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BASETROPHY GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

基地錦標集團控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 8460)

ANNUAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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FINAL RESULTS

The board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of the Company hereby announces the audited consolidated financial results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2024, together with the comparative figures for the year ended 31 December 2023 as follows:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Revenue	3	98,971	97,150
Cost of sales and service	5	(98,681)	(83,831)
Gross profit		290	13,319
Other income and other gains	3	3,732	261
Other losses	4	(11,442)	(23)
Reversal of provision/(provision) of expected credit losses (“ECLs”), net		24,983	(17,583)
Selling and distribution costs		(2,214)	(824)
Administrative and other operating expenses	5	(17,548)	(14,611)
Operating loss		(2,199)	(19,461)
Finance costs		(1,364)	(1,622)
Loss before tax		(3,563)	(21,083)
Income tax (expense)/credit	6	(665)	788
Loss for the year		(4,228)	(20,295)
Other comprehensive income/(expense):			
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations		19	(3)
Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the year, net of tax		19	(3)
Total comprehensive expense for the year		(4,209)	(20,298)

	<i>Note</i>	2024 HK\$'000	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Loss attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		(4,270)	(19,773)
Non-controlling interests		42	(522)
		<u>(4,228)</u>	<u>(20,295)</u>
 Total comprehensive expense attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		(4,247)	(19,772)
Non-controlling interests		38	(526)
		<u>(4,209)</u>	<u>(20,298)</u>
		2024	2023 (Restated)
Loss per share attributable to the equity holders of the Company during the year			
Basic and diluted (<i>HK cent</i>)	7	<u>(2.48)</u>	<u>(15.54)</u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		11,161	24,107
Right-of-use assets		–	2,858
Payment for a life insurance policy		2,983	2,903
		<u>14,144</u>	<u>29,868</u>
Current assets			
Inventories		1,846	4,083
Trade and other receivables	9	72,194	28,818
Contract assets		3,598	35,235
Tax recoverable		–	1,464
Cash and bank balances		2,672	4,837
		<u>80,310</u>	<u>74,437</u>
Total assets		<u>94,454</u>	<u>104,305</u>
EQUITY			
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	10	22,134	11,500
Reserves		26,967	30,012
		<u>49,101</u>	<u>41,512</u>
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		49,101	41,512
Non-controlling interests		502	464
		<u>49,603</u>	<u>41,976</u>
Total equity		<u>49,603</u>	<u>41,976</u>

	<i>Note</i>	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings		1,590	4,840
Lease liabilities		1,006	1,107
		<u>2,596</u>	<u>5,947</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	<i>11</i>	34,934	36,264
Tax payable		22	5
Borrowings		5,969	17,753
Lease liabilities		1,330	1,860
Contract liabilities		–	500
		<u>42,255</u>	<u>56,382</u>
Total liabilities		<u>44,851</u>	<u>62,329</u>
Total equity and liabilities		<u>94,454</u>	<u>104,305</u>
Net current assets		<u>38,055</u>	<u>18,055</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>52,199</u>	<u>47,923</u>

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1 GENERAL INFORMATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Basetrophy Group Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 4 January 2016 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands and its shares were listed on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) on 27 June 2017. Its parent and ultimate holding company is Brightly Ahead Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands (“**BVI**”) and wholly-owned by Mr. Lau Chung Ho, the controlling party of the Company.

The address of the Company’s registered office is Windward 3, Regatta Office Park, PO Box 1350, Grand Cayman KY1-1108, Cayman Islands and the Company’s principal place of business is Flat B-31, 4th Floor, Park Fook Industrial Building, 615-617 Tai Nan West Street, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon, Hong Kong. The Company is an investment holding company. The Company and its subsidiaries (the “**Group**”) are principally engaged in provision of foundation and related works in Hong Kong and trading of alcoholic beverages in the People’s Republic of China (the “**PRC**”).

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars (“**HK\$**”), unless otherwise stated.

2 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

2.1 Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with all applicable HKFRS Accounting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“**HKICPA**”). In addition, the consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRS Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group’s accounting policies.

Amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards that are mandatorily effective for the current year

In the current year, the Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards issued by the HKICPA for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024 for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
Amendment to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants
Amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7	Supplier Finance Arrangement

The application of the amendments to HKFRSs in the current year has 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.

New and amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards in issue but not yet effective

The Group has not early applied the following amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards that have been issued but are not yet effective:

HKFRS 18	Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements ³
Amendments to HKFRS 9 and HKFRS 7	Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments ²
Amendments to HKFRS 9 and HKFRS 7	Contract Referencing Nature-dependent Electricity ²
Amendments to HKAS 28 and HKFRS 10	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture ⁴
Amendments to HKAS 21	Lack of Exchangeability ¹
Annual Improvements to HKFRS Accounting Standards – Volume 11	Amendments to HKFRS 1, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 9, HKFRS 10 and HKAS 7 ²
HK Int 5	Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that Contains a Repayment on Demand Clause ³

¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025

² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026

³ Effective for annual/reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027

⁴ No mandatory effective date yet determined but available for adoption

Except as described below, the application of the new and amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards, are not expected to have significant impact on the Group's financial statements.

HKFRS 18 replaces HKAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements. While a number of sections have been brought forward from HKAS 1 with limited changes, HKFRS 18 introduces new requirements for presentation within the statement of profit or loss, including specified totals and subtotals. Entities are required to classify all income and expenses within the statement of profit or loss into one of the five categories: operating, investing, financing, income taxes and discontinued operations, and to present two new defined subtotals. It also requires disclosures about management-defined performance measures in a single note and introduces enhanced requirements on the grouping (aggregation and disaggregation) and the location of information in both the primary financial statements and the notes. Some requirements previously included in HKAS 1 are moved to HKAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, which is renamed as HKAS 8 Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements. As a consequence of the issuance of HKFRS 18, limited, but widely applicable, amendments are made to HKAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows, HKAS 33 Earnings Per Share and HKAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting. In addition, there are minor consequential amendments to other HKFRSs. HKFRS 18 and the consequential amendments to other HKFRS Accounting Standards will be effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027 with earlier application permitted. Retrospective application is required. The Group is currently analysing the new requirements and assessing the impact of HKFRS 18 on the presentation and disclosure of the Group's financial statements.

3 REVENUE, OTHER INCOME AND OTHER GAIN AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Revenue and other income and other gain recognised during the year are as follows:

	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Revenue		
Foundation and related works	96,410	95,327
Sales of alcoholic beverages	2,561	1,823
	<u>98,971</u>	<u>97,150</u>
Other income and other gain		
Bank interest income	1	–
Fair value gain on assets at fair value through profit or loss	80	86
Machine rental income	2,701	–
Scrap income	612	–
Others	338	175
	<u>3,732</u>	<u>261</u>
Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers		
	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Represented by:		
Timing of revenue recognition		
At a point in time	2,561	1,823
Over time	96,410	95,327
	<u>98,971</u>	<u>97,150</u>
Types of goods or service		
Foundation and related works	96,410	95,327
Sales of alcoholic beverages	2,561	1,823
	<u>98,971</u>	<u>97,150</u>

Performance obligations for contracts with customers

- i) The Group provides services of foundation and site formation works and other geotechnical engineering works to customers. Such services are recognised as a performance obligation satisfied over time as the Group creates or enhances an asset that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced. Revenue for these works is therefore recognised over time using output method, i.e. based on surveys of the relevant services completed by the Group to date with reference to certificates issued by customers or payment applications confirmed by internal surveyor. The directors of the Company consider that output method would faithfully depict the Group's performance towards complete satisfaction of these performance obligations in these contracts under HKFRS 15.
- ii) Revenue from alcoholic beverages trading is recognised when the control of goods is transferred, being when the goods are delivered to the customer's specific location and the customers obtain physical possession of the goods and accept the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods. A receivable is recognised by the Group when the goods are delivered to the customers as this represents the Group's right to consideration becomes unconditional, as only the passage of time is required before payment is due. The contracts signed with the customers are fixed price contracts.

Transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligations from contracts with customers

The transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligations (unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied) as at 31 December 2024 and 2023 and the expected timing of recognising revenue are as follows:

	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Foundation and related works		
Within 1 year	<u>43,115</u>	<u>107,805</u>

Segment information

The management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the directors of the Company, which are used to assess performance and allocate resources. The management assesses the performance of the following operating segments as below:

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|------|---------------------------------------|---|
| (i) | Foundation and related works business | Provides services of foundation and site formation works and other geotechnical engineering works to customers. |
| (ii) | Alcoholic beverages trading business | Trading and distribution of alcoholic beverages |

The segment revenue and results for the year ended 31 December 2024 are as follows:

	Foundation and related works HK\$'000	Alcoholic beverages trading HK\$'000	Unallocated HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Revenue from external customers	96,410	2,561	–	98,971
Segment results	<u>5,560</u>	<u>(1,075)</u>	<u>(6,684)</u>	<u>(2,199)</u>
Finance costs				(1,364)
Loss before income tax				(3,563)
Income tax expense (<i>Note 6</i>)				<u>(665)</u>
Loss for the year				<u>(4,228)</u>
Other segment items included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss are as follows:				
Fair value gain on assets at fair value through profit or loss	–	–	(80)	(80)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	4,365	22	69	4,456
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	1,837	–	–	1,837
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,123	–	–	1,123
Written off of retention receivables	506	–	–	506
Impairment losses on inventories	–	2,000	–	2,000
Impairment losses on property, plant and equipment	6,000	–	–	6,000
Impairment losses on right-of-use assets	2,319	–	–	2,319
Reversal of provision for impairment of trade receivables	(1,349)	–	–	(1,349)
Reversal of provision for impairment of contract assets	<u>(24,140)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(24,140)</u>

The segment revenue and results for the year ended 31 December 2023 are as follows:

	Foundation and related works <i>HK\$'000</i>	Alcoholic beverages trading <i>HK\$'000</i>	Unallocated <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
Revenue from external customers	<u>95,327</u>	<u>1,823</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>97,150</u>
Segment results	<u>(13,590)</u>	<u>(1,713)</u>	<u>(4,158)</u>	<u>(19,461)</u>
Finance costs				(1,622)
Loss before income tax				(21,083)
Income tax credit (<i>Note 6</i>)				<u>788</u>
Loss for the year				<u>(20,295)</u>

Other segment items included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss are as follows:

Fair value gain on assets at fair value through profit or loss	–	–	86	86
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	3,520	4	68	3,592
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	1,457	–	–	1,457
Loss on inventories	–	23	–	23
Written off of contract assets	5,800	–	–	5,800
Provision for impairment of trade receivables	982	–	–	982
Provision for impairment of contract assets	<u>10,801</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>10,801</u>

The following is an analysis of the Group's assets and liabilities by reportable segment:

	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Segment assets		
Foundation and related works	85,997	95,464
Alcoholic beverages trading	<u>3,143</u>	<u>5,475</u>
Total reportable segment assets	89,140	100,939
Unallocated corporate assets	<u>5,314</u>	<u>3,366</u>
Consolidated assets	<u>94,454</u>	<u>104,305</u>

Note: All assets are allocated to operating segments other than certain cash and bank balances and payment for a life insurance policy.

	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Segment liabilities		
Foundation and related works	38,170	53,293
Alcoholic beverages trading	6,321	5,868
Total reportable segment liabilities	44,491	59,161
Unallocated corporate liabilities	360	3,168
Consolidated liabilities	44,851	62,329

Note: All liabilities are allocated to operating segments other than certain other payables and accruals and deferred tax liabilities and tax payable.

Information about the Group's revenue from external customers is presented based on the location of operations. Information about the Group's non-current assets is presented based on the geographical location of the assets.

	Revenue from external customers		Non-current assets	
	For the year ended		As at 31 December	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
The PRC	2,561	1,823	–	23
Hong Kong	96,410	95,327	11,161	26,942
	98,971	97,150	11,161	26,965

Note: Non-current assets excluded payment for a life insurance policy.

Information about major customers

Revenue from customers of the corresponding years contributing over 10% of the total revenue of the Group are as follows:

	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Customer A	28,483	29,753
Customer B	19,516	9,281
Customer C	13,551	–*
Customer D	9,765	–*

* The corresponding revenue did not contribute over 10% of the total revenue of the Group during the corresponding years.

4 OTHER LOSSES

	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,123	–
Impairment losses on inventories	2,000	23
Impairment losses on property, plant and equipment	6,000	–
Impairment losses on right-of-use assets	2,319	–
	<u>11,442</u>	<u>23</u>

5 EXPENSES BY NATURE

	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Cost of sales and service		
Staff costs	33,302	24,159
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	3,850	3,227
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	560	200
Cost of alcoholic beverages expensed	513	1,123
Other construction contract costs (<i>Note</i>)	60,456	55,122
	<u>98,681</u>	<u>83,831</u>

	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Administrative and other operating expenses		
Auditors' remuneration	650	600
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	606	365
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	1,277	1,257
Insurance	216	132
Leasing expenses	171	–
Motor vehicle expenses	2,808	1,526
Legal and professional fee	1,103	609
Staff costs	3,111	3,392
Other expenses	7,606	6,730
	<u>17,548</u>	<u>14,611</u>

Note: Other construction contract costs included but are not limited to construction materials, subcontracting charges and repair and maintenance.

6 INCOME TAX EXPENSES/(CREDIT)

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime of Hong Kong Profits Tax, the first HK\$2 million of profits of the qualifying group entity will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%. The profits of group entities not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%. Accordingly, the Hong Kong Profits Tax of the qualifying group entity is calculated at 8.25% on the first HK\$2 million of the estimated assessable profits and at 16.5% on the estimated assessable profits above HK\$2 million. No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the Group did not generate any assessable profits during the years ended 31 December 2024 and 2023.

PRC Enterprise Income Tax of the subsidiaries of the Company in the PRC has been provided at applicable rates on the estimated assessable profits for the years ended 31 December 2024 and 2023. The applicable rates which may be lower than the standard rate of corporate tax at 25% represent the tax concessionary rates available to the small and medium-size enterprises in the PRC and are shown as follows:

Band of profits	Applicable rates	
Within Renminbi (“RMB”) 1 million		2.5%
Between RMB1 to RMB3 million		5%
Over RMB3 million		25%

	2024	2023
	HK\$’000	HK\$’000
Current Tax:		
– Current income tax	660	–
– PRC Enterprise Income Tax	5	9
Deferred tax credit (<i>Note 28</i>)	–	(797)
	<u>665</u>	<u>(788)</u>
Income tax expenses/(credit)	<u>665</u>	<u>(788)</u>

7 LOSS PER SHARE

	2024	2023
		(Restated)
Loss attributable to owners of the Company (<i>HK\$’000</i>)	<u>(4,270)</u>	<u>(19,773)</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic loss per share (<i>in thousand</i>)	<u>171,846</u>	<u>127,225</u>
Basic loss per share (<i>HK cent</i>)	<u>(2.48)</u>	<u>(15.54)</u>

The weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic and diluted loss per share of the years ended 31 December 2024 and 2023 had been adjusted to take into effect of the rights issue as if it had been effective on 1 January 2023. Diluted loss per share is equal to the basic loss per share as there was no dilutive potential shares.

8 DIVIDENDS

No final dividend was proposed by the Board for the year ended 31 December 2024 (2023: Nil).

9 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade receivables	7,785	22,777
Less: Provision for ECLs	<u>(870)</u>	<u>(2,220)</u>
	6,915	20,557
Amounts due from directors	1,777	18
Amounts due from related companies	608	543
Other receivables	1,048	567
Rental and other deposits	58,937	1,816
Prepayments	<u>2,909</u>	<u>5,317</u>
	<u>72,194</u>	<u>28,818</u>

Notes:

- (a) The Group's trading terms with customers are mainly on credit. The credit terms generally ranging from 30 days to 120 days. Some credit period of individual customer is considered on a case-by-case basis and stipulated in the project contract, as appropriate. Trade receivables are mainly denominated in HK\$.
- (b) The ageing analysis of the trade receivables based on date of payment certificates issued by customers or invoice date is as follows:

	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
0–30 days	1,421	5,449
31–60 days	835	6,045
61–90 days	1,205	3,225
Over 90 days	<u>4,324</u>	<u>8,058</u>
	<u>7,785</u>	<u>22,777</u>

As at 31 December 2024, trade receivables of approximately HK\$1,623,000 (2023: HK\$6,491,000) were past due. Based on past experience and forward-looking estimates, the amounts are considered as recoverable.

- (c) The other classes within trade and other receivables do not contain impaired assets. The Group does not hold any collateral as security.

10 SHARE CAPITAL

	<i>Notes</i>	Ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each	Amount HK\$'000
Authorised:			
At 1 January 2023, 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024		300,000,000	30,000
Increase	<i>(i)</i>	<u>2,700,000,000</u>	<u>270,000</u>
At 31 December 2024		<u><u>3,000,000,000</u></u>	<u><u>300,000</u></u>
Issued and fully paid:			
At 1 January 2023, 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024		115,000,000	11,500
Shares issued pursuant to rights issue	<i>(ii)</i>	<u>106,340,018</u>	<u>10,634</u>
At 31 December 2024		<u><u>221,340,018</u></u>	<u><u>22,134</u></u>

Notes:

- (i) On 6 June 2024, the authorised share capital was increased from HK\$30,000,000 divided into 300,000,000 ordinary shares to HK\$300,000,000 divided into 3,000,000,000 ordinary shares by the creation of an additional 2,700,000,000 new shares.
- (ii) On 11 July 2024, the Company completed a rights issue of 106,340,118, rights shares at the subscription price of HK\$0.12 per rights share on the basis of three rights shares for every one share at the Company (the “**Rights Issue**”). The net proceeds from rights issue were approximately HK\$11,836,000 after deducting directly attributable costs of approximately HK\$925,000. The results of the rights issue are set out in the Company’s announcement dated 11 July 2024.

11 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade payables (<i>Note a</i>)	13,431	15,192
Accrued employee benefit expenses	54	2,763
Amounts due to directors (<i>Note b</i>)	5,576	4,163
Amounts due to related companies (<i>Note c</i>)	4,905	3,281
Amounts due to non-controlling interests (<i>Note d</i>)	278	1,421
Other accruals and payables	3,493	2,684
Provision for long services payment	1,740	1,579
Retention payables (<i>Note e</i>)	5,457	5,181
	<u>34,934</u>	<u>36,264</u>

Note:

- (a) The ageing analysis of trade payables as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice date is as follows:

	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
0–30 days	426	2,145
31–60 days	381	1,584
61–90 days	270	1,142
Over 90 days	12,354	10,321
	<u>13,431</u>	<u>15,192</u>

Trade payables generally have credit terms ranging from 30 days to 90 days.

- (a) The trade payables are non-interest-bearing and are normally settled within one year.
- (b) The amounts due to directors are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.
- (c) The amounts due to related companies are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand. The related companies are controlled by a close family member of a key management personnel of the Company.
- (d) The amounts due to non-controlling interests are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.
- (e) All of the retention payables are expected to be settled within one year.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW

The Group is (i) a contractor of foundation works in Hong Kong capable of foundation jobs which mainly include excavation and lateral support (ELS) works, sheet piling, pipe piling, pre-boring, pre-bored H-piling, mini-piling, and bored piling; (ii) a subcontractor for site formation works and other geotechnical engineering works such as slope works and other minor geotechnical works such as shotcreting; and (iii) trading of alcoholic beverages in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").

The shares of the Company were listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange on 27 June 2017 (the "Listing Date") by way of public offer.

For the year ended 31 December 2024, the Group recorded a net loss of approximately HK\$4.2 million as compared to a net loss of approximately HK\$20.3 million for the year ended 31 December 2023.

OUTLOOK

Amid the economic uncertainties of 2024, including trade disputes and geopolitical instability, the global economic landscape poses challenges. Nevertheless, the Group maintains a cautiously optimistic outlook for the future. We anticipate a gradual recovery and sustained stability in the global economy, recognizing that challenges often bring new opportunities.

Looking ahead to 2025, the Group's primary focus remains on maintaining the stability of its core business operations in Hong Kong. This vital industry in the region is expected to continue thriving alongside Hong Kong's development. By prioritizing talent development, the Group aims to sustain its competitive edge in delivering exceptional foundation engineering services.

Additionally, the Group is actively monitoring the market for alcoholic beverage trading in mainland China, a sector marked by substantial market size and increasing consumer demand. Leveraging its experience and resources in this field, the Group is committed to adapting its business strategies to align with evolving market trends.

As the Group navigates the complexities of the global economy, it remains steadfast in addressing challenges with vigilance and diligence. The focus is on ensuring that the business is well-prepared to adapt to economic fluctuations and capitalize on emerging opportunities in 2025 and beyond.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Directors believe that there are certain risks and uncertainties involved in the operations, some of which are beyond the Group's control. The Directors believe the relatively significant risks relating to the Group's business are as follows:

- A significant portion of the Group's revenue was generated from contracts which were not recurrent in nature and were awarded by a few customers, and there is no guarantee that such customers will provide the Group with new business;

- As the Group from time to time engages subcontractors in its projects, the Group may have to bear responsibilities for any non-performance, delayed performance, sub-standard performance or non-compliance of the subcontractors; and
- There may be discrepancies between the ground investigation findings and the actual geological conditions of the site which may cause the Group to incur additional cost or result in potential claims which are not insured and adversely affect the Group’s profitability as the related contracts are usually of a fixed sum without price adjustment mechanism.

A detailed discussion of the risk factors is set forth in the section headed “Risk Factors” in the prospectus of the Company dated 14 June 2017 (the “**Prospectus**”).

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

To the best of the Directors’ knowledge, information and belief, the Group has complied in material respects with the relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the business and operation of the Group. During the year ended 31 December 2024, there was no material breach of or non-compliance of the applicable laws and regulations by the Group.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND PERFORMANCE

The Board has overall responsibility for the Group’s environmental, social and governance (“**ESG**”) strategy and reporting. The Board is responsible for the Group’s ESG risk management and internal control systems to ensure that the ESG strategies and reporting requirements are met.

RELATIONSHIP WITH CUSTOMERS, SUPPLIERS, SUBCONTRACTORS AND EMPLOYEES

The Group maintains a good relationship with its employees and certain policies have been implemented to ensure that its employees are provided with competitive remuneration, good welfare benefits and continuous professional training. The Group also maintains good relationships with its customers and suppliers, without whom success in the Group’s business and operation would be at risk.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

The Group’s revenue increased by approximately HK\$1.8 million or 1.9% from approximately HK\$97.2 million for the year ended 31 December 2023 to approximately HK\$99.0 million for the year ended 31 December 2024, mainly due to business growth.

Costs of sales

The Group's cost of sales increased from approximately HK\$83.8 million for the year ended 31 December 2023 to approximately HK\$98.7 million for the year ended 31 December 2024, representing an increase of approximately HK\$14.9 million or 17.7%. Such increase was generally in line with the increase in revenue.

Gross profit and gross profit margin

The Group's gross profit for the year ended 31 December 2024 were approximately HK\$0.3 million, representing a decrease of approximately 97.8% from approximately HK\$13.3 million for the year ended 31 December 2023. Such decrease was mainly due to the decrease in gross profit margin. The Group's gross profit margin for the year ended 31 December 2024 was approximately 0.3%, representing a decrease of approximately 13.4 percentage points as compared to approximately 13.7% for the year ended 31 December 2023. Such decrease was primarily due to competitive project pricing arising from intense market competition.

Other income and other gains

The other income and other gains increased by approximately HK\$3.4 million from approximately HK\$0.3 million for the year ended 31 December 2023 to approximately HK\$3.7 million for the year ended 31 December 2024, primarily due to the income from machine rental.

Administrative and other operating expenses

The Group's administrative and other operating expenses for the year ended 31 December 2024 were approximately HK\$17.5 million, representing an increase of approximately HK\$2.9 million or 19.9% from approximately HK\$14.6 million for the year ended 31 December 2023, primarily due to increase in staff costs and other construction contract costs.

Finance costs

Finance costs of the Group decreased by approximately HK\$0.2 million from approximately HK\$1.6 million for the year ended 31 December 2023 to approximately HK\$1.4 million for the year ended 31 December 2024. Finance costs consist of interest on bank and other borrowings and lease liabilities.

Income tax expenses/credit

For the years ended 31 December 2024 and 2023, the Group recorded income tax expenses and income tax credit of approximately HK\$0.7 million and approximately HK\$0.8 million, respectively.

Loss for the year

For the year ended 31 December 2024, the Group recorded a loss attributable to owners of the Company of approximately HK\$4.2 million as compared to a loss attributable to owners of the Company of approximately HK\$20.3 million for the year ended 31 December 2023. The loss during the year was mainly attributed to (i) impairment losses on inventories, (ii) impairment losses on property, plant and equipment; and (iii) impairment losses on right-of-use assets.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The Group finances its liquidity and capital requirements primarily through cash generated from operations, borrowings, lease liabilities and equity contribution from shareholders.

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had cash and bank balances of approximately HK\$2.7 million (2023: approximately HK\$4.8 million).

As at 31 December 2024, the Group's total equity attributable to owners of the Company amounted to approximately HK\$49.1 million (2023: approximately HK\$41.5 million). As of the same date, the Group's total debt, comprising borrowings and lease liabilities, amounted to approximately HK\$9.9 million (2023: approximately HK\$25.6 million).

BORROWINGS AND GEARING RATIO

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had borrowings and lease liabilities of approximately HK\$9.9 million which was denominated in Hong Kong dollars (2023: approximately HK\$25.6 million). The Group's borrowings were primarily used in financing the working capital requirement of its operations.

As at 31 December 2024, the gearing ratio of the Group, calculated as the total interest-bearing liabilities divided by the total equity, was approximately 19.9% (2023: approximately 60.9%).

TREASURY POLICY

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

CHARGE ON GROUP ASSETS

As at 31 December 2024, the Group has pledged its certain property, plant and equipment with an aggregate net book value of approximately HK\$16.5 million (2023: approximately HK\$22.6 million).

As at 31 December 2024, the Group pledged the payment for a life insurance policy of a bank with the carrying amount of approximately HK\$3 million to secure the bank borrowings of the Group (2023: approximately HK\$2.9 million).

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 2024, the Group had raised approximately HK\$0.5 million borrowings in respect of such sale and leaseback arrangements (2023: approximately HK\$11.8 million).

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

All of the revenue-generating operations and borrowings of the Group were mainly transacted in Hong Kong dollars which is the functional currency of the Group, except for certain bank balances and payment for life insurance policy which are denominated in US\$. Since HK\$ is pegged to US\$, the Directors are of the view that the Group has limited exposure to foreign exchange risk. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

As at 31 December 2024, the Company's issued share capital was HK\$22.1 million and the number of its issued ordinary shares was 221,340,018 of HK\$0.10 each.

CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had no material capital commitments (2023: Nil) contracted but not provided for property, plant and equipment.

SEGMENT INFORMATION

Segmental information of the Group is disclosed in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements.

FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS AND CAPITAL ASSETS

The Group did not have other plans for material investments or capital assets as of 31 December 2024.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS HELD, MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Group did not have any significant investments, material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2024, the Group did not have any material contingent liabilities (2023: Nil).

FINAL DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend the payment of final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2024 (2023: Nil).

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICE

The Company acknowledges the need and importance of corporate governance as one of the key elements in creating shareholders' value. The Company is also committed to achieving high standard of corporate governance that can protect and promote the interests of all shareholders and to enhance corporate value and accountability of the Company. For corporate governance purpose, the Company has adopted the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") set out in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules. During the year ended 31 December 2024, to the best knowledge of the Board, the Company has complied with all the applicable code provisions set out in the CG Code.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's shares during the year ended 31 December 2024.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee was established on 7 June 2017. The chairman of the Audit Committee is Mr. Ng, the independent non-executive Director, and other members included Mr. Lam and Mr. Li Dewen, the independent non-executive Directors. The written terms of reference of the Audit Committee are posted on the website of the Stock Exchange and on the Company's website.

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

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

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Audit Committee held two meetings to review and comment on the Company's 2023 annual results and 2023 interim results as well as the Company's internal control procedures and risk management system.

The Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is of the opinion that the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2024 comply with applicable accounting standards, GEM Listing Rules and that adequate disclosures have been made.

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There were no significant events after the year ended 31 December 2024 and up to the date of this announcement.

REVIEW OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

The figures in respect of the Group's consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, and the related notes thereto for the year ended 31 December 2024 as set out in this announcement have been agreed by the Group's auditor, Infinity CPA Limited (the "Infinity"), to the amounts set out in the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The work performed by Infinity in this respect did not constitute an assurance engagement in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements issued by HKICPA and consequently no assurance has been expressed by Infinity on this announcement.

The Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is of the opinion that the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2024 comply with applicable accounting standards, GEM Listing Rules and that adequate disclosures have been made.

APPRECIATION

The Company would like to thank the Group's customers, suppliers, business partners for their support. Also, the Company would like to offer its highest gratitude to its shareholders for their devotion and to the Group's employees for their loyalty and contributions made during the year.

By order of the Board
Basetrophy Group Holdings Limited
Leung Yat Fai Frankie Keith
Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 31 March 2025

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Lau Chung Ho, Mr. Leung Yat Fai Frankie Keith, Ms. Fong Pui Yin Vivian and Mr. Li Aiming as executive Directors; and Mr. Lam Chee-yau Timothy, Mr. Li Dewen and Mr. Ng Ki Man as independent non-executive Directors.

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