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AMASSE CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

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CORPORATE INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Directors

Ms. Huang Min (*Chairman*)
(appointed on 24 April 2023)

Dato' Sri Lai Chai Suang
(appointed on 28 November 2022
resigned on 6 March 2023)

Mr. Lam Ting Lok (*Chief Executive Officer*)

Mr. Lo Mun Lam Raymond

Ms. Tse Fung Sum Flora

Ms. Tsang Kwong Wan

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Cheung Pak To, *BBS*

Mr. Li Wing Sum Steven

Dr. Yu Yuen Ping

BOARD COMMITTEES

Audit Committee

Mr. Li Wing Sum Steven (*Chairman*)

Mr. Cheung Pak To, *BBS*

Dr. Yu Yuen Ping

Remuneration Committee

Mr. Cheung Pak To, *BBS* (*Chairman*)

Mr. Li Wing Sum Steven

Ms. Tsang Kwong Wan

Nomination Committee

Mr. Cheung Pak To, *BBS* (*Chairman*)

Dr. Yu Yuen Ping

Ms. Tsang Kwong Wan

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

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The unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “**Group**”) for the three months and six months ended 31 March 2023 (the “**Period**”), together with the comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding period in 2022 are as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Three months ended 31 March		Six months ended 31 March	
		2023	2022	2023	2022
		HK\$'000 (unaudited)	HK\$'000 (unaudited)	HK\$'000 (unaudited)	HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Revenue	3	3,320	1,928	5,119	4,369
Other income	4	296	30	512	69
Other net loss	4	(376)	(1,994)	(1,433)	(2,007)
Employee benefit expenses		(1,879)	(1,833)	(5,290)	(4,438)
Depreciation of plant and equipment		(29)	(45)	(58)	(90)
Depreciation of right-of- use assets		—	(313)	—	(626)
Other operating expenses		(724)	(505)	(1,166)	(1,068)
Finance costs		(33)	(21)	(88)	(40)
Profit/(loss) before taxation	6	575	(2,753)	(2,404)	(3,831)
Income tax	7	—	—	—	—
Profit/(loss) and total comprehensive income/ (expense) for the Period attributable to equity shareholders of the Company		575	(2,753)	(2,404)	(3,831)
Earnings/(loss) per share – Basic and diluted (HK cents)	9	0.05	(0.28)	(0.23)	(0.38)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 March 2023

		As at 31 March 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	As at 30 September 2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
	<i>Notes</i>		
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	10	126	184
Prepayments and deposits	12	—	6
		126	190
Current assets			
Contract assets		—	221
Trade receivables	11	2,363	1,334
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	12	666	612
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	13	11,564	14,319
Cash and cash equivalents	14	22,933	17,482
		37,526	33,968
Current liabilities			
Other payables and accruals	15	253	530
Contract liabilities		19	22
Lease liabilities		1,140	1,108
Loans from securities brokers		6,077	9,028
		7,489	10,688
Net current assets		30,037	23,280
Total assets less current liabilities		30,163	23,470

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
(CONTINUED)**

As at 31 March 2023

		As at 31 March 2023	As at 30 September 2022
	<i>Notes</i>	HK\$'000 (unaudited)	<i>HK\$'000</i> <i>(audited)</i>
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities		146	724
Provision for long service payment		137	137
		283	861
Net assets			
		29,880	22,609
EQUITY			
Share capital	16	11,000	10,000
Reserves		18,880	12,609
Total equity			
		29,880	22,609

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 31 March 2023

	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Other reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 30 September 2022 (audited) and at 1 October 2022	10,000	27,299	4,000	(18,690)	22,609
Issuance of shares upon placement and subscription	1,000	8,675	—	—	9,675
Loss and total comprehensive expense for the Period	—	—	—	(2,404)	(2,404)
At 31 March 2023 (unaudited)	11,000	35,974	4,000	(21,094)	29,880

For the six months ended 31 March 2022

	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Other reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 30 September 2021 (audited) and at 1 October 2021	10,000	27,299	4,000	(9,405)	31,894
Loss and total comprehensive expense for the Period	—	—	—	(3,831)	(3,831)
At 31 March 2022 (unaudited)	10,000	27,299	4,000	(13,236)	28,063

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended 31 March 2023

	Six months ended 31 March	
	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Operating activities		
Loss before income tax	(2,404)	(3,831)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of plant and equipment	58	90
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	—	626
Dividend income from investments in listed securities	(6)	(41)
Bank interest income	(172)	(28)
Interest on lease liabilities	46	13
Interest on loans from securities brokers	42	27
Net realised loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,670	2,008
Net unrealised (gain)/loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(242)	255
Reversal of loss allowance on trade receivables	(300)	—
Operating loss before changes in working capital	(1,308)	(881)
Decrease/(increase) in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,327	(898)
Decrease in contract assets	221	—
Increase in trade receivables	(729)	(722)
Increase in prepayments, deposits and other receivables	(48)	(118)
Decrease in other payables and accruals	(277)	(361)
Decrease in other contract liabilities	(3)	—
Cash used in operations	(817)	(2,980)
Received dividend income from investments in listed securities	6	41
Net cash used in operating activities	(811)	(2,939)
Investing activities		
Bank interest income	172	28
Net cash generated from investing activities	172	28

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

For the six months ended 31 March 2023

	Six months ended 31 March	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Financing activities		
Repayment of lease liabilities	(546)	(633)
Net decrease in loans from securities brokers	(2,951)	(620)
Interest paid on lease liabilities	(46)	(13)
Interest paid on loans from securities brokers	(42)	(27)
Net proceeds from issue of shares	9,675	—
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities	6,090	(1,293)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	5,451	(4,204)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the Period	17,482	18,904
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the Period	22,933	14,700

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 31 March 2023

1. GENERAL

The Company is a public limited company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and its shares are listed on the GEM of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”). The registered office and the principal place of business of the Company are Windward 3, Regatta Office Park, P.O. Box 1350, Grand Cayman KY1-1108, Cayman Islands and Room 1201, 12/F, Prosperous Building, 48-52 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong respectively.

The Company is principally engaged in investment holding. The principal activities of its subsidiaries are provision of corporate finance advisory services and investment advisory services.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars (“**HK\$**”) which is also the functional currency of the Group and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise indicated.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“**HKFRSs**”) with collective term includes all applicable individual HKFRSs, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“**HKASs**”) and interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“**HKICPA**”), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong, the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the GEM of the Stock Exchange (the “**GEM Listing Rules**”).

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for certain financial instruments that are measured at fair values.

The principal accounting policies used in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 31 March 2023 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the Group’s annual report for the year ended 30 September 2022.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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3. REVENUE

Revenue represents income received and receivables from the provision of corporate finance advisory services and investment advisory services, is analysed as follows:

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	31 March		31 March	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Revenue				
Corporate finance advisory fee income from acting as:-				
Financial adviser	3,040	1,528	4,460	3,589
Independent financial adviser	280	100	659	480
	3,320	1,628	5,119	4,069
Investment advisory fee income	—	300	—	300
	3,320	1,928	5,119	4,369
Timing of revenue recognition				
Over time	3,320	1,928	5,119	4,369
	3,320	1,928	5,119	4,369

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the six months ended 31 March 2023

4. OTHER INCOME AND OTHER NET LOSS

	Three months ended 31 March		Six months ended 31 March	
	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Other income				
Bank interest income	91	11	172	28
Dividend income	5	19	6	41
Government grants	—	—	34	—
Reversal of loss allowance of trade receivables	200	—	300	—
	296	30	512	69
Other net loss				
Net realised loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(743)	(1,470)	(1,670)	(2,008)
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	291	(659)	242	(255)
Exchange gains/(loss)	76	135	(5)	256
	(376)	(1,994)	(1,433)	(2,007)

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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5. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Information reported to the board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of the Company, being the chief operating decision maker (the “**CODM**”) for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on advisory services provided. The CODM considers the Group’s operation are located in Hong Kong. The principal activity of the reportable and operating segment is the provision of corporate finance advisory services only.

Information about major clients

Revenue from clients who individually contributed over 10% of the Group’s total revenue during the reporting period are as follows:

	Three months ended 31 March		Six months ended 31 March	
	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Customer A	650	—	800	—
Customer B	300	—	600	—
Customer C	65	688	161	1,050
Customer D	240	240	480	820
Customer E	65	310	170	710
Customer F	120	120	240	380
Customer G	—	15	—	54

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the six months ended 31 March 2023

6. PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION

Profit/(loss) before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Three months ended 31 March		Six months ended 31 March	
	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Auditor's remuneration	62	62	125	125
Donation	96	83	109	221
Employee benefit expenses (including Directors' remuneration)	1,879	1,833	5,290	4,438
– Salaries and welfare	1,847	1,795	3,551	3,622
– Performance related bonus	–	–	1,672	740
– Retirement benefit scheme contributions	32	38	67	76
Finance costs				
– Interest on lease liabilities	21	4	46	13
– Interest on loans from securities brokers	12	17	42	27
Expenses relating to short-term leases	5	5	10	10
Net exchange (gain)/loss	(76)	(9)	5	(222)

7. INCOME TAX

The Group is subject to income tax on profits arising in or derived from Hong Kong, being its principal place of business. For the six months ended 31 March 2023, no provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the Group had no assessable profits (2022: Nil).

8. DIVIDEND

No dividend is declared for the six months ended 31 March 2023 (2022: Nil).

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the six months ended 31 March 2023

9. EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings/(loss) per share attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company is based on the following data:

	Three months ended 31 March		Six months ended 31 March	
	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Profit/(loss) for the Period attributable to equity shareholders of the Company (HK\$'000)	575	(2,753)	(2,404)	(3,831)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings/(loss) per share ('000)	1,100,000	1,000,000	1,064,286	1,000,000

No diluted earnings/(loss) per share is presented as there was no potential ordinary shares in issue.

10. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the reporting Period, the Group had no acquisition of plant and equipment (2022: Nil).

11. TRADE RECEIVABLES

	As at 31 March 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	As at 30 September 2022 HK\$'000 (audited)
Trade receivables	5,639	4,910
Less: Loss allowance	(3,276)	(3,576)
	2,363	1,334

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the six months ended 31 March 2023

11. TRADE RECEIVABLES (CONTINUED)

The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables net of loss allowance presented based on the invoice date at the end of each reporting Period.

	As at 31 March 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	As at 30 September 2022 HK\$'000 (audited)
Within 1 month	475	394
1 to 3 months	1,160	131
Over 3 months	728	809
	2,363	1,334

There is no credit period granted for corporate finance advisory services income and investment advisory services income.

12. PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	As at 31 March 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	As at 30 September 2022 HK\$'000 (audited)
Prepayments	269	234
Deposits	360	360
Other receivables	37	24
	666	618
Deduct: Non-current portion	—	(6)
Current portion	666	612

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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13. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	As at 31 March 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	As at 30 September 2022 HK\$'000 (audited)
Listed securities held for trading:		
– Equity security listed in Hong Kong	5,446	9,194
– Equity security listed in the United States	6,118	5,125
	11,564	14,319

Financial assets at FVTPL are stated at fair values which are determined with reference to quoted market bid price.

14. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	As at 31 March 2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	As at 30 September 2022 HK\$'000 (audited)
Cash at bank and on hand	12,136	3,123
Cash at other financial institutions	4,360	9,492
Short-term bank deposits	6,437	4,867
	22,933	17,482

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank and on hand, cash at other financial institutions and short-term bank deposits. Short-term bank deposits were made for one month (2022: varying periods of between one month to two months). The cash at bank and at other financial institutions are deposited with creditworthy banks and financial institutions with no recent history of default.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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15. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

	As at 31 March 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	As at 30 September 2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
Other payables	35	44
Accruals	218	486
	253	530

16. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	Share capital <i>HK\$'000</i>
Authorised: At 1 October 2021, 30 September 2022, 1 October 2022 and 31 March 2023	10,000,000,000	100,000
Issued and fully paid: At 1 October 2021, 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022	1,000,000,000	10,000
Issuance of new shares:	100,000,000	1,000
Issued and fully paid: At 31 March 2023	1,100,000,000	11,000

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the six months ended 31 March 2023

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Compensation of key management personnel of the Group

Key management personnel are those persons holding positions with authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group, directly or indirectly, including the Directors of the Company.

Key management personnel remuneration was as follow:

	Six months ended 31 March	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Short-term employee benefits	2,794	2,384
Post-employment benefits	40	49
	2,834	2,433

18. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been re-classified to conform with the current interim period's presentation.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

The Group is a corporate finance advisory service provider and investment advisory service provider based in Hong Kong and licensed to conduct Type 1 (dealing in securities), Type 4 (advising on securities), Type 6 (advising on corporate finance) and Type 9 (asset management) regulated activities under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the “**SFO**”), subject to the conditions that its operating subsidiary, Amasse Capital Limited, shall not (i) hold client assets; (ii) for Type 1 regulated activity, engage in dealing activities other than those relating to corporate finance; and (iii) for Type 6 regulated activity, act as sponsor in respect of an application for listing on a recognized stock market of any securities. Amasse Asset Management Limited shall not (i) hold client assets; and (ii) only provide services to professional investors.

The Group is principally engaged in providing corporate finance advisory services in Hong Kong including (i) acting as financial adviser to Hong Kong public listed companies and investors seeking to control or invest in public listed companies in Hong Kong regarding corporate transactions which mainly involve the compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “**Listing Rules**”), the GEM Listing Rules and/or the Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs (the “**Takeovers Code**”); (ii) acting as independent financial adviser to independent board committees and/or independent shareholders of public listed companies in Hong Kong; (iii) acting as underwriter and/or placing agent not holding client assets in dealing activities for its clients; and (iv) providing investment advisory services.

The Group experienced a harsh business environment for the year ended 30 September 2022 caused by the outbreak of Covid-19, the war between Russia and Ukraine and the rising interest rates by the Federal Reserve of the United States of America (the “**Events**”). The above-mentioned events have created significant fluctuation in the world’s capital market and imposed additional uncertainty to the world’s economies.

The Directors consider that the Events have limited the Group’s business opportunities as they imposed additional uncertainty and fluctuation to the world economics and financial markets which adversely impacts on investment sentiment of investors. Looking forward, in view that the Events have yet to be ended, the Directors believe that the business and operation environments of the Group will remain challenging. But the Directors are happy to hear that the cross-border restrictions between Hong Kong and the People’s Republic of China (“**PRC**”) have been fully released in February 2023, and the Company has maintained more communication and explore business opportunities with clients more often.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Nonetheless, the Group is stick with its business strategies as below.

Corporate Finance Advisory Services

The Directors observe there are severe price competition in the Hong Kong corporate finance industry during the uncertain economic climate. As such, the Group has adopted a competitive price strategy while maintaining its high service quality for the clients.

The Group has actively maintained frequent contacts with the clients under its customer base through telecommunication media. By leveraging on the senior managements' resources and network, the Group has been proactively approaching new clients. As a result of the continuous effort and adjustment of the Group's business strategies, the Group had successfully secured 3 new corporate finance advisory services contract with an aggregate contract sum of approximately HK\$1.8 million for the three months ended 31 March 2023.

Asset Management Advisory Services

In addition to the corporate finance advisory services, the Group has been exploring and expanding new business. The asset management advisory services represent a material development of the Group. Amasse Asset Management Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, was granted the licenses of Type 4 (advising on securities) and Type 9 (asset management) regulated activities under the SFO in May 2020. During the year ended 30 September 2022, the investment advisory service generated revenue of HK\$0.3 million.

The Group has engaged a legal adviser to prepare the documents for an equity investment fund. Unfortunately, the Group is still in the process of approaching certain limited partners and the Directors observed that the attitudes of those potential limited partners had become more conservative primarily due to the market situations in Hong Kong, the PRC and worldwide as discussed above and the negotiation has been put on hold in the year of 2022. The Group has resumed communications with some of the potential investors.

Additionally, the Group has been successfully engaged to act as asset management advisor for two limited partnership funds. Such two funds are in the process of discussing with the relevant limited partners for the capital and/or asset injection into the funds and the Group will be able to generate fee income once the aforesaid capital and/or asset injection is completed.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Save for the above two services, the Group is also developing advisory on securities dealing services and agreed with a private company for providing advisory on Asia portfolio trading and management services and subject to the execution of a formal contract.

As disclosed in the section headed “Risk Factors” under the Company’s prospectus dated 8 March 2018, revenue of the Group’s corporate finance activities is to a large extent derived from transactions for which the Group is engaged on a one-off basis. The nature of the corporate finance activities also means the demand and scope for our activities are dependent on an array of factors such as the conditions of the financial markets which is beyond our control. In addition, the nature of the Group’s business is largely based on non-recurring projects and engagement terms may vary from project to project. As such, the Group is formulating different strategies, including but not limited to emphasising on material transactions pitching with the hope to generate higher fee income.

Last but not the least, the Directors consider that the recent lackluster performance of the Group is just temporary in view that the Group’s unsatisfactory performance was mainly affected by the outbreak of the coronavirus disease and the global political and financial uncertainties. The Group’s performance would be improved gradually after the pandemic situation is fully recovered, the travel restriction are relaxed and the success implementation and adjustment of the Group’s business plans and strategies from time to time. The sign of the Group’s performance recovery has been emerged post the year end date for 2022 (i) as the aggregate outstanding contracted fees of the Group’s corporate finance advisory services have already been reached approximately HK9.9 million (including the revenue of approximately HK\$5.1 million recorded for the six months ended 31 March 2023) as at 9 May 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this interim report for ascertaining certain information for the purpose of inclusion in this interim report. The aforesaid contracted fees of approximately HK\$9.9 million have exceeded the Group’s revenue for the financial year ended 30 September 2021 and 2022; and (ii) for the six months ended 31 March 2023, the Group recorded a revenue of approximately HK\$5.1 million as compared to that of HK\$4.4 million for the corresponding period in 2022.

As a service company, the Directors believe that high quality advisory services and consistent management are a way to success of the Group. The Directors consider that the professional teams of the Group have continued to provide high quality services to customers which will continue to deliver value for our Shareholders. Most of the Directors have extensive experience and knowledge on Hong Kong financial market and/or listed companies’ operation, rules and/or regulations. It is believed that the Directors will continuous to contribute to the Group’s development.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

Revenue for the six months ended 31 March 2023 amounted to approximately HK\$5.1 million, representing an increase of approximately HK\$0.7 million or approximately 15.9% as compared with that of approximately HK\$4.4 million for the corresponding period of last year. Such increase was mainly driven by the increase of the total corporate finance advisory transactions.

Other Income and Other Net Loss

The Group's other income mainly included reversal of loss allowance of trade receivables of HK\$0.3 million (2022: Nil); bank interest income of approximately H\$0.2 million (2022: approximately HK\$0.03 million) and government grants of approximately HK\$0.03 million (2022: Nil) relates to Employment Support Scheme provided by the Hong Kong government.

The Group's other net loss included (i) net realised and unrealised loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss of approximately HK\$1.4 million (2022: approximately HK\$2.3 million); and (ii) exchange loss of approximately HK\$0.01 million (2022: gain of approximately HK\$0.3 million).

Employee Benefit Expenses

Employee benefit expenses primarily consist of salaries, bonus and allowances as well as contributions to the mandatory provident fund for the Directors and employees of the Group. Employee benefits expenses were approximately HK\$5.3 million (2022: approximately HK\$4.4 million), representing an increase of approximately HK\$0.9 million as compared with the six months ended 31 March 2022, primarily due to the increase of approximately HK\$0.9 million of the performance related bonuses paid during the Period.

Other Operating Expenses

Other operating expenses for the six months ended 31 March 2023, were approximately HK\$1.2 million, which was slightly increased of HK\$0.1 million when compared to approximately HK\$1.1 million for the six months ended 31 March 2022.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Loss for the Period

The Group incurred net loss of approximately HK\$2.4 million for the six months ended 31 March 2023 (2022: approximately HK\$3.8 million). The decrease of net loss for the Period as compared to the same period of last year was mainly due to the net effect of (i) the increase in revenue by approximately HK\$0.7 million; (ii) the increase in other income by approximately HK\$0.4 million; (iii) the decrease in other net loss by approximately HK\$0.6 million; and (iv) the increase in employee benefits expenses by approximately HK\$0.9 million.

Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 31 March 2023 and 30 September 2022, the Group had cash and cash equivalents of approximately HK\$22.9 million and HK\$17.5 million respectively. As at 31 March 2023, the Group's current ratio was approximately 5.0 times as compared to approximately 3.2 times as at 30 September 2022.

As at 31 March 2023, the gearing ratio was approximately 24.6% mainly due to the decrease in loan from a securities broker (30 September 2022: approximately 48.0%). Gearing ratio is calculated by dividing total debt by total equity. Total debt is defined to include all interest-bearing borrowings and lease liabilities.

The Directors are of the view that at the date hereof, the Group's financial resources are sufficient to support its business and operations.

Treasury Policy

The Group adopts a prudent financial management approach towards its treasury policy and thus maintained a healthy liquidity position throughout the Period. The management of the Group regularly reviews the recoverable amount of trade receivables by performing ongoing credit assessments and monitoring prompt recovery and if necessary to make adequate impairment losses for irrecoverable amounts. In order to achieve better cost control and minimise the cost of funds, the Group's treasury activities are centralised and cash is generally deposited with leading licensed banks in Hong Kong.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Capital Structure

The Directors monitor the Group's capital structure by reviewing cash flow requirements, taking into account of its future financial obligations and commitments. The capital structure of the Group comprises of issued share capital and reserves attributable to equity shareholders of the Company. The Directors review the Group's capital structure regularly.

Charges on Group Assets

As at 31 March 2023, the Group did not have any charges on its assets (2022: Nil).

Foreign Currency Exposure

The Group's exposures to foreign currencies mainly arises from United States Dollars ("US\$") deposits and US\$ equity investments. The Directors should be aware that foreign currency deposit and equity investments are subject to currency risks and there can be no assurance that any appreciation value of foreign currency dollar. In order to mitigate the potential impact of currency fluctuation, the Directors closely monitors its foreign currency exposures and cash is deposited in Hong Kong leading licensed banks and financial institutions with short maturities. No other foreign currency deposit was entered into by the Group during the Period. As at 31 March 2023, the Group had US\$ deposits of approximately US\$1.9 million (30 September 2022: approximately US\$1.9 million) and US\$ equity investments of approximately US\$0.8 million (30 September 2022: approximately US\$0.7 million). The Group does not have foreign currency hedging arrangement but will closely monitor the exposure and take measures when necessary.

Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As at 31 March 2023, the Group did not have any significant capital commitments and contingent liabilities (2022: Nil).

Employees and Remuneration Policies

As at 31 March 2023, the Group employed 15 (2022: 14) staff (including executive directors). The Group determine the employees' remuneration based on factors such as qualification, duty, contributions and years of experience. In addition, the Group provides comprehensive training programs to its employees or sponsors the employees to attend various job-related training courses.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Significant Investments, Material Acquisitions and Disposals of Subsidiaries and Capital Assets

As at 31 March 2023, the Group maintained a portfolio of equity investments with total carrying amount of approximately HK\$11.6 million (30 September 2022: approximately HK\$14.3 million). The portfolio of equity investments comprises mainly constituent stocks of key indexes in Hong Kong and US. The portfolio of equity investments as at 31 March 2023 are set out as follows.

	Unrealised fair value gain for the period ended 31 March 2023	Fair value of the investment in listed securities as at 31 March 2023	Percentage of fair value of the investment in listed securities/ total assets of the Group as at 31 March 2023
Investment cost	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	11,322	242	11,564 30.7%

Financial assets at fair value

through profit or loss

11,322

242

11,564

30.7%

The Group held less than 0.1% of shareholding in each of the listed securities in the above equity investments portfolio and none of the investments was individually with value of 5% or above of the Group's total assets.

During the Period, the global stock market remained volatile and the Group will continue to adopt the cautious and risk/return balanced approach in equity investment.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Save as disclosed above, the Group did not have any significant investments, material acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries and capital assets during the Period ended 31 March 2023 (30 September 2022: Nil).

DIVIDENDS

No dividend is declared for the six months ended 31 March 2023 (2022: Nil).

PLACING OF EXISTING SHARES AND TOP-UP SUBSCRIPTION OF NEW SHARES UNDER GENERAL MANDATE

On 21 November 2022, the Company announced a top-up placing and top-up subscription of new shares under general mandate, which was completed on 5 December 2022. Upon completion, a total number of 100,000,000 new shares were issued at HK\$0.10 per share, raising a net proceeds of approximately HK\$9.7 million for general working capital of the Group. Further details of this exercise are available in the Company's announcements dated 21 November 2022 and 5 December 2022.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION

Compliance with Corporate Governance Code

The board of Directors is of the view that the Company has met the code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the “**CG Code**”) contained in Appendix 15 to the GEM Listing Rules during the six months ended 31 March 2023.

Directors’ Securities Transactions

The Company has adopted rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules, as its own code of conduct regarding directors’ dealings in the securities of the Company. Having made specific enquiry, all Directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standard of dealing during the Period.

Directors’ Interests in Contracts

None of the Directors nor their respective close associates had a material beneficial interest, either directly or indirectly, in any contract of significance to the business of the Group to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party during the Period.

Directors’ Interests in a Competing Business

None of the Directors nor their respective close associates was interested in any business apart from the Group’s business which competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the Group’s businesses during the Period.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests and/or Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures of the Company or any Associated Corporation

As at 31 March 2023, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which he/she is taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

Long position in ordinary shares of the Company

Name	Capacity	Note	Long position	
			Number of ordinary shares	Percentage of total number of shares
Ms. Tse	Interest in controlled corporation	1	682,000,000	62.00%
Mr. Lam	Interest of spouse	2	682,000,000	62.00%

Notes:

1. Ms. Tse Fung Sum Flora ("**Ms. Tse**") is interested in the entire issued share capital of Access Cheer Limited ("**Access Cheer**") and she is therefore deemed to be interested in the shares held by Access Cheer by virtue of the SFO.
2. Mr. Lam Ting Lok ("**Mr. Lam**") is the spouse of Ms. Tse and he is therefore deemed to be interested in the shares held by Ms. Tse by virtue of SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 March 2023, none of the Directors and chief executives of the Company had an interest or short position in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations that was notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which he/she will be taken or deemed to have under the SFO), or was required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein or which was required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Substantial shareholders' interests in shares and underlying shares of the Company

As at 31 March 2023, to the knowledge of the Directors, shareholders of the Company (other than the Directors or chief executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO were as follow:

Long position in ordinary shares of associated corporation

Name	Capacity	Note	Long position	
			Number of ordinary shares	Percentage of total number of shares
Access Cheer	Beneficial owner	1	682,000,000	62.00%
Luo Lei	Beneficial owner		118,000,000	10.73%

Note:

1. The entire issued share capital of Access Cheer is legally and beneficially owned by Ms. Tse who is deemed to be interested in the shares held by Access Cheer by virtue of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 March 2023, none of the substantial shareholders or other persons, other than Directors and chief executives of the Company whose interests are set out in the section headed "Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests and/or Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures of the Company or any Associated Corporation" above, had any interest or a short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO.

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Securities

During the Period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the listed shares of the Company.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Share Option Scheme

A share option scheme (the “**Share Option Scheme**”) which became effective on 26 February 2018 and, unless otherwise cancelled or amended, will remain in force for 10 years from that date. Under the Share Option Scheme, the Company may grant options to selected classes of participants which include the Group’s employee (including the Group’s director), adviser, consultant, service provider, agent, client, partner or joint venture partner who is in full-time or part-time employment with or otherwise engaged by any member of the Group.

No share options were granted, exercised, cancelled or lapsed under the Scheme since its adoption to the end of the Period.

Audit Committee

The Company has established an audit committee (the “**Audit Committee**”) in compliance with Rule 5.28 to 5.33 of the GEM Listing Rules with specific written terms of reference in compliance with code provision D3.3 of the CG Code. The Audit Committee currently consists of all the three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Li Wing Sum Steven, Mr. Cheung Pak To, *BBS* and Dr. Yu Yuen Ping. Mr. Li Wing Sum Steven is the chairman of the Audit Committee.

The primary duties of the Audit Committee are to review the annual reports and accounts, half-year reports and quarterly reports of the Group, make recommendations to the board of Directors on the appointment and dismissal of external auditors, provide advice in respect of financial reporting, review risk management and internal control framework of the Group, and monitor any continuing connected transactions.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited consolidated results of the Group for the six months ended 31 March 2023.

By order of the Board
Amasse Capital Holdings Limited
Huang Min
Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 15 May 2023

As at the date of this report, the executive Directors are Ms. Huang Min, Mr. Lam Ting Lok, Mr. Lo Mun Lam Raymond, Ms. Tse Fung Sum Flora, and Ms. Tsang Kwong Wan; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Cheung Pak To, BBS, Mr. Li Wing Sum Steven and Dr. Yu Yuen Ping.