in accordance with the terms of the share option scheme adopted by the Company.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Company has adopted the code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") as contained in Appendix C1 to the GEM Listing Rules as its own code of corporate governance.

During the Reporting Period and up to the date of this announcement, the Company has complied with all the code provisions set forth in the Corporate Governance Code (the “**CG Code**”) contained in Appendix C1 to the GEM Listing Rules, except for the following deviation from the CG Code which is explained below:

Pursuant to the code provision C.2.1 in the CG Code as set out in the Part 2 of Appendix C1 to the GEM Listing Rules, it is stated that the roles of the chairman and the chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. PUI Wai Lun has performed both of the roles as the co-chairman of the Board (the “**Co-chairman**”) and the chief executive officer of the Company (the “**Chief Executive Officer**”) which deviates from the code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code.

Currently, Mr. PUI Wai Lun and Dr. CHAN Man Fung are Co-chairmen and responsible for the management of the Board and ensuring that all major and appropriate issues are discussed by the Board in a timely and constructive manner. In addition, Mr. PUI Wai Lun is the Chief Executive Officer, taking care of the day-to-day management of the Group’s business and implementing the Group’s policies, strategic plans and business goals formulated by the Board since 27 September 2024. Although Mr. PUI Wai Lun is both a Co-chairman and the Chief Executive Officer, the power of chairman has been shared by the other Co-chairmen, Dr. CHAN Man Fung, who would also exercise his power and authorities as a Co-chairman in managing the affairs of the Board and the Company. Besides, with three independent non-executive Directors out of a total of six Directors in the Board, there are sufficient independent voice within the Board to protect the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The Board considers that the balance of power and authority for the present arrangement has not been impaired and this structure enables the Company to make and implement decisions promptly and effectively. The Board shall review the structure from time to time to ensure that the structure facilitates the execution of the Group’s business strategies and maximizes effectiveness of its operation.

CODE OF CONDUCT REGARDING SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS AND RELEVANT EMPLOYEES

The Company has adopted Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors in respect of the shares of the Company (the “**Code of Conduct**”). The Company has made specific enquiry to all Directors, and all Directors have confirmed that they have fully complied with the required standard of dealings set out in the Code of Conduct throughout the Reporting Period.

The Company also has written guidelines regarding securities transactions on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings as set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules for relevant employees of the Group and any individuals who may have access to inside information in relation to the securities of the Company.

REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audit committee of the Company has reviewed the accounting principles and standards adopted by the Group and has reviewed the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2024 and this announcement.

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

There was no purchase, sale or redemption by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, any of the Company's listed securities (including sale of treasury shares (within the meaning of the GEM Listing Rules), if any) during the Reporting Period. As at 30 September 2024, the Company did not hold any such treasury shares.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2023: Nil).

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There have been no material events undertaken by the Company or the Group occurring after the Reporting Period and up to the date of this announcement.

PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT

This announcement is published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.thepbg.com.

The printed version of the Interim Report 2024 will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Company who has chosen to receive printed version and will be available for viewing on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and of the Company at www.thepbg.com in due course in the manner as required by the GEM Listing Rules.

APPRECIATION

The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to the staff and management team of the Group for their hard work and dedication during the Reporting Period. The Board would also like to express its sincere gratitude to all the shareholders of the Company for their continuous support.

By order of the Board
P.B. Group Limited
CHAN Man Fung
Executive Director and Co-chairman

Hong Kong, 29 November 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises (i) three executive Directors, namely Dr. CHAN Man Fung (Co-chairman), Mr. PUI Wai Lun (Co-chairman and Chief Executive Officer) and Ms. ZONG Yan; and (ii) three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. CHAN Ka Wai, Mr. CHOW Chi Hang Tony and Dr. KWOK Hiu Fung.