THE CORNERSTONE PLACING

We have entered into cornerstone investment agreements (each a "Cornerstone Investment Agreement"), and together the "Cornerstone Investment Agreements") with the cornerstone investors set forth below (each a "Cornerstone Investor", and together the "Cornerstone Investors"), who have agreed to, subject to certain conditions, subscribe or cause their designated entities to subscribe for such number of Offer Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole board lot of 200 H Shares) which may be purchased at the Offer Price with an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$4,903 million (exclusive of the brokerage fee, the SFC transaction levy, the Stock Exchange trading fee and the FRC transaction levy) (the "Cornerstone Placing").

Assuming an Offer Price of HK\$69.00 (being the low-end of the indicative Offer Price range set out in this prospectus), the total number of Offer Shares to be subscribed for by the Cornerstone Investors would be 71,050,400 Offer Shares, representing approximately 43.3% of the Offer Shares (assuming the Over-allotment Option is not exercised), approximately 37.6% of the Offer Shares (assuming the Over-allotment Option is fully exercised), approximately 4.3% of our total issued share capital immediately upon the completion of the Global Offering (assuming the Over-allotment Option is not exercised) and approximately 4.3% of our total issued share capital immediately upon the completion of the Global Offering (assuming the Over-allotment Option is fully exercised).

Assuming an Offer Price of HK\$75.50 (being the mid-point of the indicative Offer Price range set out in this prospectus), the total number of Offer Shares to be subscribed for by the Cornerstone Investors would be 64,933,400 Offer Shares, representing approximately 39.6% of the Offer Shares (assuming the Over-allotment Option is not exercised), approximately 34.4% of the Offer Shares (assuming the Over-allotment Option is fully exercised), approximately 4.0% of our total issued share capital immediately upon the completion of the Global Offering (assuming the Over-allotment Option is not exercised) and approximately 3.9% of our total issued share capital immediately upon the completion of the Global Offering (assuming the Over-allotment Option is fully exercised).

Assuming an Offer Price of HK\$82.00 (being the high-end of the indicative Offer Price range set out in this prospectus), the total number of Offer Shares to be subscribed for by the Cornerstone Investors would be 59,786,200 Offer Shares, representing approximately 36.4% of the Offer Shares (assuming the Over-allotment Option is not exercised), approximately 31.7% of the Offer Shares (assuming the Over-allotment Option is fully exercised), approximately 3.6% of our total issued share capital immediately upon the completion of the Global Offering (assuming the Over-allotment Option is not exercised) and approximately 3.6% of our total issued share capital immediately upon the completion of the Global Offering (assuming the Over-allotment Option is fully exercised).

The Cornerstone Investors will acquire the Offer Shares pursuant to, and as part of, the International Offering. Our Company is of the view that, leveraging on the Cornerstone Investors' investment experience, the Cornerstone Placing will help raise the profile of our Company and to signify that such investors have confidence in the growth and development of the lithium industry in the PRC and in particular the future growth and business prospects of our Group.

If there is over-allocation in the International Offering, there may be deferred delivery of the Offer Shares to be subscribed by the Cornerstone Investors under the Cornerstone Placing. Some Cornerstone Investors have agreed that the Joint Representatives may, in their sole discretion, defer the delivery of all or part of the Offer Shares that such Cornerstone Investors have subscribed for to a date

later than the Listing Date. All of the Cornerstone Investors, including the aforesaid Cornerstone Investors who have agreed to a potential delayed delivery arrangement, have agreed to pay for the relevant Offer Shares that they have subscribed before dealings in the Company's Offer Shares commence on the Stock Exchange. The Offer Shares to be subscribed by the Cornerstone Investors will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the other fully paid Offer Shares in issue and will be counted towards the public float of our Company under Rule 8.24 of the Listing Rules.

There are no side agreements/arrangement between our Company and the Cornerstone Investors or any benefit, direct or indirect, conferred on the Cornerstone Investors by virtue of or in relation to the Cornerstone Placing, and the Cornerstone Investors do not have any preferential rights in the Cornerstone Investment Agreements compared with other public Shareholders, other than a guaranteed allocation of the relevant Offer Shares at the Offer Price. None of the Cornerstone Investors will have any representation on the Board nor become a substantial shareholder of our Company immediately upon completion of the Global Offering, and the Cornerstone Investors will not subscribe for any Offer Shares under the Global Offering other than pursuant to the Cornerstone Investment Agreements.

We became acquainted with each of the Cornerstone Investors mainly through introduction by the relevant Underwriters. As confirmed by each of the Cornerstone Investors, their respective interest in our Company as a Cornerstone Investor is based on their confidence in our Company's business and prospects. As confirmed by each Cornerstone Investor, their subscription under the Cornerstone Placing would be financed by their own internal financial resources and/or financial resources of their ultimate beneficial owners.

To the best knowledge of our Company,

- (i) save for Pacific Asset Management Co., Limited and CPIC Investment Management (H.K.) Company Limited, each of the Cornerstone Investors (and, for Cornerstone Investors who will subscribe for our Offer Shares through a QDII, such QDIIs) is an Independent Third Party and is not our connected person, is not an existing Shareholder of our Company or a close associate of such existing Shareholder, and, save for the relationship between Pacific Asset Management Co., Limited and CPIC Investment Management (H.K.) Company Limited as disclosed in this section, is independent of other Cornerstone Investors. Pacific Asset Management Co., Limited and CPIC Investment Management (H.K.) Company Limited have been permitted to participate in the Cornerstone Placing pursuant to paragraph 5(2) of Appendix 6 to the Listing Rules and the waiver from strict compliance with Rule 10.04 of the Listing Rules as further described in the section headed "Waivers from Strict Compliance with the Listing Rules";
- (ii) none of the Cornerstone Investors is accustomed to take instructions from our Company, the Directors, the chief executive of our Company, the Single Largest Group of Shareholders, the substantial Shareholders or the existing Shareholders or any of its subsidiaries or their respective close associates in relation to the acquisition, disposal, voting or other disposition of securities of the Company registered in their name or otherwise held by them;
- (iii) none of the subscription of the relevant Offer Shares by any of the Cornerstone Investors is financed by the Company, the Directors, the chief executive of the Company, the Single

- Largest Group of Shareholders, the substantial Shareholders or the existing Shareholders or any of its subsidiaries or their respective close associates; and
- (iv) save for CPIC Investment Management (H.K.) Company Limited, LG Chem, Ltd., Pacific Asset Management Co., Limited, Shenzhen Dynanonic Company Limited and Gold Mountains (H.K.) International Mining Company Limited, each of the Cornerstone Investors or their holding companies are not listed on any stock exchange.

The total number of Offer Shares to be subscribed by the Cornerstone Investors pursuant to the Cornerstone Placing may be affected by reallocation of the Offer Shares between the International Offering and the Hong Kong Public Offering in the event of over-subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering as described in the section headed "Structure of the Global Offering — The Hong Kong Public Offering — Reallocation and Clawback". Details of the actual number of Offer Shares to be allocated to the Cornerstone Investors will be disclosed in the allotment results announcement to be issued by the Company on or around July 12, 2022.

To the extent that any Cornerstone Investor has engaged a PRC QDII to subscribe for the relevant Offer Shares on its behalf, such Cornerstone Investor will procure the PRC QDII to comply with the terms of its Cornerstone Investment Agreement in order to ensure the compliance of such Cornerstone Investor with its obligations under its Cornerstone Investment Agreement.

OUR CORNERSTONE INVESTORS

The Company has entered into Cornerstone Investment Agreements with CALB Co., Ltd., CPIC Investment Management (H.K.) Company Limited, LG Chem, Ltd., Pacific Asset Management Co., Limited, Shenzhen Dynanonic Company Limited, Sichuan Energy Investment (Hong Kong) Holdings Limited and Gold Mountains (H.K.) International Mining Company Limited, in respect of the Cornerstone Placing.

The following tables set out certain details of the Cornerstone Placing:

Based on the Offer Price of HK\$69.00 (being the low-end of the indicative Offer Price range)
Approximate

Cornerstone Investor	Investment Amount ⁽¹⁾ (in million)	Number of Offer Shares ⁽²⁾	total numb Sha Assuming		Approxin the Inter Offer 3 Assuming the Over- allotment Option is not exercised	national Shares	shareholdin in our C immediate	g percentage company ly upon the of the Global rring Assuming the Over- allotment Option is exercise in full
CALB Co., Ltd	,	5,631,800	3.4%	3.0%	3.8%	3.3%	0.3%	0.3%
CPIC Investment								
Management (H.K.)								
Company								
Limited					1.8%			0.2%
LG Chem, Ltd	1,178	17,065,800	10.4%	9.0%	11.6%	9.9%	1.0%	1.0%
Pacific Asset								
Management Co.,	022	12.050.000	7.20/	C 40/	0.20/	7.00/	0.70/	0.70/
Limited	832	12,059,800	7.3%	6.4%	8.2%	7.0%	0.7%	0.7%
Shenzhen Dynanonic								
Company Limited	1 178	17 065 800	10.4%	9.0%	11.6%	9.9%	1.0%	1.0%
Sichuan Energy	1,176	17,005,600	10.4/0	9.070	11.070	9.9/0	1.070	1.0/0
Investment (Hong								
Kong) Holdings								
Limited	353	5,119,600	3.1%	2.7%	3.5%	3.0%	0.3%	0.3%
Gold Mountains (H.K.)		, ,						
International Mining								
Company								
Limited	785	11,377,200	6.9%	6.0%	7.7%	6.6%	0.7%	0.7%
Total	4,903	71,050,400	43.3%	<u>37.6</u> %	48.1%	41.2%	4.3%	4.3%

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Calculated based on the exchange rates as described in the section headed "Information about this Prospectus and the Global Offering — Exchange Rate Conversion". The actual investment amount of each Cornerstone Investor in Hong Kong dollars may vary due to the actual exchange rate prescribed in the relevant Cornerstone Investment Agreement.

⁽²⁾ Subject to rounding down to the nearest whole board lot of 200 H Shares.

Based on the Offer Price of HK\$75.50 (being the mid-point of the indicative Offer Price range)

Approximate shareholding

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			Approximate% of total number of Offer Shares Assuming Assuming		Approximate% of the International Offer Shares		Company immediately upon the completion of the Global Offering	
	Investment	Number of Offer	the Over- allotment	the Over-	the Over- allotment	the Over-	the Over- allotment	Assuming the Over- allotment Option is exercise
Cornerstone Investor	Amount ⁽¹⁾ (in million)	Shares(2)	exercised	in full	exercised	in full	exercised	in full
CALB Co., Ltd	389	5,146,800	3.1%	2.7%	3.5%	3.0%	0.3%	0.3%
CPIC Investment								
Management (H.K.)								
Company Limited	188	2,495,400	1.5%	1.3%	1.7%	1.4%	0.2%	0.1%
LG Chem, Ltd	1,178	15,596,600	9.5%	8.3%	10.6%	9.1%	1.0%	0.9%
Pacific Asset Management								
Co., Limited	832	11,021,600	6.7%	5.8%	7.5%	6.4%	0.7%	0.7%
Shenzhen Dynanonic								
Company Limited	1,178	15,596,600	9.5%	8.3%	10.6%	9.1%	1.0%	0.9%
Sichuan Energy								
Investment (Hong								
Kong) Holdings								
Limited	353	4,678,800	2.9%	2.5%	3.2%	2.7%	0.3%	0.3%
Gold Mountains (H.K.) International Mining								
Company Limited	785	10,397,600	6.3%	5.5%	7.0%	6.0%	0.6%	0.6%
Total	4,903	64,933,400	<u>39.6</u> %	<u>34.4</u> %	<u>44.0</u> %	<u>37.7</u> %	<u>4.0</u> %	<u>3.9</u> %

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Calculated based on an exchange rate as described in the section headed "Information about this Prospectus and the Global Offering — Exchange Rate Conversion". The actual investment amount of each Cornerstone Investor in Hong Kong dollars may vary due to the actual exchange rate prescribed in the relevant Cornerstone Investment Agreement.

⁽²⁾ Subject to rounding down to the nearest whole board lot of 200 H Shares.

Based on the Offer Price of HK\$82.00 (being the high-end of the indicative Offer Price range)
Approximate

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			Approximate% of total number of Offer Shares		Approximate% of the International Offer Shares		Company immediately upon the completion of the Global Offering	
Cornerstone Investor	Investment Amount ⁽¹⁾ (in million)	Number of Offer Shares ⁽²⁾	the Over-	Assuming the Over- allotment Option is exercised in full	the Over-	the Over- allotment		Assuming the Over- allotment Option is exercise in full
CALB Co., Ltd	,	4,739,000	2.9%	2.5%	3.2%	2.7%	0.3%	0.3%
CPIC Investment		, ,						
Management (H.K.)								
Company Limited	188	2,297,600	1.4%	1.2%	1.6%	1.3%	0.1%	0.1%
LG Chem, Ltd	1,178	14,360,200	8.7%	7.6%	9.7%	8.3%	0.9%	0.9%
Pacific Asset Management								
Co., Limited	832	10,147,800	6.2%	5.4%	6.9%	5.9%	0.6%	0.6%
Shenzhen Dynanonic								
Company Limited	1,178	14,360,200	8.7%	7.6%	9.7%	8.3%	0.9%	0.9%
Sichuan Energy								
Investment (Hong								
Kong) Holdings							0.00/	0.00/
Limited	353	4,308,000	2.6%	2.3%	2.9%	2.5%	0.3%	0.3%
Gold Mountains (H.K.) International Mining								
Company Limited	785	9,573,400	5.8%	5.1%	6.5%	5.6%	0.6%	0.6%
Total		59,786,200		<u>31.7</u> %	<u>40.5</u> %	<u>34.7</u> %	<u>3.6</u> %	<u>3.6</u> %

Notes:

The following information on the Cornerstone Investors was provided to the Company by the Cornerstone Investors.

CALB Co., Ltd.

CALB Co., Ltd. ("CALB"), was established in the PRC on December 8, 2015. Jiangsu Jintan Investment Holdings Ltd. (a state-owned company which is directly wholly-owned by the Jiangsu Province Changzhou City Jintan District government of the PRC) controls approximately 30.04% (including both direct and indirect interest) of the equity interest of CALB. CALB is a global leading new energy technology company mainly engaged in the R&D, production and sales of electric vehicle (EV) batteries and energy storage system (ESS) products. CALB is committed to becoming an energy value creator, providing the most valuable power and energy storage battery product solutions and high-quality new energy full life cycle services for the new energy vehicle manufacturers, energy storage and special application markets.

CALB is one of our customers and we are principally supplying battery grade lithium carbonate to CALB. In May 2022, our Company entered into a sales contract with CALB for a term commencing from June 2022 to December 2022. The sales contract was entered into on an arm's length basis and on normal commercial terms and in the ordinary course of business of our Company. Save as disclosed

⁽¹⁾ Calculated based on an exchange rate as described in the section headed "Information about this Prospectus and the Global Offering — Exchange Rate Conversion". The actual investment amount of each Cornerstone Investor in Hong Kong dollars may vary due to the actual exchange rate prescribed in the relevant Cornerstone Investment Agreement.

⁽²⁾ Subject to rounding down to the nearest whole board lot of 200 H Shares.

above, our Company did not enter into any other transaction, agreement or arrangements with CALB concerning the acquisition of our H Shares.

China Pacific Insurance (Group) Co., Ltd.

Pacific Asset Management Co., Limited ("Pacific Asset Management") was incorporated in the PRC in June 2006 with the approval of the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission. CPIC Investment Management (H.K.) Company Limited ("CPIC (HK)") was established in Hong Kong in 2010.

Pacific Asset Management is the major external investment entity of China Pacific Insurance (Group) Co., Ltd. ("CPIC"), and its principal businesses include the management and deployment of internal funds and insurance funds, entrusted funds management business, relevant consulting services related to funds management and other asset management businesses as permitted under PRC laws and regulations. CPIC (HK) is principally engaged in asset management and provision of investment advisory services, including the management of the investment accounts of qualified domestic institutional investors of China Pacific Property Insurance Co., Ltd. ("China Pacific Property"), which is engaged in the business of property insurance.

Pacific Asset Management, CPIC (HK) and China Pacific Property are part of the group of CPIC, a company founded in 1991 and listed on Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 601601.SH), the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (stock code: 2601.HK) and its GDR listed under the code CPIC. CPIC, being a leading composite insurance company in the PRC based in Shanghai holds approximately (including both direct and indirect interest) 99.7% of equity interest in Pacific Asset Management, 100% of equity interest in CPIC (HK) and 98.5% of equity interest in China Pacific Property.

CPIC does not require approval from the relevant stock exchanges or its shareholders to invest in our Company.

LG Chem, Ltd.

LG Chem, Ltd. ("LG Chem"), founded in 1947, is Korea's largest diversified chemical company listed on Korea Stock Exchange (stock code: 051910), which operates three main business units: Petrochemicals, Advanced Materials and Life Sciences. The petrochemical business manufactures a wide range of products such as NCC, Polyolefin, PVC/Plasticizer, ABS, Acrylate/SAP, HPM Lubber, Catalyst, and CNT business items. It also extends its chemical expertise into high-tech areas such as Cathode material, Battery separator, Engineering material, IT material, RO filter, and drugs and vaccines.

LG Chem is one of our customers and we are principally supplying lithium hydroxide, one of the core materials used to make batteries, to LG Chem. In June 2022, we entered into a sales contract with LG Chem for a term commencing from January 2023 to December 2026. Pursuant to the sales contract, our Company agreed to supply an aggregate of approximately 42,000 tons of lithium hydroxide to LG Chem during the term of the sales contract. There is no predetermined purchase price under the sales contract. However, the parties agreed that the purchase price shall be determined based on a pre-agreed pricing formula. The sales contract was entered into on an arm's length basis and on

normal commercial terms and in the ordinary course of business of our Company. Save as disclosed above, our Company did not enter into any other transaction, agreement or arrangement with LG Chem concerning the acquisition of our H Shares.

LG Chem does not require approval from the Korea Stock Exchange or its shareholders to invest in our Company.

Shenzhen Dynanonic Company Limited

Shenzhen Dynanonic Company Limited ("Shenzhen Dynanonic") is a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (SHE. 300769). Shenzhen Dynanonic's core businesses include the R&D, production and sales of nano-lithium iron phosphate, lithium iron manganese phosphate and lithium supplements etc. Shenzhen Dynanonic's products are widely used in the field of new energy electric vehicles, energy storage and consumer electronics. Shenzhen Dynanonic's largest shareholder is Mr. Ji Xuewen (吉學文), an Independent Third Party, holding approximately 14.23% interest in the company.

Shenzhen Dynanonic is one of our customers and we are principally supplying lithium carbonate, one of the core materials used to make batteries, to Shenzhen Dynanonic. In June 2022, our Company entered into a long-term sales contract with Shenzhen Dynanonic for a term commencing from July 2022 to December 2024. Pursuant to the sales contract, our Company agreed to supply an aggregate of approximately 31,700 tons of lithium carbonate to Shenzhen Dynanonic throughout the term of the sales contract. There is no predetermined purchase price under the sales contract. However, the parties agreed that the purchase price shall be determined based on a pre-agreed pricing formula. The sales contract was entered into on an arm's length basis and on normal commercial terms and in the ordinary course of business of our Company. Save as disclosed above, our Company did not enter into any other transaction, agreement or arrangement with Shenzhen Dynanonic concerning the acquisition of our H Shares.

Shenzhen Dynanonic does not require approval from the Shenzhen Stock Exchange or its shareholders to invest in our Company.

Sichuan Energy Investment (Hong Kong) Holdings Limited

Sichuan Energy Investment (Hong Kong) Holdings Limited ("Sichuan Energy") was established in Hong Kong in August 2016. Sichuan Energy mainly engaged in the international trade and supply chain management related businesses by carrying out bulk commodity trades of non-ferrous metals, especially electrolytic copper, electrolytic nickel and other products such as iron, ore, oil and coal, which are in line with the investment philosophy and development plan of Sichuan Nengtou Material Industry Group Co., Ltd. ("Sichuan Nengtou Material Group"), its parent company. Sichuan Energy is wholly-owned by Sichuan Nengtou Material Group, which is ultimately owned by the government of the Sichuan province in the PRC.

Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.

Gold Mountains (H.K.) International Mining Company Limited ("Gold Mountains") was incorporated in Hong Kong in 2004. Gold Mountains is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd. ("Zijin Mining"), a company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (stock code: 2899) and the Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 601899). Zijin Mining is a multinational mining group dedicated to the exploration, development and engineering technology application and research of copper, gold, zinc and other metallic mineral resources and new energy mineral resources globally.

Our Company has been undergoing discussions with Zijin Mining to enter into strategic cooperation for the joint development of upstream lithium resources in China, including the Yajiang Cuola Mine, which is not in operation at present and being held for future development. We consider that such cooperation can take advantage of Zijin Mining's industry expertise and capital resources. No written agreement has been reached as to the strategic cooperation with Zijin Mining as of the Latest Practicable Date and it is expected that no written agreement will be signed before Listing. The cornerstone investment is separate from, and not conditional upon the signing of the strategic cooperation agreement.

Zijin Mining does not require approval from the relevant stock exchanges or its shareholders to invest in our Company.

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

The obligation of each of the Cornerstone Investors to acquire the relevant Offer Shares under the respective Cornerstone Investment Agreements is subject to, among other things, the following closing conditions:

- (a) the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement and the International Underwriting Agreement being entered into and having become effective and unconditional (in accordance with their respective original terms or as subsequently waived or varied by agreement of the parties thereto) by no later than the time and date as specified in the Underwriting Agreements, and neither of the Underwriting Agreements having been terminated;
- (b) the Offer Price having been agreed upon between the Company and the Joint Representatives (for themselves and on behalf of the Underwriters of the Global Offering);
- (c) the Listing Committee having granted the listing of, and permission to deal in, the H Shares as well as other applicable waivers and approvals and such approval, permission or waiver not having been revoked prior to the commencement of dealings in the Shares on the Stock Exchange;
- (d) no relevant laws or regulations shall have been enacted or promulgated by any governmental authority which prohibits the consummation of the transactions contemplated in the Global Offering or in the Cornerstone Investment Agreements, and there shall be no orders or injunctions from a court of competent jurisdiction in effect precluding or prohibiting consummation of such transactions; and
- (e) the representations, warranties, undertakings, acknowledgements and confirmations of the relevant Cornerstone Investor under the relevant Cornerstone Investment Agreement are (as of the date of the Cornerstone Investment Agreement) and will be (as of the closing of the subscription of the Offer Shares in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Cornerstone Investment Agreement) accurate and true in all respects and not misleading and that there is no material breach of the relevant Cornerstone Investment Agreement on the part of the relevant Cornerstone Investor.

RESTRICTIONS ON DISPOSAL OF OFFER SHARES BY THE CORNERSTONE INVESTORS

Each of the Cornerstone Investors has agreed that it will not, whether directly or indirectly, at any time during the period of six months following the Listing Date (the "Lock-up Period"), dispose

of any of the Offer Shares they have purchased pursuant to the relevant Cornerstone Investment Agreements, save for certain limited circumstances for the relevant Cornerstone Investor, such as transfers to any of its wholly-owned subsidiaries who will be bound by the same obligations of such Cornerstone Investor, including the Lock-up Period restriction.