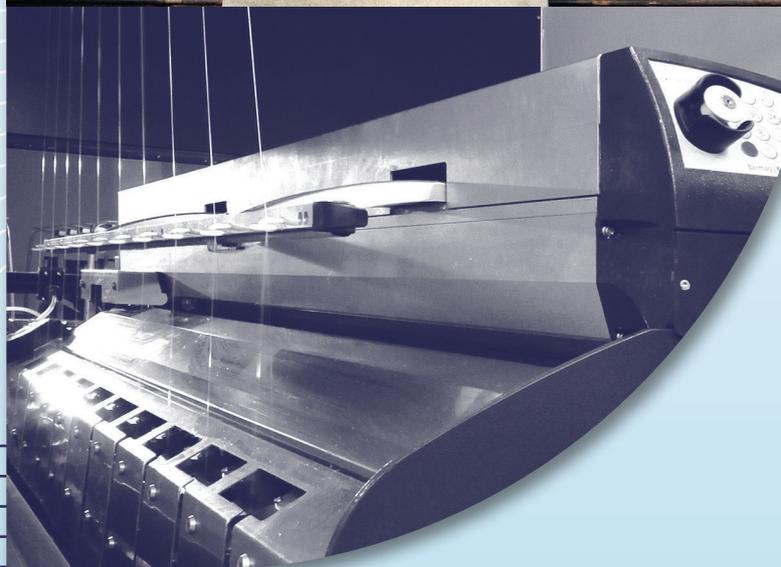


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(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
Stock Code: 2299



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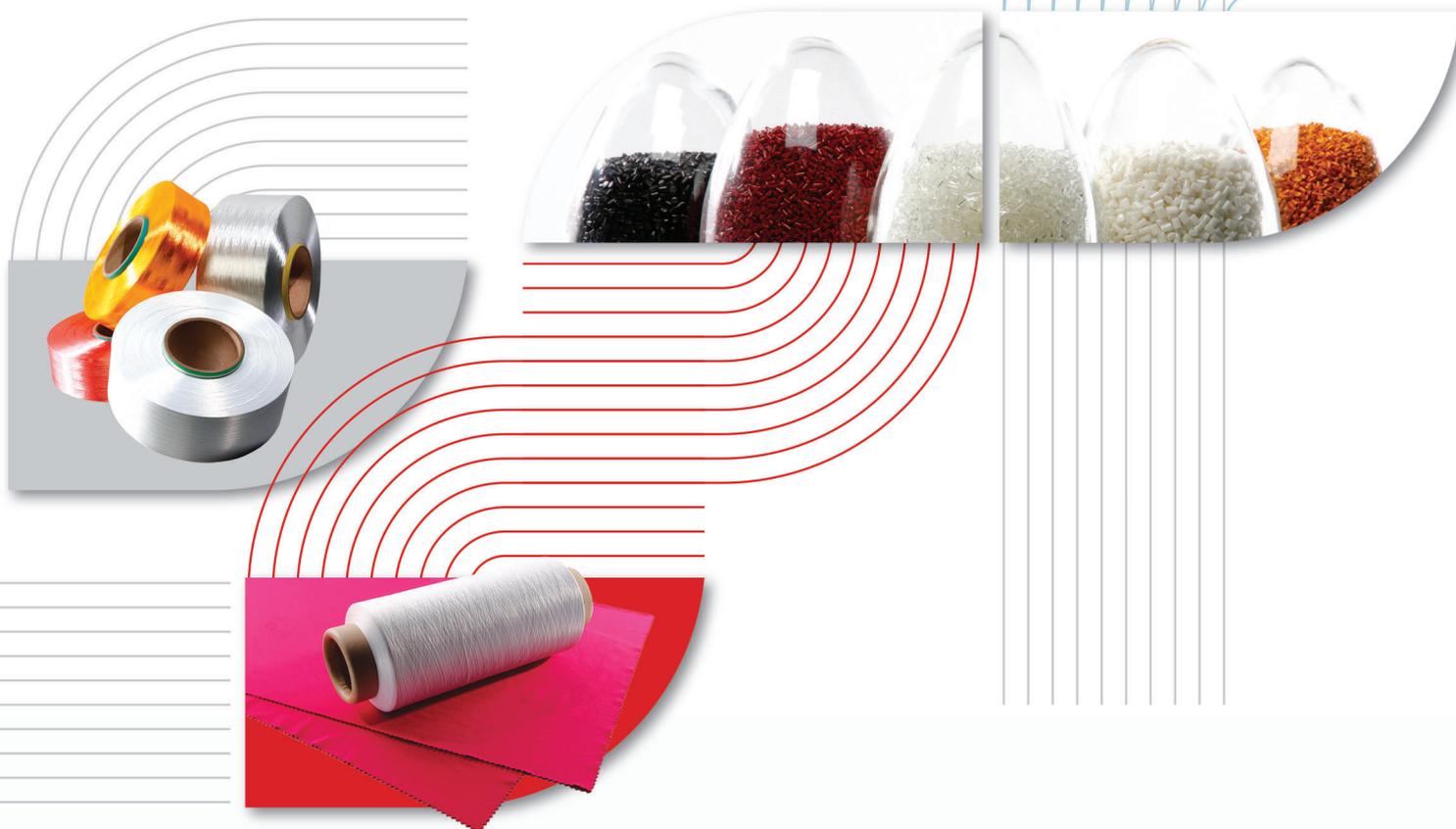
Annual Report

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Company Profile



Billion Industrial Holdings Limited (the “**Company**” or “**Billion**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”), is one of the largest developers and manufacturers of polyester filament yarns in the People’s Republic of China (the “**PRC**”). The polyester filament yarns products of the Group are positioned at middle and high-end markets in China and overseas, its main products are drawn textured yarns (“**DTY**”), fully drawn yarns (“**FDY**”), and partially oriented yarns (“**POY**”), a majority of which have special physical features and functionalities such as cotton-like fibers, protection against ultraviolet rays, moisture and sweat-absorption, flame-resistant, abrasion-resistant, super-soft, super-shining and antibacterial. These products are widely used in the production of high-end fabrics and textiles for various consumer products, including apparel, footwear and home furnishings. Billion was listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) on 18 May 2011.

As at 31 December 2023, the Group’s designed capacity of polyester filament yarns in China was 2,726,400 tons, of which the designed capacity of FDY and POY was 1,005,000 tons per year, while that of DTY was 711,400 tons per year. The combined designed capacity for DTY, FDY and POY was 1,716,400 tons per year, which made it the largest differentiated chemical fiber production base in Fujian Province.

As at 31 December 2023, the Group’s designed capacity for polyester products in China was 910,000 tons per year, of which, the designed capacity of biaxially-oriented polyethylene terephthalate (“**BOPET**”) thin films was 702,500 tons per year, and the Group was a large enterprise in manufacturing polyester thin films in China. The Group introduced the production lines and research and development equipment with advanced international standards for BOPET thin films from Dornier in Germany, for which the products are positioned at the high-end functional polyester thin films market in the PRC applying in the segments including soft packaging, composite printing, electronic appliances, garments, safety and energy saving. The

Company Profile



purification workshop management is implemented for the production workshops, meeting the stringent environmental requirements for producing different thin films. Also, the Group is vigorously developing new environmentally friendly polyester thin film products which can be applied in various segments.

In order to further expand overseas markets, the Group has established Billion Industrial (VietNam) Co., Ltd. ("**Billion Vietnam**") in Vietnam, so as to develop the overseas polyester bottle chip business. We also set up the polyester filament yarns production facility and the polyester, POY and FDY production facilities in Vietnam. As of 31 December 2023, the designed capacity of Billion Vietnam of polyester filament yarns was 554,300 tons per year, of which, the designed capacity of FDY and POY was 184,000 tons per year, and that of DTY was 170,300 tons per year. The combined designed capacity for DTY, FDY and POY was 354,300 tons per year. The Group also announced on 20 September 2022 that it will further invest approximately US\$73,900,000 in the development of a new production facility in Vietnam for polyester bottle chips. The designed annual production capacity is about 300,000 tons. It has been put into commercial production in July 2023. The designed capacity for polyester bottle chip was 550,000 tons per year, marking a milestone during the Group's journey in exploring the emerging markets.

In addition, in view of the increasing consumption of polyester industrial yarns in the PRC in recent years, in particular, the accelerating expansion of the polyester industrial yarns market in Eastern China, the Group invested approximately US\$185 million to set up a production line for polyester industrial yarns products to expand this business. The new manufacturing facilities have a total production capacity of approximately 250,000 tons per year, and have commercial production since 17 July 2020.

In recent years, the consumption of polyester thin films in China has been increasing. As a large polyester thin film manufacturer in China, by expanding the existing polyester thin film business, the Company will be able to enjoy the growth of this market by leveraging its existing scale and expertise in the manufacturing of polyester thin films. In this regard, the production line for polyester thin films established by the Group with a planned investment of US\$320 million over a period of four years from 2020 to 2023 has been put into full commercial production in November 2023. Upon the full completion, the additional polymerizing production capacity is 400,000 tons per year, which enables the additional polyester thin films to give their full play to reach the production capacity of 228,000 tons per year.

Billion's Journey

2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fujian Billion Polymerization Fiber Technology Industrial Co., Ltd.* (福建百宏聚纖科技實業有限公司) (“Billion Fujian”) was established in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”) by Billion Wise Industrial Limited (“Billion H.K.”) as a wholly foreign-owned enterprise
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commencement of commercial production of polyester filament yarns in Fenglin Industrial Zone, Longhu Town, Jinjiang City, Fujian Province, the PRC• First production line of polyester filament yarns with designed capacity of approximately 200,000 tons per annum commenced production
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second production line of polyester filament yarns with designed capacity of approximately 260,000 tons per annum commenced production
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Successfully listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (Stock code: 2299) on 18 May 2011• Continued the expansion of the new production site in Jinnan Industrial Zone, Jinjiang City. The new production site commenced production in November 2011, and had reached full production operation by the end of 2013• Establishment of Fujian Billion High-tech Material Industry Co., Ltd.* (福建百宏高新材料實業有限公司) (“Billion High-tech”) to develop new polyester thin film business. In November 2011, the Company announced further investment of RMB1.587 billion in polyester thin film business, and the investment in polyester thin film business reached RMB1.937 billion• Awarded as a “State-Accredited Enterprise Technology Centre”
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CECEP Chongqing Industry Co., Ltd* (重慶中節能實業有限責任公司) (“CECEP Chongqing”), a subsidiary of China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group* (中國節能環保集團公司) (“CECEP”), became the single largest shareholder of the Company in September 2012• Completion of phase I of polyester thin film plant, with designed capacity of 36,500 tons per annum• Commenced sales of polyester thin film products
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commenced construction of the second to fifth production lines of polyester thin film business• Billion Fujian was awarded as one of the “China’s Top 500 Private Enterprises in the Manufacturing Sector”
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Billion Fujian was enlisted in the “2014 China Brand Value Evaluation”• Billion Fujian was recognised as a “Key High-Tech Enterprise of the State Torch Program”
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Billion Fujian was recognised as a “China Integrated Management System Standards Assessment Pilot Enterprise for the Integration of Informatisation and Industrialisation”• Billion Fujian was awarded “Top Ten Export Brand of Quanzhou New ‘Ocean Silk Road’ ”• Billion Fujian was awarded “Quanzhou Intelligent Manufacturing Demonstration – Intelligent Plant”• Billion Fujian was recognised as a “Fujian Province Intelligent Manufacturing Pilot and Demonstration Enterprise”

Billion's Journey

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| 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billion Fujian was recognised as a “2016 National Technology Innovation Demonstration Enterprise” • Billion Fujian was awarded “Advanced Group in National Textile Industry” • The production expansion plan for polyester thin films was completed in full with the designed capacity of 255,000 tons per annum |
| 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established Billion Vietnam to expand the overseas polyester bottle chip business with an annual production capacity of 250,000 tons, a polyester filament yarns production facility with an annual production capacity of 165,000 tons, and the polyester, POY and FDY production facilities with an annual production capacity of 220,000 tons. Total investment amounted to approximately US\$220 million • Expanded the new factory site in Jinnan Industrial Zone, Jinjiang City. The expansion plan of polyester filament yarns at the new factory site was to invest approximately US\$222 million with an annual production capacity of approximately 220,000 tons. The new manufacturing facility has gradually put into commercial production since December 2017 • Billion Fujian was awarded as one of the “2017 China’s Top 500 Private Enterprises in the Manufacturing Sector” • Billion Fujian was awarded “National ‘Quality Benchmarking’” • Awarded as a “2017 State-Accredited Enterprise Technology Centre” • The project of Billion Vietnam was listed in the “2017 Sino-Vietnam Production Capacity Cooperation Projects”, and was ranked No. 1 |
| 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new factory site in Jinnan Industrial Zone had polyester facilities with an annual production capacity of 220,000 tons, and has formally put into production since 30 September 2018. The polyester facilities comprised 10 spinning POY production lines and 2 FDY production lines, 124 DTY texturing machines as well as intelligent spinning production equipment and intelligent logistics systems • Expanded the polyester industrial yarns products business and invested approximately US\$185 million to set up a production line for polyester industrial yarns products. The designed total production capacity will be approximately 250,000 tons per annum. It is expected that the new manufacturing facilities will gradually commence commercial production in the second quarter of 2020 • Awarded the “Promising Corporate” of the “2017 Top 100 Hong Kong Listed Companies” • Billion Fujian was enlisted the “2018 China Brand Value Award” • Billion Fujian was awarded the Fifth “China’s Top Ten Textile Science and Technology Award • New Technology Award” • Billion Fujian became as one of the first batch of manufacturing enterprises granted the “AEO Advanced Certification” • Billion Fujian and Billion High-tech were listed as “2018 Provincial Leading Enterprises in Industrial and Informatisation Sectors in Fujian Province” • Billion Fujian was again recognised as a “National Technology Innovation Demonstration Enterprise” • Billion Fujian was listed in the “2018 Top 100 Enterprises in Fujian Province” |

Billion's Journey

- 2019**
- Billion Vietnam commenced production officially
 - A new production line of polyester thin films is expected to be materialized during 2019 to 2021 with the investment amounting to approximately US\$230 million and the estimated annual capacity of 255,000 tons
 - Billion Fujian was enlisted in "Top 100 Private Enterprises in Fujian Province"
 - Billion Fujian was enlisted in "China's Top 500 Private Enterprises in the Manufacturing Sector"
 - Billion Fujian was enlisted in the "2019 Top 100 Enterprises in Fujian Province" and "2019 Top 100 Enterprises in the Manufacturing Sector in Fujian Province"
- 2020**
- The second project of phase I project in Billion Vietnam "polyester bottle chip project with an annual production capacity of 250,000 tons" was formally put into production in May
 - F zone in Billion Fujian had the polyester industrial yarns project with an annual production capacity of 250,000 tons, and was formally put into production in July
 - G zone in Billion High-tech had functional environment-friendly polyester thin film project with an estimated annual production capacity of 255,000 tons, of which two production lines, mainly focusing on the production of polyester thin films with annual production capacity of 70,000 tons, was formally put into production in December
 - Billion Fujian was enlisted in the "2020 Top 500 Enterprise Charity in China (2020中國企業慈善公益500強)" and "2020 China Brand Value Award (2020中國品牌價值榜)"
 - Billion Fujian was listed in the "2020 Top 500 Manufacturers in China (2020中國製造企業500強)" and "2020 Top 500 Enterprises in China (2020中國民營企業500強)"
- 2021**
- Billion's ES fiber successfully developed 1.2D extreme fine and short fiber of which the major features are tenderness, softness, fineness and delicacy. It can perfectly play the role of cotton
 - Billion Polymerization Fiber Company with the brand value of RMB3.867 billion again appeared on the list
 - The 6 production lines of polyester thin film with annual capacity of 255,000 tons in G zone in Billion High-tech have been entirely put into production, and the designed capacity of the 13 production lines that have been put into production in D and G zone is of 500,000 tons per annum. We will further expand the 330,000 tons functional polyester thin films projects of H zone
 - Fujian Billion Polymerization Fiber Technology Industrial Co., Ltd. was the sole enterprise recognised as the "Smart Manufacturing Benchmarking Enterprises"
 - Fujian Billion Polymerization Fiber Technology Industrial Co., Ltd. was awarded the "National 1st May Labor Award"
- 2022**
- Billion Fujian was recognised as "the Vice President Unit of Fujian Textile Engineering Society"
 - Billion Fujian was included in the 2022 Outstanding Scenario of Intelligent Manufacturing
 - Billion Fujian was awarded the 2022 Top 100 Manufacturing Enterprises in Fujian
 - Billion Fujian won the first prize in the Competition of Minor Innovations in "Five Fronts" in Fujian for millions of workers
- 2023**
- Fujian Billion Polymerization Fiber was awarded Fujian Top 100 Brand Value in the first session
 - The BOPET biaxially stretched polyester thin film manufactured by Baihong High-tech was selected as one of the champion products in the sixth batch of champion single product of provincial manufacturing industry

Corporate Information

Board of Directors

Executive Directors

Mr. Sze Tin Yau (*Co-chairman*)
Mr. Wu Jinbiao
(*Chief executive officer*)

Non-executive Director

Mr. Zhang Shengbai
(*Co-chairman*)

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Yu Wai Ming
Mr. Shih Chun Pi
Mr. Lin Jian Ming

Board Committees

Audit Committee

Mr. Yu Wai Ming (*Chairman*)
Mr. Shih Chun Pi
Mr. Lin Jian Ming

Remuneration Committee

Mr. Yu Wai Ming (*Chairman*)
Mr. Sze Tin Yau
Mr. Lin Jian Ming

Nomination Committee

Mr. Sze Tin Yau (*Chairman*)
Mr. Yu Wai Ming
Mr. Shih Chun Pi

Corporate Governance Committee

Mr. Sze Tin Yau (*Chairman*)
Mr. Wu Jinbiao

Company Secretary

Mr. Law Hoi Ching

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Mr. Sze Tin Yau
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Vietnam

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Corporation
Industrial Bank Co., Ltd.
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Holdings Limited

Company Website

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Financial Highlights

For the year ended 31 December

	2023	2022	Change
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Operational Results			
Revenue	17,755,491	15,564,988	14.1%
Gross profit	1,050,059	1,423,945	(26.3%)
Profit from operations	531,517	961,111	(44.7%)
Profit for the year	353,398	655,818	(46.1%)

As at 31 December

	2023	2022	Change
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Financial Position			
Non-current assets	12,975,068	12,731,666	1.9%
Non-current liabilities	487,397	290,409	67.8%
Current assets	13,293,380	13,742,592	(3.3%)
Current liabilities	15,549,791	16,356,972	(4.9%)
Net current liabilities	2,256,411	2,614,380	(13.7%)
Total equity	10,231,260	9,826,877	4.1%
Earnings per Share (RMB)	0.17	0.31	
Interim dividend (HK cents)	–	–	
Final dividend (HK cents)	–	–	

Key Ratio Analysis

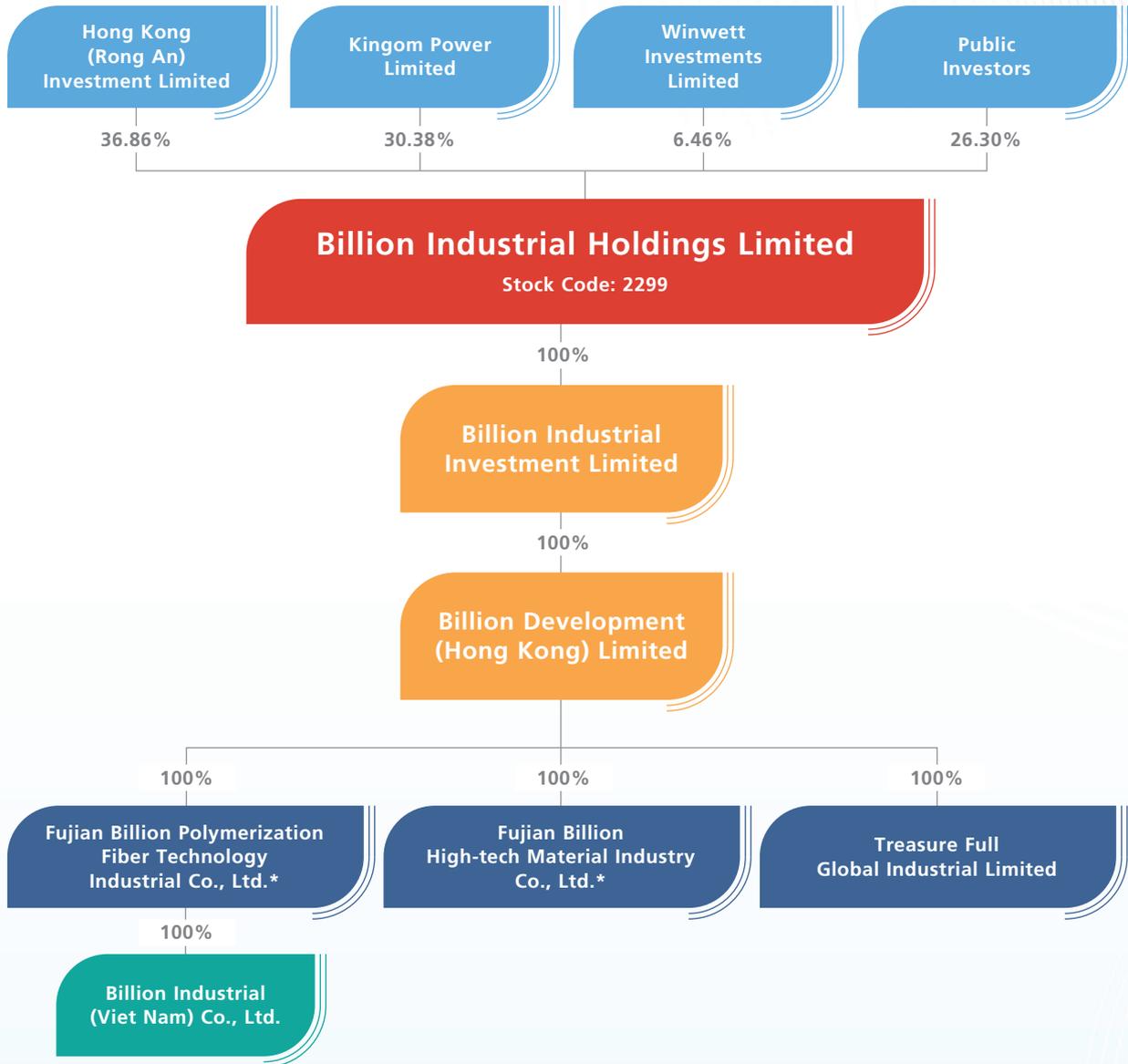
Gross profit margin	5.9%	9.1%
Operating profit margin	3.0%	6.2%
Net profit margin	2.0%	4.2%
Returns on equity (Note 1)	3.5%	6.7%
Current ratio (Note 2)	85.5%	84.0%
Gearing ratio (Note 3)	156.7%	169.4%

Notes:

- 1: Returns on equity: Profit for the year divided by total equity
- 2: Current ratio: Current assets divided by current liabilities
- 3: Gearing ratio: Total liabilities divided by total equity

Company Structure

as at 31 December 2023



Note: Billion Industrial Holdings Limited
 Billion Industrial Investment Limited
 Billion Development (Hong Kong) Limited
 Fujian Billion Polymerization Fiber Technology Industrial Co., Ltd.*
 Fujian Billion High-tech Material Industry Co., Ltd.*
 Treasure Full Global Industrial Limited
 Billion Industrial (Viet Nam) Co., Ltd.

Place of incorporation

: Cayman Islands
 : British Virgin Islands
 : Hong Kong
 : PRC
 : PRC
 : British Virgin Islands
 : Vietnam

Place of operation

Hong Kong
 Hong Kong
 Hong Kong
 Fujian, PRC
 Fujian, PRC
 Hong Kong
 Vietnam

* For identification purposes only

Chairman's Statement



By adhering to the vision of “aspiring to be the world’s premier supplier of consumer product materials, providing eco-friendly products for the public”, the Group implemented the operation philosophy of “creating green products” and continued to enhance the development of differentiated chemical fiber and functional environmentally friendly polyester thin film products.

Sze Tin Yau
Co-chairman of the Board

Dear shareholders,

On behalf of the board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of the Company, I am pleased to present the results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The textile industry is a traditional pillar industry of China’s national economy and an important industry for people’s livelihood, and also an industry in which China has clear competitive advantages in the world. In 2020, COVID-19 epidemic (“**epidemic**”) caused economic losses to textile enterprise in domestic sales and loss of foreign trade orders. However, since the second quarter of 2020, amid the resumption of economic and life activities in an orderly manner, increasingly buoyant consumption activities of residents, positive support of the state’s various policies aimed at boosting consumption, sales in domestic market of textile industry improved quarter by quarter. With the gradual rebound of demands both in the domestic and foreign markets, and the state’s sizable tax cut and fee reduction measures and policies designed to provide relief for businesses taking effect, the economic performance of textile enterprises showed a trend of stable recovery and quarter-on-quarter improvement after a sharp decline in early 2020. The advantages of China’s textile industry, such as concentrated industrial chain and abundant upstream and downstream supporting facilities, have become important driving forces to promote the growth of national trade in goods, and also an impetus to the demand for polyester filament. According to the data from the National Bureau of Statistics of China, for the twelve months ended 31 December 2023, the total operating revenue and profit of the industrial enterprises of larger scale in the textile industry are approximately RMB2.29 trillion and RMB84 billion respectively.

Chairman's Statement



In 2023, the textile industry still faced a complex development situation. The global epidemic has generally been over, but it will take time to recover the economy. There exists continuous sluggish external demand, rising risks in trade conditions and other risk factors. The stable domestic demand and upgrading of consumption have been the strongest impetus to the development of China's textile industry. Specifically, the textile consumption has been boosted by the benefits brought by China's development and reform, such as income growth of urban and rural residents, development of new form of urbanization and the full implementation of the three-child policy. The in-depth application of information technology in the design, production, marketing, logistics and other sections of the textile industry will promote the production model to transform into one of flexibility, intelligence, and refinement. As the Group has long been aware of the opportunities in this regard, we are committed to the goal of "technology innovation and improving competitive strength", focus on and persist in pursuing the new technological innovation road with the combination of "Production, Learning, Research and Application". We are the first enterprise in the industry to achieve the whole-process intelligent automatic production. The Group leverages on the digitalization, networking and modularization of automatic equipment to keep on improving its products' quality and production volume. The Group showed great resilience to risks even during the epidemic. The Group's production lines of each workshop continued to run at full speed during the critical period of the outbreak of the epidemic and shortage of manpower. The capability of maintaining operation benefits from the automation proves our forward-looking decision made years ago to carry out intelligent transformation, and also reinforces the Group's determination towards further intelligent upgrade. At the awarding ceremony of the "Smart Manufacturing Benchmarking Enterprises (the Fifth Batch)" jointly organized by People's Government of Jiangsu, MIIT, Chinese Academy of Engineering, and China Association for Science and Technology, Fujian Billion Polymerization Fiber Technology Industrial Co., Ltd. was awarded such honor as the sole enterprise from Fujian province.

Chairman's Statement

Leveraging the polyester industrial yarns production process simulation system, the Group achieved the simulation and optimization of the entire production process of melt conveying, high pressure spinning, cooling and formation as well as drawing and coiling.

A brand, the intangible assets carrying economic value, bears the judgements and perceptions of people in respect of an enterprise and its products, its after-sales services and cultural value. The increasing brand value of an enterprise indicates that the recognition and loyalty of customers are constantly enhanced, which helps strengthen market competitiveness of the enterprise, so as to convert such intangible assets to real economic benefits. Over the year, Fujian Billion Polymerization Fiber won the First Top 100 Brand Values in Fujian. The brand value is the most significant intangible asset that indicates the overall comprehensive value of the enterprise. The rapid growth of the Company's brand value gives strong supports to the high-quality development of the Company. These achievements propelled the Group to develop differentiated chemical fiber and functional environmentally friendly polyester thin film products by leveraging on our technical expertise with dedication and devotion, honesty, trustworthiness, modesty and diligence. During the year under review, the launch of new products, namely polyester industrial yarns and ES fibers, and the "700,000-ton differentiated chemical fiber project" in Billion Vietnam, signaled the Group's exploration of new businesses and emerging markets. As a new player in polyester industrial yarns, we will keep a pure heart in the long-term, and therefore attach greater importance to seize every opportunity to learn and make progress in a modest manner. We, during the year under review, had better understanding of the direction of customer flow, information flow and capital flow in the industry by participating in various exhibitions. In these exhibitions, our polyester industrial yarns products were showcased to the exhibitors, for the purpose of presenting our enterprise image and promoting the sales of polyester industrial yarns products, and obtaining better knowledge of exhibitors' demands for the prices, functions and services of polyester industrial yarns so as to prepare for our subsequent investigation of demand for our sales business. In addition, we also learnt about the models and their physical properties of our fellow competitors through the exhibitions so that the Group can seize the market shares promptly in the sales of polyester industrial yarns in the future.

By adhering to the vision of "aspiring to be the world's premier supplier of consumer product materials, providing eco-friendly products for the public", the Group implemented the operation philosophy of "creating green products" and continued to enhance the development of differentiated chemical fiber and functional environmentally friendly polyester thin film products. We have always paid attention to upstream resources, tracked and kept technologies for upstream raw materials, such as renewable materials, biodegradable materials, bio-based materials, as well as raising the proportion of recyclable products.

Chairman's Statement

China has become an important production base for polyester thin films products in the world, and consumption of polyester thin films has been increasing in China in recent years. In recent years, polyester thin film industry in China has been growing rapidly. The enterprises in the industry have accelerated the R&D and innovation of high-end products and optimization of product mix. While expanding our business, we have further enhanced our independent innovation capabilities and product quality, and focus more on environmental protection, safety, ecological sustainability, and sustainable development. Taking into account the steady growth in the sales volume of the Group's polyester thin film products, by expanding the existing polyester thin film business, the Group will be able to enjoy the growth of this market by leveraging its existing scale and expertise in the manufacturing of polyester thin films. Therefore, the Group plans to invest approximately US\$320 million to set up a production line for polyester thin films over the period of four years from 2020 to 2023, further expanding the Group's polyester thin film business. Upon the completion of the expansion projects of the Group's polyester thin film project, the Group will further expand its scale and increase the sales volume and sales revenue of its products.

Besides scientific research technology, we also highly value the development of each employee of the Group. We believe our staff is a key element of success, while the balance between work and life, positive response to staff opinions and suitable orientation training, on-the-job training and technical training are indispensable parts of our job. We will continue to recruit employees on a merit basis, adhering to the belief of "Human-oriented Philosophy, Factory based Family and Co-development" to ensure fair and equitable protection to all staff (including the management).

2023 was an eventful year. The Group faced greater challenges in the volatile environment, and the senior executive management of the enterprise led the employees to unite to overcome the difficulties. Finally, on behalf of the Board, I hereby thank all our shareholders and business partners for their trust on us and for investing in the future of the Group. The management of the Group and I will continue to lead the Group to move forward, work diligently and respond quickly to economic changes to further create value for our shareholders, customers and employees, and strive to bring better returns for all shareholders.

Sze Tin Yau

Co-chairman of the Board

Hong Kong, 22 March 2024

Production Sites

Production Site A and B

Situated in the Fenglin Industrial Zone, Longhu Town, Jinjiang City, Fujian Province, PRC



Production Site C and D

Located at Jinnan Industrial Zone, approximately two kilometers away from the production site in Fenglin Industrial Zone



Production Site E

Located at Jinnan Industrial Zone, approximately two kilometers away from the production site in Fenglin Industrial Zone



Production Sites

Designed capacity as at 31 December 2023:

FDY+POY : 1,189,000 tons per year

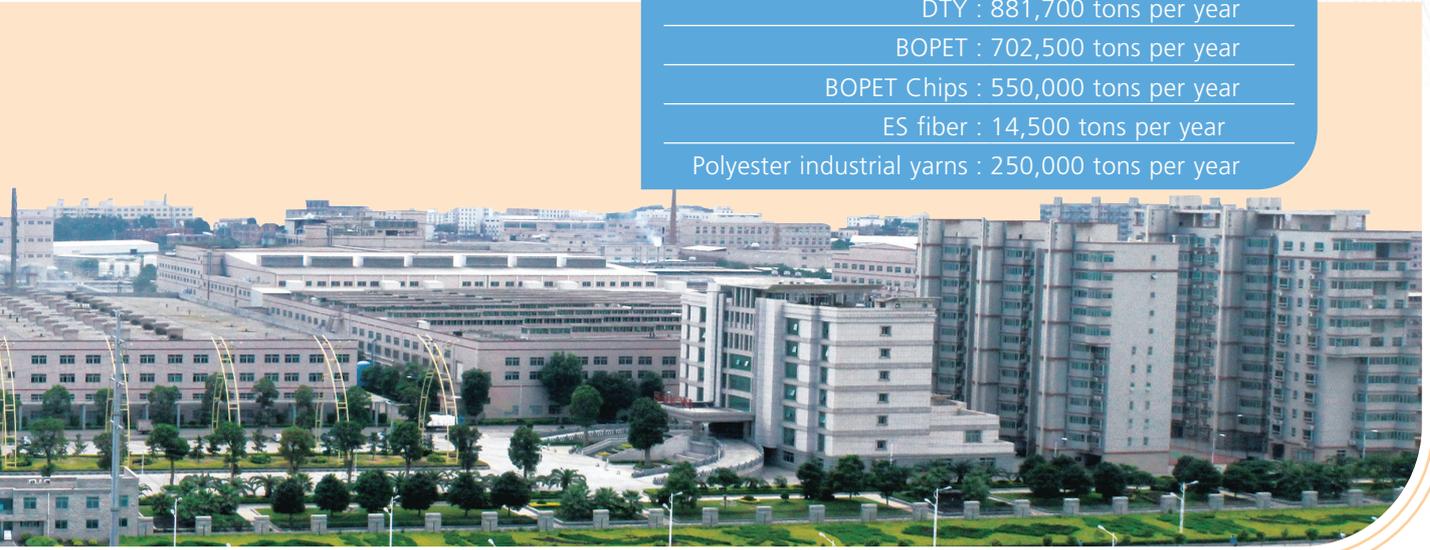
DTY : 881,700 tons per year

BOPET : 702,500 tons per year

BOPET Chips : 550,000 tons per year

ES fiber : 14,500 tons per year

Polyester industrial yarns : 250,000 tons per year

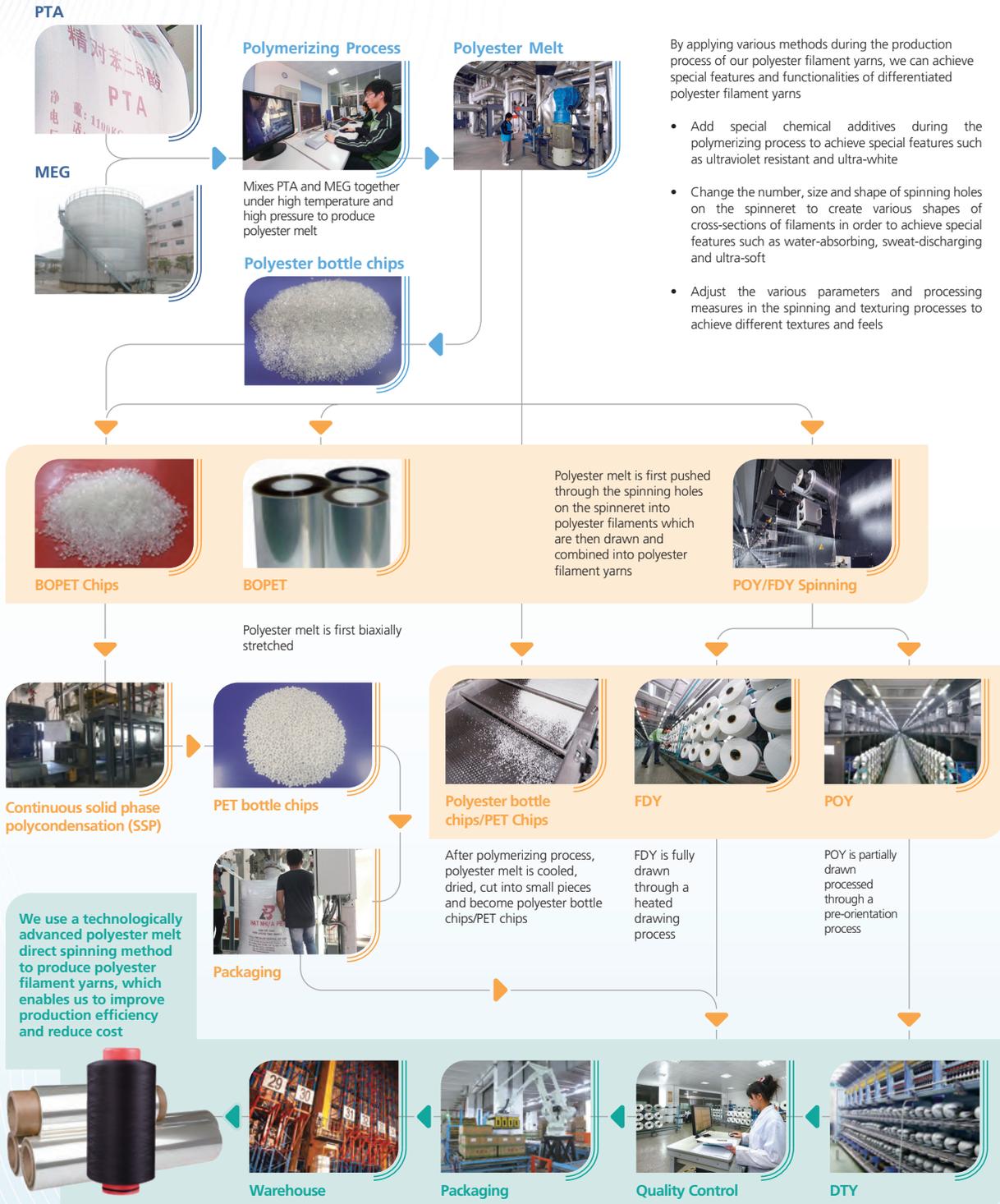


Vietnam Production Site

Situated in the Phuoc Dong Industrial Park, Phuoc Dong Commune, Go Dau District, Tay Ninh Province, Vietnam



Production Processes of Polyester Filament Yarns & Polyester Thin Films



Note: PTA represents purified terephthalic acid
 MEG represents mono ethylene glycol
 PET represents polyethylene terephthalate
 BOPET represents biaxially-oriented polyethylene terephthalate

Management Discussion and Analysis

CHANGES IN MACRO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

In 2023, the impact of the novel coronavirus (the “COVID-19”), Russia-Ukraine and Israeli-Palestinian wars, global interest rate hikes, and the delicate moment in the Sino-US relation have had an impact on the global economic landscape. However, as the COVID-19 largely passed, together with policies implemented to boost consumption, the markets and industries started to gradually resume their business operation and production. The global economy began to show signs of recovery from the impacts of the epidemic. The impact of the pandemic on China economy was temporary and unable to change the promising prospect of China’s economy to expand stably in long term. From January 2023 to December 2023, the profit of industrial enterprises of larger scale exceeded RMB7.6 trillion, representing a year-on-year decrease by approximately 2.3%. In face of the adversely affected business activities in global trade, many countries around the world have been proposing or enhancing their economic stimulus policies to cope with economic downturn and rising unemployment brought by the epidemic. The progress of global stable recovery largely depends on the sustainability and effectiveness of various economic stimulus policies and the improvement of the world economic governance.

In addition, with improved fiscal and currency policy, global economy is expected to improve gradually by 2024, and China is striving for the stable economic development, which further helps the people’s access to services and goods, so as to stimulate consumption.

INDUSTRY REVIEW

The textile and apparel industry employs a large number of workers and plays an important role in ensuring the employment of residents, protecting the market players and stabilizing the supply chain of the industry chain. In 2023, China’s textile industry faced an increasingly complicated external environment. The increasing risk points of the global economy and the domestic structural issues have brought impacts on the textile and apparel industry. Despite those adverse impacts, the development trend of China’s macro economy will remain positive in long term due to its continuing effort to stabilize growth for the domestic macro-economic policies. In recent years, China’s textile industry has seen the trend of growing export of textile machinery and chemical fibers with higher technology content and added value. Trade tensions may accelerate the adjustment of the industry. As the Chinese government promulgated various anti-epidemic support measures to ease the operating pressure of the textile enterprises, the textile industry will develop under the general keynote of seeking progress while maintaining stability. PRC government promulgated multiple supporting policies to transform textile industry and enhance its competitiveness, including but not limited to: (i) the Textile Industry Development Planning (2016–2020) (《紡織工業發展規劃(2016–2020)》) under which there are six measures including enhancing the industry’s innovation ability, fully implementing “Three Quality” strategy, promoting the intelligent manufacturing of textile, accelerating green development progress, promoting regional coordinative development and improving enterprises’

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comprehensive strength; (ii) the Development Outline of Textile Industry for the 14th Five Year Plan (《紡織行業「十四五」發展綱要》) which highlighted the textile industry shall satisfy, lead and create domestic demand by supplying high-quality product and fulfill the people's hope for a better life; and (iii) Made in China 2025 (《中國製造2025》) which aims to comprehensively upgrade manufacturing industry to make it further pursue efficiency and integration so as to rank top in the global production chain.

With the order in economy and people's lives recovering and the proper support of government's policy to stimulate local consumption, the sales in domestic market of textile industry recovered in every quarter. With the progressively rebound of demands in overseas market, the enterprises in China textile industry already show a sign of stable restoration. According to the data from the National Bureau of Statistics of China, for the twelve months ended 31 December 2023, the total operating revenue and profit of the industrial enterprises of larger scale in the textile industry are approximately RMB2,287.9 billion and RMB84 billion respectively. According to the data from the National Bureau of Statistics of China, the raw material price of textile products decreased by approximately 3.0% on a year-on-year basis from January 2023 to December 2023 in general.

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With the mission of "providing eco-friendly products for the public, aspiring to be the world's premier supplier of consumer product materials", the Group implements the operation philosophy of "creating green products". In order to achieve "technology innovation and improving competitive strength", the Group persists in pursuing the technology innovation in a comprehensive approach addressing "Production, Learning, Research and Application". The Group formulates the deepened reform proposal through technology improvement, technology innovation, product mix optimization and recruiting innovative talents, strives to research and develop new products and enhance product added value, and improves brand values and market competitiveness of the Company. As a "High Technology Enterprise" and the "Pilot Demonstration Enterprise of Intelligent Manufacturing in Fujian Province", the Group is the first enterprise pioneering in the application of the full process intelligent automatic production in the industry. The Group leverages on the digitalization, networking and modularization of automatic equipment to keep on improving its products' quality and production volume. During the epidemic, the Group showed great resilience to risks. Benefiting from technologies and equipment such as intelligent transformation, intelligent production, intelligent packaging and intelligent storage, our production was less impacted by the epidemic. The Group's production lines of each workshop continued to run at full speed during the critical period of the first outbreak of the epidemic when manpower was largely limited. The capability of maintaining operation benefits from the automation, which proves that our forward-looking decision made years ago to carry out intelligent transformation, and also reinforces the Group's determination towards further intelligent upgrade.

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The Group attaches great importance to the introduction and cultivation of talents and has adopted the talent strategy of “recruiting employees with due care and connecting people with heart (招人留心、用人連心)” which attracts more talented individuals to join the business. We established a talents practice base in cooperation with Donghua University, and we have become an enterprise with excellent research and development talents. The Group has a research and development team, comprising a large number of senior technicians from all around the country, to develop new products under a market-oriented approach. The Group also has a sizable quality control team equipped with the world class testing facilities to ensure stringent product quality and personalized quality service.

The management team of the Group applied scientific management software to achieve networking and informatization of the management during the course of production, to allocate production among various products and to allocate equipment between production and research and development to maximize the utilization of production capacity. The scientific production management process enhanced the production efficiency of the Group, which enabled the Group to constantly launch new products on time targeting at market demand with a view to increasing the strengths of product differentiation. Our ES fiber project successfully commenced production on 27 June 2020. ES fiber is a kind of bicomponent skin-core structure composite fiber where the skin component has a low melting point and good flexibility and the core component has a high melting point and high strength. After heating, a portion of the skin component will be melted and bonded together, and the rest maintains the fiber properties while enjoying a low thermal shrinkage rate. It is particularly suitable for use in through air drying process to manufacture products such as sanitary materials, thermal filling materials and filtration materials. With respect to model selection and main equipment installation, our ES fiber project adopts German facilities. The excellent equipment largely ensures the Group’s product innovation and technological innovation. The Group targets at the high-end customers to provide them with high-end customized products according to their demand, as a gradual process to enter into the international high-end market. Moving forward, the Group expects more promising prospects for the ES fiber business as to demand and application. High value-added products can generate higher profits, which will also consolidate the position of the Group in the industry.

The Group manufactures functional polyester thin films project of 255,000 tons in production site G on an annual basis, of which, 2 of the production lines focused on the production of polyester thin films, with an annual capacity of 70,000 tons, were duly put into production in December 2020. The project adopts international advanced polyester production process with six biaxially-oriented polyester thin films production lines of the latest model purchased from Dornier in Germany, equipped with the cutting machines in KAMPF of Germany, and 9 APET sheet production lines. By virtue of the automatic control in the whole process of production, the implementation of purification management in production workshops, and the smooth operation and stability of the equipment and the production lines, we can manufacture thin films of larger span, which can satisfy more customers’ needs and ensure the quality of various products. Positioning at high-end functional polyester thin films market at home and abroad, the products can be mainly applied in the segments including soft packaging, composite printing, garments, safety and energy saving, cosmetics, food packaging, toys, electronic products including solar backplane, protective film and release film. Due to the prosperous market conditions in the thin films market this year and wide market potential, there have been advanced orders placed by our customers prior to the commencement of commercial production of the project. Relying on the entire supply chain platform of the Group and mature technology management team, the products will serve customers in all respects with a focus on high quality, high starting point and specialization. The production of the project will allow the Group to double the production capacity of its existing polyester thin films and APET sheet and strengthen its market position as a large polyester thin films manufacturer in China.

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The Group also announced on 20 September 2022 that it will further invest approximately US\$73,900,000 in the development of a new production facility in Vietnam for polyester bottle chips. The expected annual production capacity is about 300,000 tons and it has been put into commercial production gradually in July 2023. In addition, the production line for polyester thin films established by the Group with a planned investment of approximately US\$320 million over a period of four years from 2020 to 2023 has been put into commercial production in November 2023. Upon the full completion, the additional polymerizing production capacity is 400,000 tons per year, which enables the additional polyester thin films to give their full play to reach the production capacity of 228,000 tons per year.

After more than one year of planning and construction, the manufacturing facilities of polyester industrial yarns, which has an annual production capacity of approximately 250,000 tons, commenced operation in July 2022. The Group has been committed to constructing its polyester industrial yarns products with the belief of “high quality, high starting point, specialization, and serving various fields”. The Group adopts world-class advanced polyester process in its production by introducing the latest high-speed spinning winder of Oerlikon Barmag (a German brand), which can produce a full range of products including ordinary high-strength, low-shrink, ultra-low-shrink, activated, anti-wicking and water-repellent, car seat belt wear resistant and special sewing thread and non-ferrous type, as complemented by the plied and twisted lines and twisting device to enrich the product structure. Meanwhile, the Group is equipped with the whole-process intelligent production and management from the latest intelligent winding, product inspection, packaging to storage, together with the optimized application of Oerlikon Barmag’s automation solution. The Group is also among the top ten polyester industrial yarns manufacturers in China. The project has led the Group to expand the business of polyester industrial yarns products, marking another milestone towards the whole industry chain layout of the Group. We gradually acquire expertise in the direction of customer flow, information flow and capital flow in the industry. Meanwhile, the Company continues to strengthen its publicity efforts to further enhance our reputation for polyester industrial yarns products, and proactively deepens understanding of customers’ needs for polyester industrial yarns prices, functions and services. The Group will continue to provide customers with high-end quality products and gradually take the lead in the market.

The Group had signed a 5G new technology strategic cooperation with China Mobile, to jointly explore development opportunities in the 5G business sector by further leveraging the unique advantages of both parties. The Group’s commissioning of 5G smart factories has eased the pressure caused by rising labor costs, improved production efficiency, and promoted high-quality development in digital, intelligent, and flexible aspects with reform and innovation. As the first 5G intelligent chemical factory in the chemical fiber industry in the country, the Group and China Mobile cooperate in the fields of intelligent manufacturing, 5G data acquisition and transmission, high-precision positioning, visual recognition, network security, etc., to expand 5G industrial Internet application scenarios and achieve mutual benefit and win-win results.

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As a leading enterprise in Fujian Province, the Group has been dedicated to building the front-end platform for foreign economic and trading cooperation in recent years. In active response to the national call, the Group decided to invest in Vietnam to build a polyester factory as early as 2016. On 3 May 2020, the Group officially commenced the second project, i.e. the “polyester bottle chips project with an annual production capacity of 250,000 tons”, under phase I of the Group’s investment in and construction of the “700,000-ton differentiated chemical fiber project” in Tay Ninh, Vietnam. The main product of the project is bottle grade chips suitable for making bottles for water such as mineral water and purified water. Coupled with the “polyester filament yarns and chips project with an annual production capacity of 200,000 tons”, which commenced operation in September 2019, the two projects under phase I of our investment in and construction of the “700,000-ton differentiated chemical fiber project” in Vietnam have completed construction. The Group targets to develop these projects to create a demonstration platform for China– Vietnam production capacity cooperation, marking a further great leap forward in the development of the Group. Leveraging on the geographical location of Vietnam and its huge market potential, the Group will continue to capitalize on its opportunities and utilize its strengths as a large-scale corporation to differentiate itself from the competitors and enter the textile and polyester bottle chips market in Vietnam.

The Group has always been highly valuing the importance of marketing channel expansion and customer services. The flexible sales strategies enable it to understand market situations in time, focus on customers’ experience and timely communicate the feedback from customers to the technology and production center, in order to ensure the bilateral interaction and providing fast and efficient product aftersales services. While consolidating its market share in Fujian and Guangdong Provinces, the Group also strived to develop international markets and continued to improve its response to the market whilst expanding the emerging markets. According to the feedback of downstream users in the emerging markets, the Group made functional improvement and technology upgrade to its existing product lines with suitable marketing strategy, strengthened quality control on export products, and maintained cost advantages.

The Group’s major subsidiaries, Billion Fujian and Billion High-tech have been awarded as high technology enterprises. During the year under review, the revenue from and the research and development expenses of the Group’s differentiated products amounted to RMB10,142,455,000 and RMB455,857,000, representing 57.1% and 2.6% of the total revenue respectively. Our research and development focused on improving the product quality and production efficiency, as well as enhancing its innovative capability in all aspects from chemical fiber to textile fabrics. Such a high rate ensures our market competitiveness and is also a key factor contributing to the steady growth of the Group’s sales. In addition, the Group owned 134 national patents registered in China and had applied for 168 national patents. Among all of the Group’s patented products, 140 of them have already been applied to our products sold to customers. We remain confident in the short-and medium-term development as it continues to push ahead its innovative capability and intelligentization achievements, alongside with the application for patents in China, increasing national income, optimizing demographic structure and consumption upgrade.

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Operational performance

1. Revenue

Revenue of the Group in 2023 amounted to RMB17,755,491,000, representing an increase of 14.1% as compared to RMB15,564,988,000 in 2022. Revenue attributable to the sales of polyester filament yarns, the Group's main products, was RMB8,712,597,000 accounting for 49.1% of the total revenue. Revenue attributable to the sales of polyester products* was RMB7,182,898,000, accounting for 40.4% of the total revenue. The revenue of the new products ES fiber and polyester industrial yarns of the Group was RMB108,584,000 and RMB1,751,412,000, respectively, accounting for 0.6% and 9.9% of the total revenue, respectively. The revenue analysis of the various products is as follows:

Polyester filament yarns

The Group adopts melt-direct spinning differentiated chemical fiber production line which is technologically advanced by global standard, and possesses the leading spinning and texturing equipment and technology in the industry. The Group targets its polyester filament yarns products at the middle and high-end markets both domestically and abroad, a majority of which are differentiated products and have special physical features and functionalities, such as cotton-like fibers, protection against ultraviolet rays, moisture and sweat-absorption, flame-resistant, abrasion-resistant, super-soft, super-shining and antibacterial. These products are widely used in apparel, footwear and home furnishings and high-end fabrics and textiles for industry. The Group's product solutions have a clear positioning and are targeted at the mid to high-end market. In response to the needs of the target markets, the product plan designs are based on the production of differential Oerlikon fibers and functional fibers.

Revenue attributable to the sales of polyester filament yarns products for the year under review was RMB8,712,597,000, representing an increase of RMB689,933,000 or 8.6% as compared to RMB8,022,664,000 in 2022. The average selling price of polyester filament yarns in the year under review was RMB8,603 per ton, representing a decrease of RMB334 or 3.7% as compared to RMB8,937 per ton in 2022.

* Polyester products represent biaxially-oriented polyethylene terephthalate ("BOPET") thin films, polyester bottle chips, polyester films and wasted filament generated during the production process.

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Polyester products

The Group's polyester products can be widely used in various sectors including packaging, magnetic materials, imaging, industry, electronics and electrical appliances, with its principal products positioned at the middle and high-end markets both domestically and abroad. The Group re-engineered its polyester products production lines to conduct research and development on various categories of thin films products under different raw material formulae and various technological conditions. The Group introduced the production lines and research and development equipment with advanced international standards for BOPET thin films from Dornier in Germany, which mainly focuses on the production, research and development and sales of BOPET thin films. It has become one of the largest polyester thin films production enterprises in China. In addition, the commencement of production of the facility of Billion Vietnam has also expanded the production capacity of polyester products of the Group.

Revenue attributable to the sales of polyester products for the year under review was RMB7,182,898,000, representing an increase of RMB1,546,817,000 or 27.4% as compared to RMB5,636,081,000 in 2022. The average selling price of polyester products in the year under review was RMB6,778 per ton, representing a decrease of RMB1,029 or 13.2% as compared to RMB7,807 per ton in 2022. The sales volume of the Group's polyester products increased by 46.8% from 721,968 tons in 2022 to 1,059,755 tons during the year under review. The sales volume continued to record steady growth.

ES fiber and polyester industrial yarns

The Group's ES fiber is a new type of thermally bonded composite fiber. After heating, a portion of the skin component will be melted and bonded together enjoying a low thermal shrinkage rate. Fibers are interlinked to form a non-woven fabric without adhesives. Different heat treatment methods will produce non-woven fabrics with different effects. For example, the application of hot air bonding can produce fluffy non-woven fabrics, the application of hot rolling bonding can produce high strength non-woven fabrics, products of which are mainly used in disposable sanitary products. The prospects for ES fiber demand are becoming broader, and the broad demand potential for ES fibers in the future is expected to open up new sources of revenue growth for the Group. During the year under review, the revenue attributable to the sale of ES fiber products was RMB108,584,000, and the average selling price of the products was RMB8,971 per ton.

Different from the production process of polyester filament, polyester industrial yarns of the Group requires a solid phase polymerization device which can increase the viscosity through solid phase polycondensation. The tensile strength of such yarns is controlled by winding hot rolls industrial silk, and physical properties are controlled. Different strengths have different uses. Industrial silk products of the Group serve various fields with high quality, high starting point and specialization, including hoisting belts, conveyor belts, car seat belts, canvas, teslin, coated cloth, fire hoses, oil and water pipelines, geotextiles and so on. During the year under review, the revenue attributable to the sale of polyester industrial yarns products was RMB1,751,412,000, and the average selling price of the products was RMB7,629 per ton.

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Analysis of Revenue and Sales Volume (By Product)

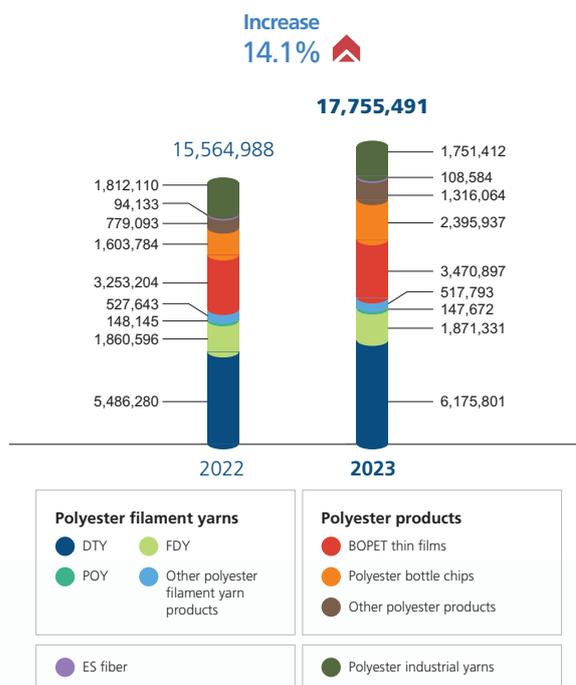
	Revenue				Sales volume			
	2023		2022		2023		2022	
	RMB'000	Percentage	RMB'000	Percentage	Tons	Percentage	Tons	Percentage
Polyester filament yarns								
DTY	6,175,801	34.8%	5,486,280	35.2%	675,400	29.2%	566,860	30.5%
FDY	1,871,331	10.5%	1,860,596	12.0%	229,162	9.9%	225,035	12.1%
POY	147,672	0.8%	148,145	1.0%	21,020	0.9%	20,051	1.1%
Other polyester filament yarns products*	517,793	3.0%	527,643	3.4%	87,164	3.8%	85,772	4.6%
Sub-total	8,712,597	49.1%	8,022,664	51.6%	1,012,746	43.8%	897,718	48.3%
Polyester products								
BOPET thin films	3,470,897	19.5%	3,253,204	20.9%	493,271	21.3%	402,005	21.7%
Polyester bottle chips	2,395,937	13.5%	1,603,784	10.3%	350,855	15.2%	194,975	10.5%
Other polyester products**	1,316,064	7.4%	779,093	5.0%	215,629	9.3%	124,988	6.7%
Sub-total	7,182,898	40.4%	5,636,081	36.2%	1,059,755	45.8%	721,968	38.9%
ES fiber	108,584	0.6%	94,133	0.6%	12,104	0.5%	10,587	0.6%
Polyester industrial yarns	1,751,412	9.9%	1,812,110	11.6%	229,566	9.9%	226,014	12.2%
Total	17,755,491	100.0%	15,564,988	100.0%	2,314,171	100.0%	1,856,287	100.0%

* Other polyester filament yarns products represent polyethylene terephthalate ("PET") chips and wasted filament generated during the production process.

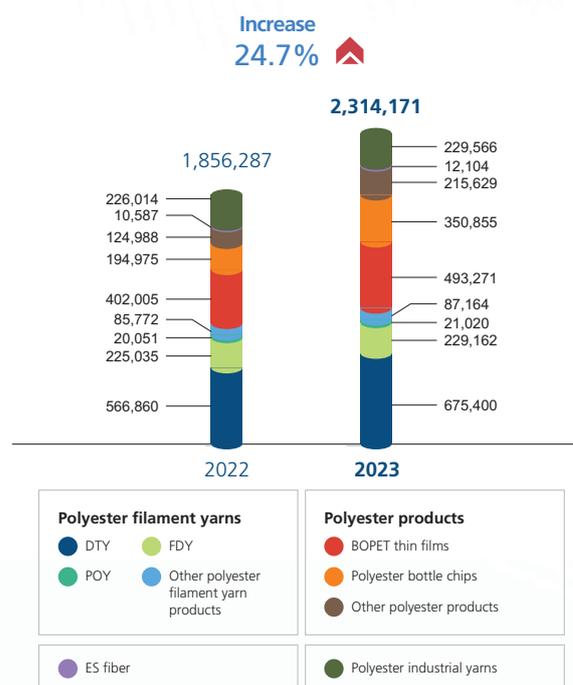
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Revenue (RMB'000)



Sales Volume (Ton)



Sales by geographic region

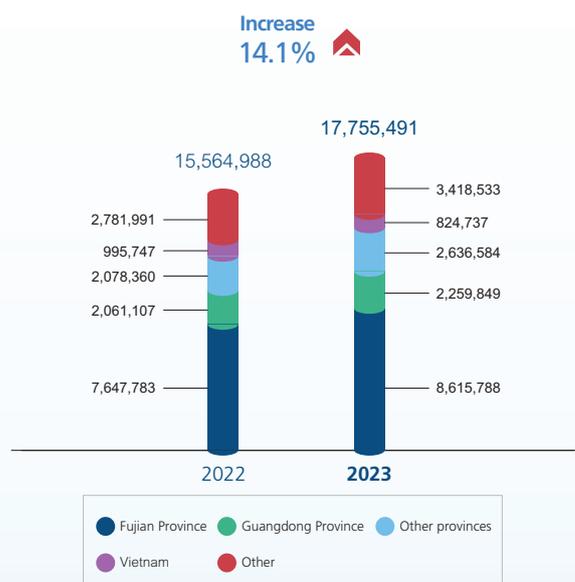
The Group's overseas sales revenue increased from RMB3,777,738,000 in 2022 to RMB4,243,270,000 during the year under review or an increase of 12.3%. Consequentially, the percentage of overseas sales revenue slightly decreased from 24.3% in 2022 to 23.9% during the year under review, representing a decrease of 0.4 percentage point. The stable development of the Group's overseas sales was not affected. In addition, the second project under phase I of the Group's investment in and construction of the "700,000-ton differentiated chemical fiber project" in Tay Ninh, Vietnam fully commenced production, which boosted the overall overseas sales of the Group. Approximately 76.1% of the Group's revenue was generated from domestic market sales, of which 48.6% was from sales to customers in Fujian Province and 12.7% to customers in the adjacent Guangdong Province. The textile manufacturing industries in these two provinces have been booming, resulting in a relatively strong demand for the Group's products.

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Geographic Breakdown of Revenue

	2023		2022	
	RMB'000	Percentage	RMB'000	Percentage
Domestic sales				
Fujian Province	8,615,788	48.6%	7,647,783	49.1%
Guangdong Province	2,259,849	12.7%	2,061,107	13.2%
Other provinces	2,636,584	14.8%	2,078,360	13.4%
Overseas sales				
Vietnam	824,737	4.6%	995,747	6.4%
Others*	3,418,533	19.3%	2,781,991	17.9%
Total	17,755,491	100.0%	15,564,988	100.0%

* Overseas sales were mainly made to countries such as ASEAN countries, EU countries, Japan, South Korea, Central America and South America.



2. Cost of Sales

Cost of sales of the Group in 2023 was RMB16,705,432,000, representing an increase of 18.1% as compared to RMB14,141,043,000 in 2022. Such increase was mainly attributable to the effect of the increase in raw materials prices. The cost of sales for polyester filament yarns, the Group's main products, was RMB8,087,702,000, accounting for 48.5% of the total cost of sales. The cost of sales for polyester products was RMB6,858,545,000, accounting for 41.0% of total cost of sales. The cost of sales for ES fiber and polyester industrial yarns products was RMB112,505,000 and RMB1,646,680,000, accounting for 0.7% and 9.8% of total cost of sales.

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Polyester filament yarns

Average cost of sales for polyester filament yarns decreased from RMB8,128 per ton in 2022 to RMB7,986 per ton during the year under review, representing a decrease of RMB142 or 1.7% per ton. The average price of raw materials for polyester filament yarns increased from RMB6,127 per ton in 2022 to RMB6,174 per ton during the year under review, representing an increase of RMB47 or 0.8% per ton. PTA and MEG, major raw materials for products of the Group, accounted for 71.9% of the total cost of sales and the prices of which were mainly affected by the price of their raw materials, i.e. crude oil.

Polyester products

Average cost of sales for polyester products decreased from RMB7,009 per ton in 2022 to RMB6,472 per ton during the year under review, representing a decrease of RMB537 or 7.7% per ton, which was mainly due to the decrease in the selling price of raw materials of polyester products. In addition, the average price of raw materials for polyester thin films decreased from RMB5,997 per ton in 2022 to RMB5,596 per ton during the year under review, representing a decrease of RMB401 or 6.7% per ton.

ES fiber and polyester industrial yarns

Average cost of sales for ES fiber was RMB9,295 per ton, while the average price of raw materials for ES fiber was RMB6,934 per ton.

Average cost of sales for polyester industrial yarns was RMB7,173 per ton, while the average price of raw materials for polyester industrial yarns was RMB5,780 per ton.

Analysis of Cost of Sales

	2023		2022	
	RMB'000	Percentage	RMB'000	Percentage
Polyester filament yarns				
Cost of raw materials				
PTA	4,604,774	27.5%	3,980,245	28.2%
MEG	1,211,380	7.3%	1,170,402	8.3%
POY and other raw materials	436,685	2.7%	349,063	2.5%
Sub-total	6,252,839	37.5%	5,499,710	39.0%
Manufacturing costs	1,833,261	11.0%	1,780,150	12.6%
Other costs	1,602	0.0%	16,502	0.1%
Sub-total	8,087,702	48.5%	7,296,362	51.7%

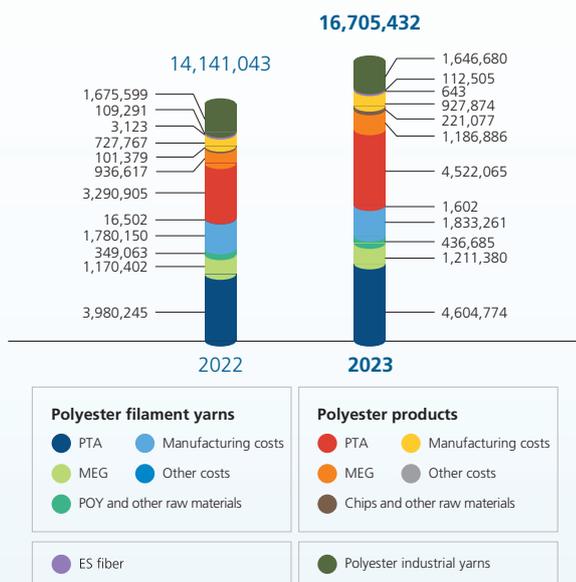
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	2023		2022	
	RMB'000	Percentage	RMB'000	Percentage
Polyester products				
Cost of raw materials				
PTA	4,522,065	27.0%	3,290,905	23.3%
MEG	1,186,886	7.1%	936,617	6.6%
Chips and other raw materials	221,077	1.3%	101,379	0.7%
Sub-total	5,930,028	35.4%	4,328,901	30.6%
Manufacturing costs	927,874	5.6%	727,767	5.1%
Other costs	643	0.0%	3,123	0.0%
Sub-total	6,858,545	41.0%	5,059,791	35.7%
ES fiber				
Cost of raw materials				
PTA	28,966	0.2%	30,690	0.2%
MEG	7,708	0.0%	9,256	0.1%
Other raw materials	47,253	0.3%	46,145	0.3%
Sub-total	83,927	0.5%	86,091	0.6%
Manufacturing costs	28,557	0.2%	22,974	0.2%
Other costs	21	0.0%	226	0.0%
Sub-total	112,505	0.7%	109,291	0.8%

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	2023		2022	
	RMB'000	Percentage	RMB'000	Percentage
Polyester industrial yarns				
Cost of raw materials				
PTA	1,004,315	6.0%	993,389	7.0%
MEG	274,992	1.6%	303,618	2.1%
Other raw materials	47,407	0.3%	40,603	0.3%
Sub-total	1,326,714	7.9%	1,337,610	9.4%
Manufacturing costs	319,561	1.9%	333,167	2.4%
Other costs	405	0.0%	4,822	0.0%
Sub-total	1,646,680	9.8%	1,675,599	11.8%
Total	16,705,432	100.0%	14,141,043	100.0%

Increase
18.1% 



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Analysis of Average Cost of Sales of Products Per Ton

	2023		2022	
	RMB (per ton)	Percentage	RMB (per ton)	Percentage
Polyester filament yarns				
Cost of raw materials				
PTA	4,547	56.9%	4,434	54.6%
MEG	1,196	15.0%	1,304	16.0%
POY and other raw materials	431	5.4%	389	4.8%
Sub-total	6,174	77.3%	6,127	75.4%
Manufacturing costs	1,810	22.7%	1,983	24.4%
Other costs	2	0.0%	18	0.2%
Sub-total	7,986	100.0%	8,128	100.0%
Polyester products				
Cost of raw materials				
PTA	4,267	66.0%	4,559	65.1%
MEG	1,120	17.3%	1,298	18.5%
Chips and other raw materials	209	3.2%	140	2.0%
Sub-total	5,596	86.5%	5,997	85.6%
Manufacturing costs	875	13.5%	1,008	14.4%
Other costs	1	0.0%	4	0.0%
Sub-total	6,472	100.0%	7,009	100.0%

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	2023		2022	
	RMB (per ton)	Percentage	RMB (per ton)	Percentage
ES fiber				
Cost of raw materials				
PTA	2,393	25.7%	2,899	28.1%
MEG	637	6.9%	874	8.5%
Other raw materials	3,904	42.0%	4,359	42.2%
Sub-total	6,934	74.6%	8,132	78.8%
Manufacturing costs	2,359	25.4%	2,170	21.0%
Other costs	2	0.0%	21	0.2%
Sub-total	9,295	100.0%	10,323	100.0%
Polyester industrial yarns				
Cost of raw materials				
PTA	4,375	61.0%	4,395	59.3%
MEG	1,198	16.7%	1,343	18.1%
Other raw materials	207	2.9%	180	2.4%
Sub-total	5,780	80.6%	5,918	79.8%
Manufacturing costs	1,392	19.4%	1,475	19.9%
Other costs	1	0.0%	21	0.3%
Sub-total	7,173	100.0%	7,414	100.0%
Total	7,219		7,618	

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3. Gross Profit

Gross profit of the Group in 2023 was RMB1,050,059,000, representing a decrease of RMB373,886,000 or 26.3% as compared to RMB1,423,945,000 in 2022. Average selling price of products decreased by RMB712 per ton or 8.5% from RMB8,385 per ton in 2022 to RMB7,673 per ton during the year under review, while average cost of products also decreased by RMB399 per ton or 5.2% from RMB7,618 per ton in 2022 to RMB7,219 per ton during the year under review. The average gross profit of products per ton decreased from RMB767 in 2022 to RMB454 during the year under review. Gross profit margin decreased by 3.2 percentage point from 9.1% in 2022 to 5.9% during the year under review.

Polyester filament yarns

Average selling price of polyester filament yarns decreased by RMB334 per ton or 3.7% from RMB8,937 in 2022 to RMB8,603 during the year under review. The average gross profit of polyester filament yarns per ton decreased from RMB809 in 2022 to RMB617 during the year under review. The gross profit margin decreased by 1.9 percentage points from 9.1% in 2022 to 7.2% during the year under review.

Polyester products

Average selling price of polyester products decreased by RMB1,029 per ton or 13.2% from RMB7,807 per ton in 2022 to RMB6,778 per ton during the year under review. The average gross profit of polyester products per ton decreased from RMB798 in 2022 to RMB306 during the year under review. The gross profit margin decreased by 5.7 percentage points from 10.2% in 2022 to 4.5% during the year under review.

ES fiber and polyester industrial yarns

During the year under review, the average selling prices of the Group's new products ES fiber and polyester industrial yarns were RMB8,971 and RMB7,629, respectively. As the initial investment and the initial stage of market expansion, ES fiber recorded an average loss per ton, while the average gross profit of polyester industrial yarns per ton was RMB456.

During the year under review, there's an increase in the sales volume and sales of the Group as compared to the same period of last year even amid the certain impact of global epidemic in the beginning of 2023. The enterprises in textile industry still face various difficulties including the impact of the loss in foreign trade orders and the intensifying international competition. But the development of textile industry progressively recovers as the pandemic is gradually under control, while the country starts to issue different supporting policies with regard to the influence of pandemic to help mitigate the operating pressure of enterprises in textile industry and to ensure the overall steady progress and stable development of the enterprises. While the Group is constantly committed to expanding their shares in both domestic market and overseas market and its production capacity continued to expand as planned. Factors including the official production of ES fiber and polyester industrial yarns allow the stable growth in the sales volume and sales of the Group's products continue in 2023. As the textile industry is still well-founded, we remain confident in the medium and long-term development of the business.

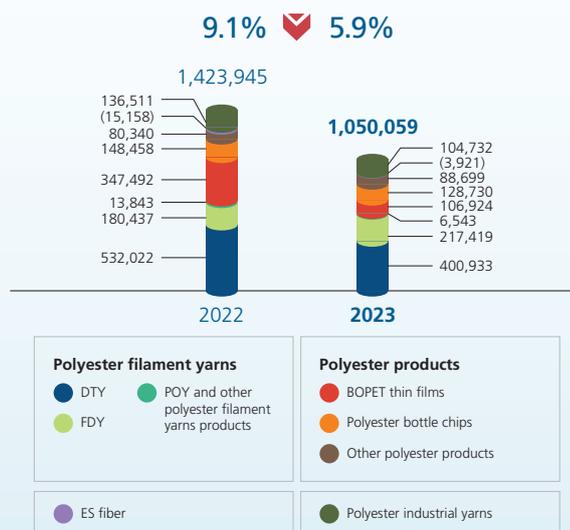
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Analysis of Gross Profit by Product

	2023		2022	
	RMB'000	Percentage	RMB'000	Percentage
Polyester filament yarns				
DTY	400,933	38.2%	532,022	37.4%
FDY	217,419	20.7%	180,437	12.7%
POY and other polyester filament yarns products*	6,543	0.7%	13,843	1.0%
Sub-total	624,895	59.6%	726,302	51.1%
Polyester products				
BOPET thin films	106,924	10.2%	347,492	24.4%
Polyester bottle chips	128,730	12.2%	148,458	10.4%
Other polyester products**	88,699	8.4%	80,340	5.6%
Sub-total	324,353	30.8%	576,290	40.4%
ES fiber	(3,921)	(0.4%)	(15,158)	(1.1%)
Polyester industrial yarns	104,732	10.0%	136,511	9.6%
Total	1,050,059	100.0%	1,423,945	100.0%

* Other polyester filament yarns products represent PET chips and wasted filament generated during the production process.

** Other polyester products represent polyester chips, polyester films and waste filament generated during the production process.



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Breakdown of Product Selling Price, Cost and Gross Profit (Average per ton)

	2023	2022
	RMB	RMB
Polyester filament yarns		
Average selling price	8,603	8,937
Average cost of sales	7,986	8,128
Average gross profit	617	809
Average gross profit margin	7.2%	9.1%
Polyester products		
Average selling price	6,778	7,807
Average cost of sales	6,472	7,009
Average gross profit	306	798
Average gross profit margin	4.5%	10.2%
ES fiber		
Average selling price	8,971	8,891
Average cost of sales	9,295	10,323
Average gross loss	(324)	(1,432)
Average gross loss margin	(3.6%)	(16.1%)
Polyester industrial yarns		
Average selling price	7,629	8,018
Average cost of sales	7,173	7,414
Average gross profit	456	604
Average gross profit margin	6.0%	7.5%

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4. Other revenue

Other revenue of the Group in 2023 amounted to RMB440,992,000, representing a decrease of 18.4% as compared to RMB540,200,000 in 2022. Other revenue included bank interest income, government grants and gains on sales of raw materials. Such change was mainly attributable to the combined effect of a decrease in bank interest income and a decrease in government grants.

5. Other net gains and losses

Other net losses of the Group in 2023 amounted to RMB79,673,000, representing a decrease of 25.4% as compared to RMB106,831,000 in 2022. Other net gains and losses mainly comprised the realised and unrealised net gains and losses on financial instruments at FVPL, donation expenses and the net exchange gain and loss. Such change was mainly attributable to the combined effect of a decrease in net realised loss on financial instruments at FVPL and an increase in net exchange loss.

6. Selling and distribution expenses

Selling and distribution expenses of the Group in 2023 amounted to RMB234,077,000, representing a decrease of 11.4% as compared to RMB264,177,000 in 2022. Selling and distribution expenses mainly comprised transportation costs, wages of our sales staffs, operating expenses and promotion expenses. Such decrease was mainly due to the overall decrease in costs resulted from the strengthening control in operation cost upon commencement of production of Billion Vietnam and the new production site in Jinjiang.

7. Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses of the Group in 2023 amounted to RMB645,784,000, increased by 2.2% as compared to RMB632,026,000 in 2022. Administrative expenses mainly comprised research and development costs, depreciation on office equipment, staff wages, general office expenses, professional and legal fees, etc. The administrative expenses remained stable during the year under review.

8. Finance costs

Finance costs of the Group in 2023 amounted to RMB120,184,000, decreased by 44.4% as compared to RMB216,310,000 in 2022. Such change was mainly due to decrease in the interest on the bank loan and other interest expenses.

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9. Income tax

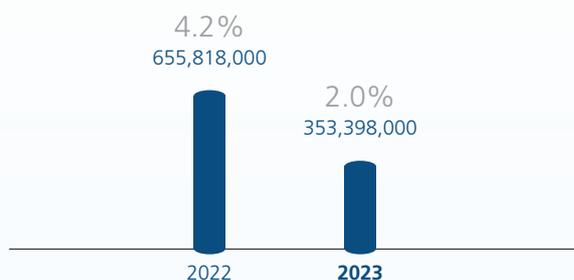
Income tax of the Group in 2023 amounted to RMB57,935,000, decreased by 34.9% as compared to RMB88,983,000 in 2022. Such change was mainly due to a decrease in profit before income tax of the Group.

Billion Fujian and Billion High-tech, major subsidiaries of the Group, were recognised as the Advanced and New Technology Enterprises and entitled to a preferential tax rate of 15% in 2023.

The standard corporate income tax rate in Vietnam is 20%. The provisions of the Investment Registration Certificate of Billion Industrial (Viet Nam) Co., Ltd. ("**Billion Vietnam**"), the subsidiary in Vietnam, allow Billion Vietnam to be exempted from income tax for 2 years starting from the first year it generates taxable profit and entitled to a 50% reduction in income for the 4 succeeding years.

10. Profit for the year

Profit of the Group in 2023 amounted to RMB353,398,000, decreased by RMB302,420,000 or 46.1% as compared to RMB655,818,000 in 2022, while the net profit margin of 2.0% represented a decrease of 2.2 percentage points as compared to 4.2% in 2022. Such decline was primarily attributable to a decrease in gross profit owing to the combined effect of (i) a decrease in sales unit price and (ii) an increase in the cost of sales.



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Financial position

1. *Liquidity and capital resources*

As at 31 December 2023, cash and cash equivalent of the Group amounted to RMB158,138,000, decreased by RMB73,482,000 or 31.7% as compared to RMB231,620,000 as at 31 December 2022. Such decrease was mainly due to a decrease in the bank loan during the year under review.

During the year under review, net cash used in operating activities amounted to RMB93,553,000, net cash inflow from investing activities amounted to RMB331,028,000 and net cash used in financing activities amounted to RMB310,729,000.

The Group satisfies its working capital needs mainly with cash inflows from operating activities. During the year under review, inventory turnover days were 92.7 days (2022: 88.0 days), an increase of 4.7 days as compared to the same period last year, which was mainly due to insufficient orders affected by the market situation during the year under review. The trade and bills receivable turnover days were 25.1 days (2022: 22.6 days), representing an increase of 2.5 days as compared to the same period last year, which was mainly due to the longer credit days and larger credit facility granted to the major customers who have long term good relationship with the Group in the year. The trade and bills payable turnover days were 302.2 days (2022: 450.8 days), representing a decrease of 148.6 days as compared to the same period last year mainly due to the sound relationship the Group maintained with the suppliers.

As at 31 December 2023, the Group had capital commitments of RMB234,793,000, which were mainly used for the expansion of production capacity as well as development of the production line for polyester industrial yarns products in Jinjiang.

2. *Capital structure*

As at 31 December 2023, the total liabilities of the Group amounted to RMB16,037,188,000 whereas capital and reserves amounted to RMB10,231,260,000. The gearing ratio (total liabilities divided by total equity) was 156.7%. Total assets amounted to RMB26,268,448,000. The debt-to-assets ratio (total assets divided by total liabilities) was 1.64 times. Bank loans of the Group amounted to RMB700,616,000, of which RMB417,078,000 were repayable within one year, and RMB283,538,000 were repayable after one year. RMB700,616,000 of the bank borrowings were secured by properties and restricted bank deposits.

Significant investment held, and material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries

There were no other significant investments held, nor were there any material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures during the year under review.

The Group will continue to seek opportunities in utilising its idle cash by investing in appropriate financial products. The Company's future plan in the coming year for other material investments and additions of capital assets is primarily related to the expansion of domestic production capacity as well as development of the Vietnam production business. The Company intends to finance such plan through internally generated funds and bank loans.

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Charges on assets

Save as disclosed in this report, there was no other charge on Group's assets as of 31 December 2023.

Contingent liabilities

As at 31 December 2023, the Group did not have any contingent liabilities (2022: Nil).

Foreign currency risk

The exposure of the Group's transactional currency to foreign currency risk was minimal as most of the financial assets and liabilities held by group entities of the Group are denominated in the respective functional currency of the respective group entities.

The management monitors the related foreign currency risk exposure closely on daily basis and, pursuant to a written foreign currency hedging policy as approved by the management, the Group would only enter into foreign currency forward contracts should need to arise. At 31 December 2023, the Group had outstanding foreign currency forward contracts of approximately RMB98,562,000 (2022: Nil). No significant realised and unrealised fair value gain or loss has been arising for the foreign currency forward contracts.

Employees and remuneration

As at 31 December 2023, the Group had a total of 9,202 employees. The remuneration for employees is determined in accordance with their performance, professional experience and the prevailing market conditions. The management reviews the Group's employee remuneration policy and arrangements on a regular basis. Apart from pension, the Group also grants discretionary bonus to certain employees as awards in accordance with individual performance.

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As the improved fiscal and currency policy, the global economy is expected to continue to rebound in 2024, and China is striving for the stable economic development, which is more conducive to people's access to services and commodities to stimulate consumption in this way.

As the largest polyester filament yarns manufacturer in Southern China, the Group has always been focusing on technological innovation. It adopts the world advanced melt-direct spinning differentiated chemical fiber production line, and possesses the leading spinning and texturing equipment and technology in the industry. Benefiting from the economic cycle and the rise of the crude oil price, the price trend of polyester thin films of the Group continued to improve. In addition, the continuous launch of new products has driven up the price of the Group's products and coupled with our appropriate cost control, the Group's overall business has experienced steady growth.

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The Billion Vietnam Polyester Filament Project, which has an iconic significance for the Group's expansion into emerging markets, was formally put into operation in September 2019, further expanding the Group's overseas markets. Furthermore, in view of the increasing consumption of polyester industrial yarns in the PRC in recent years, in particular, the accelerating expansion of the polyester industrial yarns market in Eastern China, the Group invested approximately US\$185 million to set up a production line for polyester industrial yarns products to expand this business. The total production capacity of the new manufacturing facilities will be approximately 250,000 tons per annum, and they had been gradually commenced commercial production.

The Group also announced on 20 September 2022 that it will further invest approximately US\$73,900,000 in the development of a new production facility in Vietnam for polyester bottle chips. The designed annual production capacity is about 300,000 tons. It has been put into commercial production in July 2023.

Polyester products consumption has been increasing in China in recent years, and China has become an important production base for polyester products worldwide. By expanding the existing polyester thin film business, the Company will be able to leverage its existing scale and expertise in manufacturing polyester products to enjoy the growth of this market. The Group currently has geographical, technological and cost advantages in the polyester thin film industry. At a time when the industry is still in the blue ocean stage, the future polyester thin film will remain an important performance growth driver of the Group. The production line for polyester thin films established by the Group with a planned investment of US\$320 million over a period of four years from 2020 to 2023 had been put into commercial production in November 2023. Upon the full completion, the additional polymerizing production capacity is 400,000 tons per year, which enables the additional polyester thin films to give their full play to reach the production capacity of 228,000 tons per year.

After the expansion plans for the polyester industrial yarns project and the polyester thin film project are completed, the size of the Group, and the sales volume and sales revenue of products will further increase. However, due to the impact of the lingering pandemic, there was some short-term impacts on the overall textile industry and the sales of the Group. However, as the textile industry is still well-founded, we remain confident in the medium and long-term development of the business.

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The Company is committed to ensuring that its affairs are conducted in accordance with high ethical standards. This reflects its belief that, in the achievement of its long-term objectives, it is imperative to act with probity, transparency and accountability. By so acting, the Company believes that Shareholder wealth will be maximised in the long term and that its employees, those with whom it does business and the communities in which it operates will all benefit.

Corporate governance is the process by which the Board instructs management of the Group to conduct its affairs with a view to ensuring that its objectives are met. The Board is committed to maintaining and developing robust corporate governance practices that are intended to ensure (i) satisfactory and sustainable returns to Shareholders, (ii) that the interests of those who deal with the Company are safeguarded, (iii) that overall business risk is understood and managed appropriately, (iv) the delivery of high-quality products and services to the satisfaction of customers, (v) that high standards of ethics are maintained.

Corporate Governance Practice of the Company

Recognizing the importance of a publicly listed company's responsibilities to enhance its transparency and accountability, the Group is committed to achieving high standards of corporate governance to safeguard the interests of shareholders and to enhance corporate value and accountability.

The Company's corporate governance practices are based on the principles and code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "**CG Code**") contained in Appendix C1 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "**Listing Rules**") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**"). Throughout the year ended 31 December 2023, the Company has complied with all the code provisions as set out in the CG Code.

The Company will continue to enhance its corporate governance practices appropriate to the conduct and growth of its business and to review such practices from time to time to ensure that they comply with the CG Code and align with the latest developments.

Directors' Securities Transactions

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "**Model Code**") as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules as the code of conduct for securities transactions by the Directors. All the Directors confirmed, following specific enquiries by the Company, that they had complied with the required standard as set out in the Model Code during the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Company has also established written guidelines (the "**Employees Written Guidelines**") on terms no less exacting than the Model Code for securities transactions by employees who are likely to be in possession of unpublished inside information of the Company. No incident of non-compliance of the Employees Written Guidelines by the relevant employees was noted by the Company during the year ended 31 December 2023. In case the Company is aware of any restricted period for dealings in the Company's securities, the Company will notify its Directors and relevant employees in advance.

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Board of Directors

Composition and role

As at 31 December 2023, the Board comprised two executive Directors, one non-executive Director and three independent non-executive Directors. The Board is responsible for corporate strategy and development, overseeing the business operations of the Group, financial reporting, legal and regulatory compliance, directors' appointments, risk management, major acquisitions, disposals and capital transactions. The Board is also responsible for the establishment of the internal control and risk management systems of the Company and discusses with the management regularly to ensure that internal control and risk management systems are operating effectively. The senior management is delegated the authority and responsibilities by the Board for the day-to-day management and operations of the Group. The Board meets regularly to review the financial and operating performance of the Company, and considers and approves the overall strategies and policies of the Company. The composition of the Board is well balanced with the Directors having sound industry knowledge, extensive corporate and strategic planning experience and/or expertise relevant to the business of the Group. The executive Directors, non-executive Director and independent non-executive Directors bring a variety of experience and expertise to the Company.

All Directors have devoted sufficient time and attention to the affairs of the Group. Each executive Director is suitably qualified for his position, and has sufficient experience to hold the position so as to carry out his duties effectively and efficiently.

Independent Non-executive Directors

Independent non-executive Directors have played a significant role in the Board by bringing their independent judgment at the Board meeting and scrutinizing the Group's performance. Their views carry significant weight in the Board's decision. In particular, they bring an impartial view to bear on issues of the Group's strategy, performance and control. All independent non-executive Directors possess extensive academic, professional and industry expertise and management experience and have provided their professional advice to the Board. The independent non-executive Directors provide independent advice on the Group's business strategy, results and management so that all interests of shareholders can be taken into account, and the interests of the Company and its shareholders can be protected.

The Company had at least three independent non-executive Directors, therefore, it had satisfied the requirement under Rule 3.10(1) of the Listing Rules. One of the independent non-executive Directors, Mr. Yu Wai Ming, possesses appropriate professional accounting qualifications and financial management expertise, which is in compliance with the requirements set out in Rule 3.10(2) of the Listing Rules.

The Company has received annual confirmations of independence from each of the existing independent non-executive Directors in accordance with Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. Based on the contents of such confirmations, the Company considers that all the independent non-executive Directors are independent and that they have met the specific independence guidelines as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

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Mechanism to Ensure Independent Views and Input are Available to the Board

To ensure independent views and input are provided to the Board, the Board has taken the following measures:

Board and Committees' structure

The Company is steered by the Board comprising of a majority of non-executive Director and independent non-executive Directors. Among the six Directors, only two of them are executive Directors. In addition, the role of the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer are separated to ensure that there is a balance of power and authority.

Independent non-executive Directors' remuneration

Non-executive Directors receive fixed Directors' fees for their role as members of the Board and Board Committees as appropriate. Caution is also taken not to over grant awards under share option schemes and share award schemes of the Company to the extent that their independence may be affected.

Appointment of independent non-executive Directors

In assessing suitability of the candidates for potential appointment of independent non-executive Director, the Nomination Committee and the Board will review, among others, their profiles, including their qualification and time commitment, having regard to the Board's composition, the Directors' skill matrix and other internal policies of the Group.

Annual review of Independent non-executive Directors' commitment and independence

The Board annually reviews each Director's time commitment to the Company. Directors' attendance records in 2023 are also disclosed in this Corporate Governance Report.

The Board would assess the independent non-executive Directors' independence upon appointment, annually, and at any other time when the need to reconsider arises.

Conflict management

Directors are required to report and avoid conflicts of interests with the Company and appropriate actions would be taken by the Board to manage conflicts when such conflicts arises.

Professional advice

If required, all Directors are entitled to seek advice from independent professional advisers at the Company's expense.

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Meetings

The Board meets to discuss the overall strategy as well as the operation and financial performance of the Group from time to time, and notice of at least 14 days were given to Directors before the meetings. The Directors may participate either in person or through electronic means of communications. The individual attendance record of each Director for the meetings of the Board and the general meetings held during the year ended 31 December 2023 is set out below:

Name of Director	Attendance/Number of Meetings	
	Board Meetings	Shareholders Meetings
<i>Executive Directors</i>		
Mr. Sze Tin Yau (Co-chairman)	4/4	1/1
Mr. Wu Jinbiao (Chief Executive Officer)	4/4	1/1
<i>Non-executive Director</i>		
Mr. Zhang Shengbai (Co-chairman)	4/4	1/1
<i>Independent non-executive Directors</i>		
Mr. Yu Wai Ming	4/4	1/1
Mr. Shih Chun Pi	4/4	1/1
Mr. Lin Jian Ming	4/4	1/1

All Directors were provided with relevant materials relating to the matters brought before the meetings. They had separate and independent access to the senior management and the secretary of the Company at all time and might seek independent professional advice at the Company's expense. Where queries were raised by Directors, steps were taken to respond as promptly and fully as possible. All Directors had the opportunity to include matters in the agenda for Board meetings.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the co-chairmen has met with the independent non-executive Directors in the absence of other directors.

Chairman and chief executive officer

For the year ended 31 December 2023, the Co-chairmen of the Board were Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Zhang Shengbai. For the year ended 31 December 2023, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company was Mr. Wu Jinbiao. The Company has complied with code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code which stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual.

Relationships between members of the Board

Details of the relationships between members of the Board are set out in the section headed "Directors and Senior Management" in this annual report.

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Continuous professional development

The Directors have been informed of the requirement under code provision C.1.4 of the CG Code in force during the year ended 31 December 2023 regarding continuous professional development. Directors are encouraged to participate in professional development courses and seminars to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills. Details of attendance record of professional training by each Director during the year ended 31 December 2023 is set out below. The Directors as at 31 December 2023 confirmed that they had complied with such requirements for the period under review.

Name of Director	Professional Training attended
<i>Executive Directors</i>	
Mr. Sze Tin Yau (<i>Co-chairman</i>)	Yes
Mr. Wu Jinbiao (<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>)	Yes
<i>Non-executive Director</i>	
Mr. Zhang Shengbai (<i>Co-chairman</i>)	Yes
<i>Independent non-executive Directors</i>	
Mr. Yu Wai Ming	Yes
Mr. Shih Chun Pi	Yes
Mr. Lin Jian Ming	Yes

Directors' and officers' insurance

The Company has arranged appropriate insurance cover in respect of potential legal actions against its Directors and officers.

Board diversity policy

The Company adopted a board diversity policy (the "**Board Diversity Policy**") on 29 November 2013 which may be amended from time to time. A summary of the Board Diversity Policy together with the measurable objectives for implementing such policy and the progress on achieving such objectives are disclosed below.

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Summary of the Board Diversity Policy

The Company recognises the importance of diversity in board members to corporate governance and the board effectiveness. The purposes of the Board Diversity Policy are to set out the basic principles to be followed to ensure that (i) a diverse range of candidates are considered; and (ii) the Board has the appropriate balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspectives necessary to enhance the effectiveness of the Board and to maintain high standards of corporate governance. Board nomination and appointments will be made on merit basis based on its business needs from time to time while taking into account the benefits of diversity. The Company has identified and implemented programs that will assist in the development of a broader and more diverse pool of skilled and experienced employees and that, in time, their skills will prepare them for senior management and board positions.

Measurable objectives

Selection of board candidates shall be based on a range of diversity perspectives with reference to the Company's business model and specific needs, including but not limited to gender, age, race, language, cultural background, educational background, industry experience and professional experience. The ultimate decision shall be based on merit and contribution that the selected candidates shall bring to the Board.

For the purpose of implementation of the Board Diversity Policy, the following measurable objectives were adopted:

- (i) **Independence:** The Board should include a balanced composition of executive and non-executive Directors (including independent non-executive Directors) so that there is a strong element of independence in the Board. The independent non-executive Directors shall be of sufficient calibre and stature for their views to carry weight.
- (ii) **Skills and experience:** The Board possesses a balance of skills appropriate for the requirements of the business of the Company. The Directors have a mix of finance, academic and management backgrounds that taken together provide the Company with considerable experience in a range of activities.
- (iii) **Gender:** Having reviewed the Board composition, the Board recognises the importance and benefits of gender diversity at the Board level and shall continue to take initiatives to identify female candidate(s) to enhance the gender diversity among the Board members. The Board will continue with its endeavor to increase female representation in the Board and appoint, subject to the above, at least one female representation in the Board before 31 December 2024.

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Apart from the above objectives, the Board Diversity Policy has the following objectives to comply with the Listing Rules:

1. at least one third of the members of the Board shall be independent non-executive Directors;
2. at least three of the members of the Board shall be independent non-executive Directors; and
3. at least one of the members of the Board shall have obtained appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise.

Save as disclosed above, the Board has achieved the measurable objectives in the Board Diversity Policy.

Gender diversity in the workforce

As at 31 December 2023, among our workforce (including senior management), 70.0% are male and 30.0% are female. As far as talent recruitment and retention are concerned, we follow an approach to employ a diverse team that works together collaboratively and encourage differences and individuality in employees with respect to equal opportunities, diversity and anti-discrimination.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have not set a measurable objective for achieving gender diversity at the workforce level, the Company is committed to the meritocratic and diverse approach which provides equal consideration and opportunities to all qualified candidates regardless of gender in terms of hiring and promotion process.

Monitoring and reporting

The nomination committee of the Board (the “**Nomination Committee**”) is responsible for reviewing the Board Diversity Policy, developing and reviewing measurable objectives for implementing the Board Diversity Policy and monitoring the progress on achieving these measurable objectives. The Nomination Committee shall review this policy and the measurable objectives at least annually to ensure the continued effectiveness of the Board.

Appointment, re-election and removal of Directors

According to code provision B.2.2 of the CG Code, every Director, including those appointed for a specific term, should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.

Each of the executive Directors has entered into a service contract with the Company with a fixed term, subject to retirement and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Associations of the Company.

Each of the non-executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years or one year, subject to retirement and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Associations of the Company.

Each of the non-executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors may terminate his/her appointment by giving a one-month prior written notice to the Company or in accordance with the terms set out in the respective letters of appointment.

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The Articles of Association of the Company provides that any Director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy in the Board shall hold office until the first general meeting of the Company after his/her appointment and be subject to re-election at such meeting, and any Director appointed by the Board as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election.

Remuneration Committee

During the year ended 31 December 2023, members of the Remuneration Committee comprised Mr. Yu Wai Ming (Chairman), Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Lin Jian Ming. The majority of the Remuneration Committee members are independent non-executive Directors. The primary duties of the Remuneration Committee are to determine the specific remuneration packages of executive Directors and senior management, including benefits in kind, pension rights and compensation payments (including any compensation payable for loss or termination of their office or appointment), and make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration of Directors and senior management. The composition and written terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee are in line with the CG Code provisions.

In determining the emolument payable to Directors, the Remuneration Committee takes into consideration factors such as salaries paid by comparable companies, time commitment and responsibilities of the Directors, and employment conditions elsewhere in the Group.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Remuneration Committee mainly performed the following duties:

- reviewed the Group's remuneration policy and reviewed the remuneration package of the executive Directors and senior management for the year of 2023.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, one meeting was held by the Remuneration Committee to review and approve the remuneration package for Directors and senior management. The individual attendance record of each member for the meeting(s) of the Remuneration Committee held during the year under review is set out below:

Name of member	Attendance/ Number of Meetings
Mr. Yu Wai Ming (<i>Chairman</i>)	1/1
Mr. Sze Tin Yau	1/1
Mr. Lin Jian Ming	1/1

Nomination Committee

During the year ended 31 December 2023, members of the Nomination Committee comprised Mr. Sze Tin Yau (Chairman), Mr. Yu Wai Ming and Mr. Shih Chun Pi. The majority of the Nomination Committee members are independent non-executive Directors.

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The primary duties of the Nomination Committee are to: (i) review the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) of the Board regularly and as appropriate, and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy; (ii) identify individuals suitably qualified to become Board members and select or make recommendations to the Board on the selection of individuals nominated for directorships; (iii) assess the independence of independent non-executive Directors of the Company; (iv) make recommendations to the Board on the appointment or re-appointment of Directors and succession planning for Directors, in particular, the chairmen and the chief executive; and (v) review the Board Diversity Policy, and develop and review measurable objectives for implementing such policy at least annually, as well as monitor the progress on achieving such objectives and make disclosure of its review results in the Corporate Governance Report annually. The composition and written terms of reference of the Nomination Committee are in line with the CG Code provisions.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Nomination Committee mainly performed the following duties:

- reviewed the annual confirmation of independence submitted by the independent non-executive Directors and assessed their independence; and
- reviewed the structure, size and composition of the Board, and whether the composition of the Board complied with the requirements of the board diversity policy during the year of 2023.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, one meeting was held by the Nomination Committee. The individual attendance record of each member for the meeting(s) of the Nomination Committee held during the year under review is set out below:

Name of member	Attendance/ Number of Meetings
Mr. Sze Tin Yau (<i>Chairman</i>)	1/1
Mr. Yu Wai Ming	1/1
Mr. Shih Chun Pi	1/1

Audit Committee

During the year ended 31 December 2023, members of the audit committee of the Board (the "**Audit Committee**") comprised Mr. Yu Wai Ming (Chairman), Mr. Lin Jian Ming and Mr. Shih Chun Pi, all being independent non-executive Directors. The primary duties of the Audit Committee are to make recommendations to the Board on the appointment, re-appointment and removal of external auditors and to review and supervise the financial reporting process, internal control and risk management systems of the Group. The composition and written terms of reference of the Audit Committee are in line with the CG Code provisions.

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During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Audit Committee mainly performed following duties:

- reviewed the Group's audited annual results for the year ended 31 December 2022 and the unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2023 met with the external auditors to discuss such annual results and interim results, and was of the opinion that the preparation of the relevant financial statements complied with the applicable accounting standards and requirements and that adequate disclosure had been made;
- reviewed the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group, and recommended the appointment of external auditors; and
- assisted the Board in meeting its responsibilities for maintaining an effective system of internal control and risk management, including meeting with the management of the Company and internal control review department regarding the internal control of the Group and review the capabilities and scope of review of the internal control assessment team of the Group.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, four meetings were held by the Audit Committee. The individual attendance record of each member for the meeting(s) of the Audit Committee held during the year under review is set out below:

Name of member	Attendance/ Number of Meetings
Mr. Yu Wai Ming (<i>Chairman</i>)	4/4
Mr. Shih Chun Pi	4/4
Mr. Lin Jian Ming	4/4

Corporate Governance Committee

The Company's corporate governance function is carried out by the corporate governance committee of the Board (the "**Corporate Governance Committee**"). During the year ended 31 December 2023, members of the Corporate Governance Committee comprised two executive Directors, namely Mr. Sze Tin Yau (Chairman) and Mr. Wu Jinbiao. The primary duties of the Corporate Governance Committee are to: (a) develop and review the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance and make recommendations to the Board; (b) review and monitor the training and continuous professional development of the Directors and senior management of the Group; (c) review and monitor the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; (d) develop, review and monitor the code of conduct and compliance manual (if any) applicable to employees of the Group and the Directors; and (e) review the Company's compliance with the CG Code and disclosure in the corporate governance report.

Corporate Governance Report

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Corporate Governance Committee mainly performed following duties:

- reviewed and monitored the training and continuous professional development of the Directors and senior management of the Group; and
- reviewed the Company's compliance with the CG Code and disclosure in the corporate governance report.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, one meeting was held by the Corporate Governance Committee. The individual attendance record of each member at the meeting(s) of the Corporate Governance Committee held during the year under review is set out below:

Name of member	Attendance/ Number of Meetings
Mr. Sze Tin Yau (<i>Chairman</i>)	1/1
Mr. Wu Jinbiao	1/1

Accountability and Audit

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group as at that date and of the Group's results and cash flows for the year then ended. In preparing the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, the Directors have selected suitable accounting policies and have applied them consistently, adopted appropriate Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (HKFRS) and Hong Kong Accounting Standards (HKAS) which are pertinent to its operations and relevant to the consolidated financial statements, made judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable, and have prepared the accounts on the going concern basis.

The statement of Mazars CPA Limited, the external auditors of the Company, about their reporting responsibilities on the consolidated financial statements is set out in the "Independent Auditor's Report" in this annual report.

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Auditor's Remuneration

The Audit Committee is responsible for making recommendation to the Board on the appointment, reappointment and removal of the authorized external auditors and to approve the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditors, and any questions of resignation or dismissal of external auditors. The Group was required to pay remuneration to Mazars for their audit and non-audit services as follows:

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Audit services	1,593	1,697
Non-audit services in respect of interim results	180	179
Other non-audit services (Note)	171	–
	351	179

Note:

Other non-audit services mainly include attendance of the annual general meeting of the Company, agreed-upon procedures on preliminary announcement of annual results and report on the continuing connected transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023. The service fees in respect of these non-audit services rendered in prior year were included as part of the audit fee for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Risk Management and Internal Control

The Board is responsible for maintaining sound and effective internal control systems in order to safeguard the Group's assets and shareholders' interests, and review and monitor the effectiveness of the Company's internal control and risk management systems on a regular basis so as to ensure that internal control and risk management systems that are in place are adequate.

The Company has established written policies and procedures applicable to all operating units to ensure the effectiveness of internal control. The Company also has a process for identifying, evaluating, and managing the significant risks in achieving its operational objective. This process is subject to continuous improvement and was in place throughout 2023 and up to the date of this report. The day-to-day operation is entrusted to a separate department, which is accountable for its own conduct and performance, and is required to strictly adhere to the policies set by the Board. The Company carries out reviews on the effectiveness of the internal control systems from time to time in order to ensure that they are able to meet and deal with the dynamic and ever changing business environment.

During the year under review, the Board has conducted a review and assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control systems including financial, operational and compliance control and risk management. The Group's independent internal audit department was engaged to assist the Board to perform high-level review of the internal control systems for its business operations and processes.

Such review covered the financial, compliance and operational control as well as risk management mechanisms and assessment was made by discussions with the management of the Company and its external auditors. The Board believes that the existing risk management and internal control systems are adequate and effective.

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Company Secretary

The secretary of the Company is Mr. Law Hoi Ching, whose biographical details are set out in the section headed “Directors and Senior Management” in this annual report. Mr. Law has been informed of the requirements under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules and had taken not less than 15 hours of relevant professional training for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Shareholders’ Rights

Procedures for shareholders to convene an extraordinary general meeting and to put forward proposals during general meetings

Pursuant to the Article 58 of the Articles of Association of the Company, any one or more shareholders holding not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company at the date of deposit of the requisition which carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the secretary of the Company by mail to Unit 1501, Office Tower, Convention Plaza, No. 1 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, to require an extraordinary general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition, and such meeting shall be held within two months after the deposit of such requisition. If within 21 days of such deposit, the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting, the requisitionist(s) himself (themselves) may do so in the same manner, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board to convene the meeting shall be reimbursed to the requisitionist(s) by the Company.

Procedures by which enquiries may be put to the Board

Shareholders may send their enquiries and concerns to the Board by addressing them to the secretary of the Company by mail to Unit 1501, Office Tower, Convention Plaza, No. 1 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong. The secretary of the Company is responsible for forwarding communications relating to matters within the Board’s direct responsibilities to the Board and communications relating to the ordinary business matters, such as suggestions and inquiries, to the chief executive officer of the Company.

Relationship with investors and shareholders

The Board recognises the importance of maintaining a clear, timely and effective communication with the shareholders and investors of the Company. The Board also recognises that effective communication with its investors is critical in establishing investor confidence and attracting new investors. Therefore, the Group is committed to maintaining a high degree of transparency to ensure the investors of the Company and the shareholders will receive accurate, clear, comprehensive and timely information of the Group through the publication of annual reports, interim reports, announcements and circulars. The Company also publishes all corporate communications on the Company’s website at www.baihong.com.

Members of the Board and chairmen of various Board committees will attend the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to be held on 27 May 2024 (the “AGM”) to answer questions raised by shareholders. The resolution of every important proposal will be proposed at general meetings separately.

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Voting at general meetings of the Company is conducted by way of poll in accordance with the Listing Rules. The poll results are announced at general meetings and published on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company respectively. In addition, the Company regularly meets with institutional investors, financial analysts and financial media, and promptly releases information related to any significant progress of the Company, so as to promote their understanding on the strategy, business and development of the Group through mutual and efficient communications. Such discussion shall be limited to explanation on previous published materials and general discussion of non-price sensitive information.

Shareholders' Communication Policy

The Company has in place a Shareholders' Communication Policy. The policy strives to ensure that all Shareholders have ready, equal and timely access to all publicly available information of the Company that is accurate, comprehensible and informative. The Board reviewed the implementation and effectiveness of the Shareholders' Communication Policy and the results were satisfactory.

The Company has established a number of channels for maintaining an on-going dialogue with its Shareholders as follows:

A. *The Company Secretary and Investor Relations of the Company*

Shareholders may, at any time, direct questions, request for publicly available information and provide comments and suggestions to Directors or management of the Company. Such questions, requests and comments can be addressed to the Investor Relations Department or the Company Secretary of the Company by mail to Room 1501, Office Tower, Convention Plaza, No.1 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong or by email to stevenlaw@baihong.com.

B. *The Share Registrar of the Company*

Shareholders should direct any questions about their shareholdings by mail to the Hong Kong Share Registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Rooms 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong or by email to hkinfo@computershare.com.hk, who has been appointed by the Company to assist Shareholders with share registration and related matters.

C. *Whistleblowing*

The Company provides a mechanism for employees and those who deal with the group to report to the Company any suspected misconduct or malpractice through confidential reporting channels. The Whistleblowing Policy of the Company sets out the available channels and procedures for anonymous reporting of improprieties.

Constitutional Documents

The articles of association of the Company was amended at the annual general meeting held on 26 May 2022. During the year ended 31 December 2023, there had not been any change in the Company's memorandum of association. An updated version of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association is available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

Directors and Senior Management

Executive Directors

Mr. Sze Tin Yau, aged 54, is an executive Director, a co-chairman of the Board, a co-founder of the Group, an authorized representative of the Company and a director of both Billion Fujian and Billion Hightech. Mr. Sze is also the chairman of the nomination committee and the corporate governance committee of the Board, and a member of the remuneration committee of the Board. Mr. Sze has approximately 30 years of experience in the polyester filament yarns industry and is primarily responsible for the overall corporate strategies, planning and business development of the Group. Prior to establishing the Group in 2003, he was the general manager of Fujian Jinjiang Yuhua Garment Industrial Co., Ltd.* (福建晉江裕華服裝實業有限公司) from March 1990 to April 2000 and was the chairman of the board of directors of Fujian Baikai Textile Chemical Fiber Industry Co., Ltd.* (福建百凱紡織化纖實業有限公司) from May 2000 to October 2003. He is a founder and shareholder of Billion H.K. and has been the chairman of the board of directors of Billion H.K. since its incorporation in 1996. Mr. Sze was elected and appointed as a member of the 9th and 10th sessions of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Fujian Province* (福建省政協委員) in 2007 and 2012. He has also been appointed as an executive member of the 8th session of the Standing Committee of Business Association of Fujian Province* (福建省工商業聯合會總商會第八屆執行委員會執行委員) in July 2002. His other social undertakings include acting as the vice-chairman of the Chamber of International Commerce of Fujian Province* (中國國際商會福建商會副會長) and lifelong honorary president of Jinjiang City Charity Federation* (晉江市慈善總會永遠榮譽會長). Mr. Sze joined the Company in November 2010.

As at 31 December 2023, Mr. Sze was the sole shareholder and director of Kingom Power Limited, which was interested in 30.38% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 31 December 2023 and is a company deemed to be interested in the shares 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 Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) ("SFO"). Mr. Sze is also a director of both Billion Fujian and Billion High-tech. Mr. Sze is a brother-in-law of Mr. Wu Jinbiao, an executive Director and the chief executive officer of the Company. Mr. Sze is also a brother-in-law of Mr. He Wenyao, vice president of the Company. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Sze does not have any relationships with any other Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders (as defined in Listing Rules), or controlling shareholders (as defined in Listing Rules) of the Company.

Mr. Wu Jinbiao, aged 61, is an executive Director, the chief executive officer of the Company, a cofounder of the Group and a director of Billion Fujian and Billion High-tech. Mr. Wu is also a member of the corporate governance committee of the Board. Mr. Wu has approximately 35 years of experience in the differentiated polyester filament yarns industry and is primarily responsible for the daily operations of the Group. Prior to establishing the Group in 2003, Mr. Wu was also a founder and shareholder of Billion H.K. and has been a director of Billion H.K. since its incorporation in 1996. He was the deputy general manager of Fujian Jinjiang Yuhua Garment Industrial Co., Ltd.* (福建晉江裕華服裝實業有限公司) from May 1985 to April 2000 and was the executive director and general manager of Fujian Baikai Textile Chemical Fiber Industry Co., Ltd.* (福建百凱紡織化纖實業有限公司) from May 2000 to October 2003. Mr. Wu was elected and appointed as a member of the 11th session of the Standing Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Jinjiang City* (晉江市政協委員會常委) and a committee member of the Political Consultative Conference of Quanzhou City, Fujian Province* (福建省泉州市政協委員會委員). He was recognised as an Advanced Individual of Textile Industry of Fujian Province* (福建省紡織工業先進個人) on 26 February 2007. Mr. Wu is also the honorary president of Jinjiang City Charity Federation* (晉江市慈善總會榮譽會長). Mr. Wu joined the Company in November 2010.

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As at 31 December 2023, Mr. Wu was the sole shareholder and director of Winwett Investments Limited, which was interested in 6.46% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 31 December 2023 and is a company deemed to be interested in the shares 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. Mr. Wu is a brother-in-law of Mr. Sze Tin Yau, an executive Director and co-chairman of the Board. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wu does not have any relationships with any other Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) or controlling shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company.

Non-executive Director

Mr. Zhang Shengbai, aged 48, has over 22 years of experience in the energy industry. He has been mainly engaged in the sales, investment, strategic planning and management of companies. He received a master degree in business administration from Southwest Jiaotong University* (西南交通大學) in 2002.

Mr. Zhang joined CECEP Chongqing Industry Co., Ltd.* (重慶中節能實業有限責任公司) in March 2007 and was promoted as the chairman and general manager in January 2019. He has been the general manager of Hefei Shikai Bus Natural Gas Co., Ltd.* (合肥施凱公交天然氣有限公司) from September 2005 and since February 2015, he has become the chairman as well. He was also the head of the strategy department of New Hope Group Co., Ltd.* (新希望集團有限公司) from October 2003 to September 2005, the deputy head of the strategy department of D'Long International Strategic Investment Company* (德隆國際戰略投資公司) from January 2003 to October 2003, the assistant manager of the investment and development department of New Hope Agriculture Co., Ltd.* (新希望農業股份公司) from January 2001 to January 2003, the sales manager of Chengdu Tieshan Kegongmao Development Co., Ltd.* (成都鐵山科工貿實業開發公司) from July 2000 to January 2001, and an assistant engineer of The First Corporation of the Fourth Engineering Division of the Ministry of Railways* (鐵道部第四工程局一公司) from August 1997 to July 2000.

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Yu Wai Ming, aged 39, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 11 January 2022. He received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration (Accounting) from The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in 2006. Mr. Yu is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He has over 14 years of experience in professional accounting and corporate consultancy services. Particularly, he joined KPMG in July 2006. He was transferred to KPMG Huazhen LLP in November 2010. He was a senior manager at the time of leaving KPMG Huazhen LLP in April 2016. He was the investment director of Zhangzhou Hengrun Investment Management Co., Ltd. from May 2016 to February 2018. In March 2018, he conducted business under his own name as YU Wai Ming Certified Public Accountant. In addition, he is currently the executive director of Boer Power Holdings Limited (a company listed on the Stock Exchange, stock code: 1685).

Directors and Senior Management

Mr. Lin Jian Ming, aged 60, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 18 May 2019. Prior to that, he served as an independent non-executive Director from 31 March 2013 to 27 December 2018 and a member of both the audit committee and the nomination committee of the Board from 19 March 2014 to 27 December 2018.

Mr. Lin has many years of experience in education and research. He was a graduate of Huaqiao University* (華僑大學). He was also a visiting scholar of the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1995. He also received a doctorate degree from the Tianjin University* (天津大學) in 2002.

Mr. Lin is a professor and doctoral tutor of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering of Huaqiao University, and a director and researcher of the Institute of Materials Physical Chemistry of Huaqiao University. He is also a director of the Optical Society of Fujian* (福建省光學學會), a director of the Fujian Chemical Society* (福建省化學學會), and a deputy executive director of the Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Society of Quanzhou* (泉州市化學化工學會). He received the Youth Science and Technology Award* (青年科技獎) in Quanzhou in 2006.

Mr. Shih Chun Pi, aged 67, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 28 December 2018. Mr. Shih is also a member of both the audit committee and the nomination committee of the Board. Mr. Shih has over 42 years of experience in the textile industry. He has been mainly engaged in the production technology, sales promotion and management in the textile industry, accumulating his rich experience in fabric production, technology development, as well as supply chain management and sales market development of the garment factory. He is also adept in production planning and production operation model of the textile industry. Mr. Shih was the deputy general manager of Hong Kong Fen Hong Limited* (香港汾泓有限公司) from October 2011 to May 2018, the sales manager of Hong Kong Ming Feng Textile Factory* (香港明豐製衣廠) from October 1992 to September 2011, the assistant plant manager of Hong Kong Gee Cheung Knitting Factory Limited* (香港志祥針織有限公司) from November 1986 to September 1992 and a technician of Hong Kong Da Xing Textile Factory Limited* (香港大興織造公司) from November 1978 to October 1985. Before his relocation to Hong Kong in November 1978, he worked as a technician in Fujian Jinjiang Xinghua Textile Co., Ltd* (福建晉江市興華針織實業有限公司) from November 1974 to October 1978.

Senior management

Mr. Wu Jianshe, aged 69, is a vice president of the Company and a director of Billion Fujian and Billion High-tech. Mr. Wu has more than 32 years of experience in the textile industry. He joined the Group upon its establishment in 2003 as a director of Billion Fujian and has been primarily responsible for sales and marketing of the Group. Prior to joining the Group, from May 1985 to April 1998, he was the general business manager of Jinjiang Longhu Henglong Zip Textile Co., Ltd* (晉江龍湖恒隆拉鍊織造有限公司). He was also the sales manager of Fujian Jinjiang City Hengxinglong Polyester Co. Ltd. (福建省晉江市恒興隆化纖縲綸有限公司) from May 1998 to August 2003. Mr. Wu joined the Company in November 2010.

Mr. He Wenyao, aged 57, is a vice president of the Company and a director of Billion Fujian and Billion High-tech. Mr. He has approximately 30 years of experience in the textile industry. He joined our Group upon its establishment in 2003 and has been primarily responsible for procurement of raw materials, formulating the budget, market research, cost control management and logistics arrangement for the Group. Prior to joining the Group, he was the deputy general manager of Shishi City Yaofu Garment and Knitting Co., Ltd.* (石獅市耀富製衣織造有限公司) from June 1988 to September 2003.

Mr. He is a brother-in-law of Mr. Sze Tin Yau, an executive Director and a co-chairman of the Board.

Directors and Senior Management

Mr. Ye Jingping, aged 65, is a vice president of the Company and a senior engineer. He has over 36 years of experience in polyester filament yarns industry and is primarily responsible for our overall product manufacturing and research and development. He joined the Group in 2003. Prior to joining the Group, he was a technician, engineer, workshop manager and deputy general manager of Xiamen Chemical Polyester Factory* (廈門化纖廠) from August 1983 to May 2000. Mr. Ye graduated from the Faculty of Textile Chemical Engineering of East China Institute of Textile Engineering* (華東紡織工學院), currently known as Donghua University* (東華大學), majored in chemical fiber, in July 1983. Mr. Ye was accredited as the Model Worker in Quanzhou* (泉州市勞動模範) in April 2006 and as the advanced worker for technology development in light textile industry* (輕紡技術開發先進工作者) by Fujian Province Light Industry Bureau* (福建省輕工業廳) in 1993. He achieved the second award for science and technology progress* (科學進步成果二等獎) by his program named trial-manufacture of polyester lan cable* (滌綸網絡絲新產品試製) in 1988.

Mr. Wang Jinyu, aged 46, is a vice president of the Company. He has approximately 21 years of experience in polyester filament yarns industry. He participated in the operation of Billion Fujian since its establishment in 2003 and has been an assistant to the chairman since joining. Prior to joining the Group, he worked as the assistant to the chairman of the board of directors in Fujian Baikai Textile Chemical Fiber Industrial Co., Ltd.* (福建百凱紡織化纖實業有限公司) from March 2003 to October 2003. Mr. Wang worked as the head of the Public Relations Department of Jinxing (Fujian) Fiber Textile Industry Co., Ltd.* (錦興(福建)化纖紡織實業有限公司) from February 1998 to February 2003.

Mr. Law Hoi Ching, aged 42, joined the Group in July 2021 and is the chief financial officer, the company secretary and one of the authorized representatives of the Company. Mr. Law is a fellow and practising member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and a member of each of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the CPA Australia, and the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries. He is also a fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales. Mr. Law holds a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) from Central Queensland University, a Master of Business Administration from University of South Australia and a Master of Corporate Governance from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Mr. Law held senior accounting positions in a number of companies listed on the Stock Exchange and has over 15 years of experience in auditing, taxation, accounting and financial management.

Mr. Xu Xiaofeng, aged 48, joined the Group in August 2004 and is the finance manager. Mr. Xu is primarily responsible for the daily finance-related work of the Group. Prior to joining the Group, he worked at the Finance Department of Fujian Jinjiang Hongyu Coating Knitting Co., Ltd.* (福建晉江鴻裕塗層織物有限公司) from October 1997 to June 2004. Mr. Xu obtained his diploma in banking accounting in June 1997 from Fuzhou University* (福州大學). He was also qualified as a Medium Level Accountant of the PRC in December 2003 and was qualified as a Senior Level Accountant of the PRC in September 2015.

* For identification purposes only

Report of the Directors

The Directors are pleased to present the annual report of the Company together with the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Principal place of business

The Company is a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and domiciled in Hong Kong, and has its registered office at Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands and its principal place of business at Unit 1501, Office Tower, Convention Plaza, No. 1 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities and other particulars of the subsidiaries of the Company are set out in note 13 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group. There were no significant changes in the nature of the Group's principal activities during the year ended 31 December 2023.

Business review

The business review of the Group as at 31 December 2023 is set out under the section headed "Management Discussion and Analysis" of this annual report on pages 17 to 39.

Compliance with the relevant laws and regulations

As far as the Board is aware, 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 under review, there was no material breach of or non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations by the Group.

Relationship with suppliers, customers and other stakeholders

The Group understands the importance of maintaining a good relationship with its suppliers, customers and other stakeholders to meet its immediate and long-term goals. During the year under review, there were no material and significant dispute between the Group and its suppliers, customers and/or other stakeholders.

Subsidiaries

Details of the principal subsidiaries of the Group as at 31 December 2023 are set out in note 13 to the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

Financial statements

A summary of the results, assets and liabilities of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023, and the state of the Company's and the Group's affairs as at that date are set out in the Group's consolidated financial statements on pages 81 to 161.

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Transfer to reserves

Profits attributable to shareholders, before dividends, of RMB353,398,000 (2022: profit of RMB655,818,000) has been transferred to reserves.

No interim dividend (2022: Nil) was paid for the six months ended 30 June 2023.

Reserves

Details of movements in reserves of the Group and the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023 are set out in the consolidated statement of changes in equity and note 24(a) to the consolidated financial statements of the Group, respectively.

Distributable reserves

As at 31 December 2023, the Company's reserves, including the share premium account but after offsetting the accumulated losses, available for distribution and calculated in accordance with the Companies Law, Cap 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands (the "**Companies Law**"), amounted to approximately HK\$131,016,000. Under the Companies Law, a company may make distribution to its shareholders out of the share premium account under certain circumstances.

Property, plant and equipment

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Group held property, plant, equipment and other fixed assets of approximately RMB12,794,492,000. Details of the movements in fixed assets are set out in note 11 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

Major suppliers and customers

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the aggregate sales attributable to the Group's five largest customers accounted for approximately 34.5% of the Group's total sales and the sales attributable to the Group's largest customer accounted for approximately 9.3% of the Group's total sales. During the year ended 31 December 2023, the aggregate purchases attributable to the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for approximately 85.9% of the Group's total purchases and the purchases attributable to the Group's largest supplier accounted for approximately 23.9% of the Group's total purchases.

So far as is known to the Directors, other than those disclosed in "Connected transactions and related party transactions" section in this report, none of the Directors, their associates or substantial shareholders (which to the best knowledge of the Directors owns more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital) had any interest in the share capital of any of the five largest customers and suppliers of the Group.

Charitable donations

Charitable and other donations made by the Group during the year ended 31 December 2023 amounted to approximately RMB219,000 (2022: approximately RMB164,000).

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Share capital

Details of the movement in share capital of the Company during the year are set out in note 24(a) to the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

Pre-emptive rights

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

Purchase, sale or redemption of the Company's shares

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Company bought back a total of 486,000 shares on the Stock Exchange. The 328,000 bought-back shares were cancelled during the year ended 31 December 2023, and the remaining 158,000 bought-back shares were cancelled subsequently in January 2024. The details of the bought-back shares are as follows:

Date	Number of shares bought back	Price per share or highest price paid per share (HK\$)	Lowest price paid per share (HK\$)	Aggregate price paid (HK\$)
March 2023	12,000	3.88	3.76	45,360
April 2023	30,000	4.05	3.88	118,800
May 2023	80,000	4.20	4.01	330,800
June 2023	136,000	4.21	3.85	541,900
July 2023	70,000	4.30	4.15	292,000
August 2023	44,000	4.10	3.99	178,020
September 2023	62,000	4.19	3.98	250,780
October 2023	24,000	4.18	3.96	98,300
November 2023	20,000	4.14	4.10	82,400
December 2023	8,000	4.06	4.06	32,480
Total	486,000			1,970,840

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The purchase of the Company's shares during the year ended 31 December 2023 was effected by the Directors, pursuant to the mandate from shareholders received at the last annual general meeting, with a view to benefiting the shareholders as a whole by enhancing the net asset value per share and earnings per share of the Group. Save as disclosed above, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any other listed securities of the Company during the year ended 31 December 2023.

There have been no options, awards, convertible securities or similar rights or arrangements, issued or granted by the Group during the year ended 31 December 2023 and as at the date of this report.

Results and dividends

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 are set out in the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

The Board does not recommend the payment of any final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Financial summary

A summary of the results and of the assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years, as extracted from the published audited financial statements, is set out on page 162 of this annual report. Such summary does not form part of the audited financial statements.

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Directors

The Directors during the year ended 31 December 2023 and up to the date of this annual report are as follows:

Executive Directors

Mr. Sze Tin Yau (*Co-chairman*)

Mr. Wu Jinbiao (*Chief Executive Officer*)

Non-executive Director

Mr. Zhang Shengbai (*Co-chairman*)

Independent non-executive Directors

Mr. Yu Wai Ming

Mr. Shih Chun Pi

Mr. Lin Jian Ming

Each of the executive Directors has entered into a service contract with the Company for an initial term of three years and renewable automatically upon expiration until terminated by either party giving to the other not less than three months' notice in writing or in accordance with the terms set out in the respective service contracts. The service contracts of Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao commenced on 18 May 2011.

The non-executive Director, Mr. Zhang Shengbai, has signed a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years commencing on 18 May 2019, subject to renewal upon re-election at annual general meeting.

The independent non-executive Directors, Mr. Yu Wai Ming and Mr. Shih Chun Pi, have signed a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years, subject to renewal upon re-election at annual general meeting. The letter of appointment of Mr. Yu Wai Ming commenced on 11 January 2022. The letter of appointment of Mr. Shih Chun Pi commenced on 28 December 2018, subject to renewal upon re-election at annual general meeting. The independent non-executive Director, Mr. Lin Jian Ming, has signed a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of one year. The letter of appointment of Mr. Lin Jian Ming commenced on 18 May 2019, subject to renewal upon re-election at annual general meeting. The letters of appointment may be terminated by one month's notice in writing by the non-executive Directors or the independent non-executive Directors of the Company or in accordance with the terms set out in the respective letters of appointment.

In accordance with article 84 of the Articles of Association, Mr. Zhang Shengbai, Mr. Yu Wai Ming and Mr. Lin Jian Ming will retire from the Board by rotation at the forthcoming AGM and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

No Director who is proposed for re-election at the forthcoming AGM has an unexpired service contract which is not determinable by the Company or any of its subsidiaries within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

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Remuneration of Directors and senior management

The remuneration committee of the Board considers and recommends to the Board the remuneration and other benefits paid by the Company to the Directors and the senior management of the Company. The remuneration of all the Directors and the senior management is subject to regular monitoring by the remuneration committee to ensure that the levels of their remuneration and compensation are appropriate.

The remuneration of the members of the senior management of the Group by band for the year ended 31 December 2023 is set out below:

Remuneration bands	Number of employees
Nil to HK\$1,000,000	6

Details of the Directors' remuneration and individuals with highest emoluments are set out in note 9 to the consolidated financial statements.

Directors' and senior management's biographical details

The biographical details of the Directors and the senior management of the Group are set out in the section headed "Directors and Senior Management" in this annual report.

Directors' interests in competing business

None of the Directors is or was interested in any business apart from the Group's business, which competes or competed or is or was likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the Group's business at any time during the year ended 31 December 2023 and up to and including the date of this annual report.

Directors' rights to purchase shares or debentures

At no time during the year ended 31 December 2023 were there rights to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company granted to any Director or their respective spouses or minor children, nor were there any such rights exercised by them; nor was the Company, its holding company, or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors to acquire such rights in any other body corporate.

Confirmation of independence

The Company has received from each of the independent non-executive Directors an annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and considers all the independent non-executive Directors to be independent.

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Interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations

As at 31 December 2023, the interests or short positions of each Director and chief executive in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (“SFO”)) which were required to be 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 are being taken or deemed to have taken under such provisions of the SFO); or were required pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO to be entered in the register referred to therein; or were required pursuant to the Model Code as set out in the Listing Rules to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange were as follows:

Name of Director	Nature of interest	Number of ordinary shares of the Company interested	Percentage of the Company's issued share capital ⁽³⁾
Mr. Sze Tin Yau ⁽¹⁾	Interest in controlled corporation	643,720,000	30.38%
Mr. Wu Jinbiao ⁽²⁾	Interest in controlled corporation	136,820,000	6.46%

Notes:

- (1) Mr. Sze Tin Yau owned 100% of the issued shares of Kingom Power Limited (“**Kingom Power**”), which directly owned 643,720,000 shares of the Company. Accordingly, Mr. Sze Tin Yau was deemed to be interested in all the shares of the Company owned by Kingom Power by virtue of the SFO.
- (2) Mr. Wu Jinbiao owned 100% of the issued shares of Winwett Investments Limited, which directly owned 136,820,000 shares of the Company. Accordingly, Mr. Wu Jinbiao was deemed to be interested in all the shares of the Company owned by Winwett investments Limited by virtue of the SFO.
- (3) Based on a total of 2,118,658,000 issued shares of the Company as at 31 December 2023.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2023, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company has or is deemed to have any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which will have to be 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 each of them has taken or deemed to have taken under the SFO), or which will be required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register required to be kept therein or which will be required, pursuant to the Model Code, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange. At no time had the Company or any of its holding company or subsidiaries participated in any arrangements to enable the Directors or chief executive (including their spouses or children under the age of eighteen) of the Company to acquire any interests and short positions of shares or underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO).

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Substantial shareholders' and other persons' interests and short positions in shares and underlying shares

As at 31 December 2023, so far as is known to the Directors, the following persons (other than a Director or chief executive of the Company) had or were deemed or taken to have an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange 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 under section 336 of the SFO:

Name of Director	Nature of interest	Number of ordinary shares of the Company interested	Percentage of the Company's issued share capital ⁽⁴⁾
Hong Kong (Rong An) Investment Limited ("Hong Kong Rong An")	Beneficial owner	780,870,808	36.86%
CECEP Chongqing Industry Co., Ltd. ("CECEP Chongqing") ⁽¹⁾	Interest in controlled corporation	780,870,808	36.86%
CECEP Energy Conservation Technology Co., Ltd. ("CECEP Technology") ⁽²⁾	Interest in controlled corporation	780,870,808	36.86%
China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group ("CECEP") ⁽³⁾	Interest in controlled corporation	780,870,808	36.86%
Kingom Power Limited ("Kingom Power")	Beneficial owner	643,720,000	30.38%
Winwett Investments Limited	Beneficial owner	136,820,000	6.46%
Mr. Huang Shaorong	Beneficial owner	19,425,000	0.92%
	Interest in controlled corporation	188,532,000	8.90%
Ever Luxuriant Global Trading Limited	Beneficial owner	188,532,000	8.90%
Mr. Lin Haibin	Beneficial owner	27,723,000	1.31%
	Nominee for another person (other than a bare trustee)	166,706,000	7.87%

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Name of Director	Nature of interest	Number of ordinary shares of the Company interested	Percentage of the Company's issued share capital⁽⁴⁾
Haibin International Investments Limited	Beneficial owner	170,140,000	8.03%
Export – Import Bank of China	Person having a security interest in shares	300,000,000	14.16%

Notes:

- (1) CECEP Chongqing owned 100% of the issued share capital of Hong Kong Rong An, and was thus deemed to be interested in all shares of the Company that Hong Kong Rong An was interested in under the SFO.
- (2) CECEP Chongqing was a non-wholly-owned subsidiary of CECEP Technology. CECEP Technology was therefore deemed to be interested in all shares of the Company that CECEP Chongqing was interested in under the SFO.
- (3) CECEP Technology was a wholly-owned subsidiary of CECEP. CECEP was therefore deemed to be interested in all shares of the Company that CECEP Technology was interested in under the SFO.
- (4) Base on a total of 2,118,658,000 issued shares of the Company as at 31 December 2023.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2023, the Directors were not aware of any other person who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange 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 under section 336 of the SFO.

Emolument policies

The Group's emolument policies are formulated on the performance of individual employees and on the basis of the salary trends in Hong Kong and the PRC, and will be reviewed regularly. Subject to the Group's profitability, the Group may also distribute discretionary bonus to its employees as an incentive for their contribution to the Group.

Permitted indemnity

Pursuant to the Articles of Association of the Company, the applicable laws and regulations, every Director shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets and profits of the Company against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them may incur or sustain in the execution of their duties in their offices. Such permitted indemnity provision has been in force throughout the year under review. The Company has arranged appropriate Directors' and officers' liability insurance coverage for the Directors and officers of the Group.

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Share schemes

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Company did not have any share option scheme or share award scheme.

Retirement scheme

The Group operates a Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (“**MPF Scheme**”) under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance (Chapter 485 of the Laws of Hong Kong) for employees employed under the jurisdiction of the Employment Ordinance (Chapter 57 of the Laws of Hong Kong). The MPF Scheme is a defined contribution retirement scheme administered by independent trustees. Under the MPF Scheme, each of the employer and employee are required to make contributions of 5% of the employees’ relevant income to the scheme, subject to a cap of monthly relevant income of HK\$30,000. Contributions made to the scheme are vested immediately.

Employees of the subsidiaries of the Group in the PRC and Vietnam participate in the retirement schemes operated by the local authorities. The subsidiaries are required to contribute a certain percentage of salaries to these schemes to pay the benefits. The only obligation of the Group in respect to these schemes is the required contributions under the schemes.

For the year ended 31 December 2023, the Group’s total contributions to the retirement schemes charged in the consolidated income statement amounted to RMB24,384,000 (2022: RMB19,479,000).

Details of the Group’s pension scheme are set out in note 7(b) to the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

Connected transactions and related party transactions

(A) Connected transactions – continuing connected transactions

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Group entered into the following continuing connected transactions which are subject to the reporting and annual review requirements set out in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Details of the continuing connected transactions are set out below:

(a) Sales of DTY, FDY and POY by Billion Fujian to Fujian Baikai Elastic Weaving Co., Ltd.* (福建省百凱彈性織造有限公司) (“Baikai Elastic Weaving”)

During the year ended 31 December 2023, pursuant to a sales agreement entered into between Billion Fujian and Baikai Elastic Weaving on 12 January 2022, Billion Fujian agreed to provide DTY, FDY and POY to Baikai Elastic Weaving, at a price to be agreed between the parties from time to time as a fair price after negotiation according to normal commercial practice and the principle of fairness and reasonableness. Such price shall be comparable to prices of similar transactions that Billion Fujian conducts with other independent parties of similar scale to Baikai Elastic Weaving during the same period.

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Baikai Elastic Weaving is a wholly foreign-owned subsidiary of Baikai (HK) Industrial Limited (百凱(香港)實業有限公司) (“**Baikai H.K.**”) which in turn is wholly-owned by Mr. Lin Jinjing (“**Mr. Lin**”) who is a brother-in-law of both Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao, both being executive Directors. Mr. Lin controls the exercise of 100% of the voting power at general meetings of Baikai Elastic Weaving and is the sole director of Baikai Elastic Weaving. Accordingly, Baikai Elastic Weaving is an associate of Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

For the year ended 31 December 2023, sales to Baikai Elastic Weaving by Billion Fujian amounted to approximately RMB8,792,000.

(b) Sales of DTY and FDY by Billion Fujian to Fujian Baikai Wrap Knitting Industry Co., Ltd.* (福建省百凱經編實業有限公司) (“Baikai Wrap Knitting”)

During the year ended 31 December 2023, pursuant to a sales agreement entered into between Billion Fujian and Baikai Wrap Knitting on 12 January 2022, Billion Fujian agreed to provide DTY and FDY to Baikai Wrap Knitting, at a price to be agreed between the parties from time to time as a fair price after negotiation according to normal commercial practice and the principle of fairness and reasonableness. Such price shall be comparable to prices of similar transactions that Billion Fujian conducts with other independent parties of similar scale to Baikai Wrap Knitting during the same period.

Baikai Wrap Knitting is a wholly foreign-owned subsidiary of Baikai H.K. which in turn is wholly-owned by Mr. Lin who is a brother-in-law of both Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao, both being executive Directors. Mr. Lin controls the exercise of 100% of the voting power at general meetings of Baikai Wrap Knitting and is the sole director of Baikai Wrap Knitting. Accordingly, Baikai Wrap Knitting is an associate of Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

For the year ended 31 December 2023, sales to Baikai Wrap Knitting by Billion Fujian amounted to approximately RMB123,675,000.

(c) Sales of semidull PET chips, POY and spin finish oil by Billion Fujian to Fujian Baikai Textile Chemical Fiber Industry Co., Ltd.* (福建百凱紡織化纖實業有限公司) (“Baikai Textile”)

During the year ended 31 December 2023, pursuant to a sales agreement entered into between Billion Fujian and Baikai Textile on 12 January 2022, Billion Fujian agreed to provide PET chips, POY and spin finish oil to Baikai Textile, at a price to be agreed between the parties from time to time as a fair price after negotiation according to normal commercial practice and the principle of fairness and reasonableness. Such price shall be comparable to prices of similar transactions that Billion Fujian conducts with other independent parties of similar scale to Baikai Textile during the same period.

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Baikai Textile is a wholly foreign-owned subsidiary of Baikai H.K. which in turn is wholly-owned by Mr. Lin who is a brother-in-law of both Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao, both being executive Directors. Mr. Lin controls the exercise of 100% of the voting power at general meetings of Baikai Textile and is the sole director of Baikai Textile. Accordingly, Baikai Textile is an associate of Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

For the year ended 31 December 2023, sales to Baikai Textile by Billion Fujian amounted to approximately RMB161,518,000.

(d) Sales of DTY by Billion Fujian to Fujian Baikai Zipper Dress Co., Ltd.* (福建省百凱拉鏈服飾有限公司) (“Baikai Zipper”)

During the year ended 31 December 2023, pursuant to a revised sales agreement entered into between Billion Fujian and Baikai Zipper on 12 January 2022, Billion Fujian agreed to provide DTY to Baikai Zipper, at a price to be agreed between the parties from time to time as a fair price after negotiation according to normal commercial practice and the principle of fairness and reasonableness. Such price shall be comparable to prices of similar transactions that Billion Fujian conducts with other independent parties of similar scale to Baikai Zipper during the same period.

Baikai Zipper is a wholly foreign-owned subsidiary of Baikai H.K. which in turn is wholly-owned by Mr. Lin who is a brother-in-law of both Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao, both being executive Directors. Mr. Lin controls the exercise of 100% of the voting power at general meetings of Baikai Zipper and is the sole director of Baikai Zipper. Accordingly, Baikai Zipper is an associate of Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

For the year ended 31 December 2023, no sales were made to Baikai Zipper by Billion Fujian.

(e) Sales of DTY and FDY by Billion Vietnam to Baikai Industry (Viet Nam) Co., Ltd. (百凱實業(越南)有限公司) (“Baikai Vietnam”)

During the year ended 31 December 2023, pursuant to a sales agreement entered into between Baikai Vietnam and Billion Vietnam on 12 January 2022, Billion Vietnam agreed to provide DTY and FDY to Baikai Vietnam, at a price to be agreed between the parties from time to time as a fair price after negotiation according to normal commercial practice and the principle of fairness and reasonableness. Such price shall be comparable to prices of similar transactions that Billion Vietnam conducts with other independent parties of similar scale to Baikai Vietnam during the same period.

Baikai Vietnam is a wholly foreign-owned subsidiary of Baikai Wrap Knitting, which in turn is wholly-owned by Mr. Lin Jinjing, the brother-in-law of both Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao, both being executive Directors. Since Mr. Lin controls the exercise of 100% of the voting power at general meetings and is the sole director of Baikai Wrap Knitting, Baikai Wrap Knitting and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Baikai Vietnam, are associates of Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. Accordingly, Baikai Vietnam is a connected person of the Company.

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For the year ended 31 December 2023, sales to Baikai Vietnam by Billion Vietnam amounted to approximately RMB2,590,000.

The total sales for the year ended 31 December 2023 in respect of the connected transactions referred to in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) combined amounted to approximately RMB296,575,000, which did not exceed the annual cap of RMB1,581,000,000 as disclosed in the circular of the Company dated 31 January 2022.

(f) Provision of paper boxes and rolls and related processing services by Fujian Baikai Paper Co., Ltd.* (福建百凱紙品有限公司) (“Baikai Paper”) to Billion Fujian and Billion High-tech

During the year ended 31 December 2023, pursuant to a purchase agreement and a processing agreement both entered into between Billion Fujian and Baikai Paper on 12 January 2022, Baikai Paper agreed to provide paper boxes, rolls, polyfoam boards and cardboards and related processing services to Billion Fujian, under each case at a price to be agreed between the parties from time to time as a fair price after negotiation according to normal commercial practice and the principle of fairness and reasonableness. Such price shall be comparable to prices of similar transactions that Billion Fujian conducts with other independent parties of similar scale to Baikai Paper during the same period.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, pursuant to a purchase agreement and a processing agreement both entered into between Billion High-tech and Baikai Paper on 12 January 2022, Baikai Paper agreed to provide paper boxes and rolls and related processing services to Billion High-tech, under each case at a price to be agreed between the parties from time to time as a fair price after negotiation according to normal commercial practice and the principle of fairness and reasonableness. Such price shall be comparable to prices of similar transactions that Billion High-tech conducts with other independent parties of similar scale to Baikai Paper during the same period.

Baikai Paper is a wholly foreign-owned subsidiary of Baikai H.K. which in turn is wholly-owned by Mr. Lin who is a brother-in-law of both Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao, both being executive Directors. Mr. Lin controls the exercise of 100% of the voting power at general meetings of Baikai Paper and is a director of Baikai Paper. Accordingly, Baikai Paper is an associate of Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

For the year ended 31 December 2023, sales to Billion Fujian and Billion High-tech by Baikai Paper amounted to approximately RMB122,999,000 and RMB26,966,000 respectively.

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(g) Purchase of paper boxes, rolls and polyfoam boards by Billion Vietnam from Baikai Vietnam

During the year ended 31 December 2023, pursuant to a purchase agreement entered into between Baikai Vietnam and Billion Vietnam on 12 January 2022, Baikai Vietnam agreed to provide paper boxes, rolls and polyfoam boards to Billion Vietnam, under each case at a price to be agreed between the parties from time to time as a fair price after negotiation according to normal commercial practice and the principle of fairness and reasonableness. Such price shall be comparable to prices of similar transactions that Billion Vietnam conducts with other independent parties of similar scale to Baikai Vietnam during the same period.

Baikai Vietnam is a wholly foreign-owned subsidiary of Baikai Wrap Knitting, which in turn is wholly-owned by Mr. Lin Jinjing, the brother-in-law of both Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao, both being executive Directors. Since Mr. Lin controls the exercise of 100% of the voting power at general meetings and is the sole director of Baikai Wrap Knitting, Baikai Wrap Knitting and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Baikai Vietnam, are associates of Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao. Accordingly, Baikai Vietnam is a connected person of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

For the year ended 31 December 2023, sales to Billion Vietnam by Baikai Vietnam amounted to approximately RMB46,461,000.

The total sales for the year ended 31 December 2023 in respect of the connected transactions referred to in sub-paragraphs (f) and (g) combined amounted to RMB196,426,000, which is within the annual cap of RMB621,000,000 as disclosed in the circular of the Company dated 31 January 2022.

(h) Supply of Electricity by Billion Fujian to Baikai Wrap Knitting

During the year ended 31 December 2023, pursuant to an electricity supply agreement entered into between Billion Fujian and Baikai Wrap Knitting on 30 December 2022, Billion Fujian supplied electricity to Baikai Wrap Knitting at a unit price which shall be calculated based on such price of electricity as prescribed by the relevant governmental authorities plus RMB0.018 per KWh.

Baikai Wrap Knitting is a wholly foreign-owned subsidiary of Baikai H.K. which in turn is wholly-owned by Mr. Lin who is a brother-in-law of both Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao, both being executive Directors. Mr. Lin controls the exercise of 100% of the voting power at general meetings of Baikai Wrap Knitting and is the sole director of Baikai Wrap Knitting. Accordingly, Baikai Wrap Knitting is an associate of Mr. Sze Tin Yau and Mr. Wu Jinbiao, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

For the year ended 31 December 2023, sales of electricity to Baikai Wrap Knitting by Billion Fujian amounted to approximately RMB38,564,000, which did not exceed the approved cap of RMB65,000,000 as disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 30 December 2022.

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Confirmations from independent non-executive Directors and auditors of the Company

Pursuant to Rule 14A.55 of the Listing Rules, the independent non-executive Directors have reviewed the above continuing connected transactions and confirmed that the transactions have been entered into:

- (i) in the ordinary and usual course of the business of the Group;
- (ii) on normal commercial terms or better; and
- (iii) in accordance with the relevant agreements governing them on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company as a whole.

Pursuant to Rule 14A.56 of the Listing Rules, the Board has engaged the auditors of the Company, Mazars CPA Limited, to perform certain agreed-upon procedures on the continuing connected transactions.

Based on the work performed, the auditors of the Company provided a letter to the Board confirming that the aforesaid continuing connected transactions:

- (i) have been approved by the board of directors;
- (ii) were, in all material aspects, entered into in accordance with the pricing policies of the Company;
- (iii) were entered into in accordance with the terms of the relevant agreements governing such transactions; and
- (iv) did not exceed the annual caps for the year ended 31 December 2023.

(B) Related Party Transactions

Details of the significant related party transactions undertaken in the normal course of business of the Group are provided under note 27 to the consolidated financial statements. None of these related party transactions constitutes a connected transaction as defined under the Listing Rules that is required to be disclosed, except for those described above in the paragraphs headed "(A) Connected transactions – continuing connected transactions", in respect of which the disclosure requirements in accordance with Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules have been complied with.

Directors' interests in contracts of significance

No contract of significance to which the Company, or any of its holding company, subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries was a party, and in which a Director had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the financial year or at any time during the financial year.

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Management contracts

No contracts concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Company were entered into or existed during the year ended 31 December 2023.

Contracts with controlling shareholders

No contract of significance has been entered into between the Company or any of its subsidiaries and the controlling shareholders during the year ended 31 December 2023.

Sufficiency of public float

Rule 8.08(1)(a) of the Listing Rules requires that at least 25% of the total issued capital of an issuer must be held by the public at any time. Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors as at the date of this report, the Company has maintained the prescribed public float of not less than 25% of the Company's issued shares as required under the Listing Rules for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the subsequent period ended the date of this report.

Bank loans

Details of bank loans of the Group as at 31 December 2023 are set out in note 21 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

Audit committee

The audit committee of the Company had reviewed, together with the management, the accounting principles and policies adopted by the Group and the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. The audit committee of the Company has also met and discussed with the Group's external auditor regarding the Group's audit and financial reporting matters.

Auditors

KPMG resigned as the auditor of the Company on 18 December 2020 and Moore Stephens CPA Limited ("**Moore Stephens**") was appointed as the auditor of the Company on 18 December 2020. Moore Stephens resigned as the auditor of the Company on 24 June 2021 and Mazars CPA Limited ("**Mazars**"), Certified Public Accountants, was appointed as the auditor of the Company on 24 June 2021 to fill the casual vacancy following the resignation of Moore Stephens.

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been audited by Mazars. Mazars shall retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment at the AGM. A resolution for the re-appointment of Mazars as the auditor of the Company is to be proposed at the AGM.

Report of the Directors

Dividend policy

The declaration, form, frequency and amount of any dividend payout of the Company must be in accordance with relevant laws, rules and regulations and subject to the articles of association of the Company. Subject to compliance with applicable laws, rules, regulations and the Articles of Association, in deciding whether to propose any dividend payout, the Board will take into account, among other things, the financial results, the earnings and distributable reserves, the operations and liquidity requirements, the debt ratio and possible effects on the credit lines, and the current and future development plans of the Company.

Dividend

The Board does not recommend the payment of any final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Closure of register of members

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 22 May 2024 to Monday, 27 May 2024 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of determining shareholders who are entitled to attend and vote at the forthcoming AGM. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the AGM, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificate must be lodged with the Company's share registrar and transfer office, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 1712–1716, 17/F., Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 21 May 2024.

On behalf of the Board

Sze Tin Yau

Co-chairman

Hong Kong, 22 March 2024

* *For identification purpose only*

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To the members of Billion Industrial Holdings Limited
(incorporated in Cayman Islands with limited liability)

OPINION

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Billion Industrial Holdings Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group"), set out on pages 81 to 161, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position at 31 December 2023, the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group at 31 December 2023, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

BASIS FOR OPINION

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

KEY AUDIT MATTERS

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

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KEY AUDIT MATTERS (CONTINUED)

Key audit matter

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Revenue recognition

The Group enters into a sales agreement with each customer and sells its goods according to the terms of separate purchase orders.

The Group recognises revenue from domestic sales when the customers have received and accepted the goods. The Group recognises revenue from export sales when the control of ownership of the goods has been transferred to the buyer which is generally considered to be when the goods are loaded on board a shipping vessel in line with contractual arrangements and related agreed commercial shipping terms.

We identified revenue recognition as a key audit matter because revenue is one of the key performance indicators of the Group and may be subject to risk of manipulation by management/employee to achieve expectations or targets particularly in light of the competition in the polyester filament yarns business.

Related disclosures are included in Notes 2 and 4 to the consolidated financial statements.

Our key audit procedures, among others, included:

- a) obtaining an understanding of and assessing the design and implementation of management's key internal controls in relation to revenue recognition;
- b) inspecting contracts of key customers to identify terms and conditions relating to goods acceptance and the right of return and assessing the Group's timing of recognition of revenue with reference to the requirements of the prevailing accounting standards;
- c) comparing, on a sample basis, revenue transactions recorded before and after the financial reporting period end date with signed goods delivery notes and shipping documents (as appropriate) to assess whether the revenue had been recognised in the appropriate financial reporting period;
- d) inspecting, on a sample basis, credit notes issued subsequent to the financial reporting period end to assess whether necessary accounting adjustments are made in the appropriate financial reporting period;
- e) inspecting, on a sample basis, underlying documentation for manual journal entries raised during the financial reporting period relating to revenue; and
- f) selecting, on a sample basis, sales transactions recorded during the financial reporting period and comparing the details to goods delivery notes (for domestic sales) and shipping documents, which included bills of lading (for export sales) and confirming the sales transactions with customers through direct confirmations on a sample basis.

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KEY AUDIT MATTERS (CONTINUED)

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p data-bbox="225 534 654 562"><i>Net realisable value of inventories</i></p> <p data-bbox="225 605 799 670">At 31 December 2023, the Group's inventories amounted to approximately RMB4,474,770,000.</p> <p data-bbox="225 713 799 1116">The Group is principally engaged in manufacturing and sales of polyester filament yarns products, polyester products, polyester industrial yarns products and ES fiber products which the gross profit margin earned on selling these products is under pressure in light of recent unstable economy environment and the continuous increase in the costs of inventories. Management's judgement is required for estimation of net realisable value of inventories based on the current market conditions and the historical experience in selling similar products.</p> <p data-bbox="225 1159 799 1397">We have identified net realisable value of inventories as a key audit matter because the carrying amount of inventories was significant to the consolidated financial statements and the estimation of net realisable value of inventories required significant judgement and involved high level of uncertainty.</p> <p data-bbox="225 1440 799 1500">Related disclosures are included in Notes 2, 3(c) and 14 to the consolidated financial statements.</p>	<p data-bbox="834 534 1410 562">Our key audit procedures, among others, included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="834 605 1449 735">a) obtaining an understanding of and assessing the design and implementation of management's key internal controls in relation to the inventories allowance/write down policy; <li data-bbox="834 778 1449 907">b) assessing the inherent risk of material misstatement by considering the degree of estimation uncertainty and level of other inherent risk factors; <li data-bbox="834 950 1449 1047">c) identifying the products with relatively low or negative gross profit margin earned (the "Low Profitability Products"); <li data-bbox="834 1090 1449 1252">d) evaluating the key assumptions, such as selling prices, costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale, which were used by the management in calculating net realisable value; and <li data-bbox="834 1295 1449 1535">e) verifying the actual selling prices of the Low Profitability Products and other products, on a sample basis, subsequent to the financial reporting period end by inspecting sales invoices and comparing the actual selling prices subsequent to the financial reporting period end to their carrying amounts at 31 December 2023.

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OTHER INFORMATION

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all the information included in the 2023 Annual Report of the Company but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. This report is made solely to you, as a body, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

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

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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

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

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

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

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

Mazars CPA Limited

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 22 March 2024

The engagement director on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is:

She Shing Pang

Practising Certificate number: P05510

Consolidated Income Statement

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Revenue	4	17,755,491	15,564,988
Cost of sales		(16,705,432)	(14,141,043)
Gross profit		1,050,059	1,423,945
Other revenue	5	440,992	540,200
Other net gains and (losses)	6	(79,673)	(106,831)
Selling and distribution expenses		(234,077)	(264,177)
Administrative expenses		(645,784)	(632,026)
Profit from operations		531,517	961,111
Finance costs	7	(120,184)	(216,310)
Profit before tax	7	411,333	744,801
Income tax expenses	8	(57,935)	(88,983)
Profit for the year attributable to owners of the Company		353,398	655,818
Earnings per share	10	0.17	0.31
Basic and diluted (RMB)			

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Profit for the year attributable to owners of the Company	353,398	655,818
Other comprehensive income:		
<i>Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</i>		
Translation of the Company's financial statements into presentation currency	2,052	12,401
<i>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>		
Exchange difference on consolidation	50,138	55,319
Total other comprehensive income for the year	52,190	67,720
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to owners of the Company	405,588	723,538

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

At 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	11	12,794,492	12,322,233
Intangible assets	12	5,834	7,378
Deposits and prepayments	15	174,742	402,055
		12,975,068	12,731,666
Current assets			
Inventories	14	4,474,770	4,011,391
Trade and other receivables	15	3,241,181	2,886,168
Financial assets at FVPL	16	32,386	96,065
Restricted bank deposits	17	5,386,905	6,517,348
Cash and cash equivalents	18	158,138	231,620
		13,293,380	13,742,592
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	19	14,729,736	15,386,124
Contract liabilities	20	343,554	153,162
Bank loans	21	417,078	758,870
Lease liabilities	22	873	1,082
Tax payable		58,550	57,734
		15,549,791	16,356,972
Net current liabilities		(2,256,411)	(2,614,380)
Total assets less current liabilities		10,718,657	10,117,286

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

At 31 December 2023

	<i>Note</i>	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Non-current liabilities			
Bank loans	21	283,538	101,567
Lease liabilities	22	2,273	3,156
Deferred tax liabilities	23	201,586	185,686
		487,397	290,409
NET ASSETS			
		10,231,260	9,826,877
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	24	17,816	17,819
Reserves		10,213,444	9,809,058
TOTAL EQUITY			
		10,231,260	9,826,877

The consolidated financial statements on pages 81 to 161 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 22 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Sze Tin Yau
Director

Wu Jinbiao
Director

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Reserves								Total equity RMB'000
	Share capital RMB'000 (Note 24(c)(i))	Share premium RMB'000 (Note 24(d)(i))	Capital redemption reserve RMB'000 (Note 24(d)(ii))	Statutory reserve RMB'000 (Note 24(d)(iii))	Capital reserve RMB'000 (Note 24(d)(iv))	Exchange reserve RMB'000 (Note 24(d)(v))	Retained profits RMB'000	Total reserves RMB'000	
At 1 January 2022	17,819	72,926	1,514	829,095	1,805,631	(263,729)	6,640,083	9,085,520	9,103,339
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	655,818	655,818	655,818
Other comprehensive income: <i>Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</i>									
Translation of the Company's financial statements into presentation currency	-	-	-	-	-	12,401	-	12,401	12,401
<i>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>									
Exchange difference on consolidation	-	-	-	-	-	55,319	-	55,319	55,319
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	67,720	-	67,720	67,720
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	67,720	655,818	723,538	723,538
Transaction with owners: <i>Contributions and distributions</i>									
Appropriation of statutory reserve	-	-	-	67,087	-	-	(67,087)	-	-
Total transaction with owners	-	-	-	67,087	-	-	(67,087)	-	-
At 31 December 2022	17,819	72,926	1,514	896,182	1,805,631	(196,009)	7,228,814	9,809,058	9,826,877
At 1 January 2023	17,819	72,926	1,514	896,182	1,805,631	(196,009)	7,228,814	9,809,058	9,826,877
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	353,398	353,398	353,398
Other comprehensive income: <i>Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</i>									
Translation of the Company's financial statements into presentation currency	-	-	-	-	-	2,052	-	2,052	2,052
<i>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>									
Exchange difference on consolidation	-	-	-	-	-	50,138	-	50,138	50,138
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	52,190	-	52,190	52,190
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	52,190	353,398	405,588	405,588
Transactions with owners: <i>Contributions and distributions</i>									
Purchase of own shares (Note 24(c)(iii))									
- par value paid	(3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3)
- premium paid	-	(1,202)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,202)	(1,202)
- transfer between reserves	-	(3)	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appropriation of statutory reserve	-	-	-	46,297	-	-	(46,297)	-	-
Total transactions with owners	(3)	(1,205)	3	46,297	-	-	(46,297)	(1,202)	(1,205)
At 31 December 2023	17,816	71,721	1,517	942,479	1,805,631	(143,819)	7,535,915	10,213,444	10,231,260

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

Year ended 31 December 2023

	<i>Note</i>	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash (used in) generated from operations	18(b)	(51,380)	3,088,695
Income tax paid		(42,173)	(179,837)
Net cash (used in) from operating activities		(93,553)	2,908,858
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(164,211)	(49,678)
Expenditure on construction in progress		(866,220)	(2,663,285)
Purchase of intangible assets		–	(1,670)
Investments in wealth management products		–	(1,934,500)
Proceeds from disposal of wealth management products		50,000	2,184,500
Proceeds from disposal of structured deposits		–	300,000
Withdrawal of restricted bank deposits		4,407,926	2,370,653
Placement of restricted bank deposits		(3,277,386)	(2,493,870)
Interest received		180,919	155,092
Net cash from (used in) investing activities		331,028	(2,132,758)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Capital element of lease rentals paid	18(c)	(1,105)	(1,303)
Interest element of lease rentals paid	18(c)	(213)	(250)
Payment for repurchase of shares	24(c)(ii)	(1,205)	–
Proceeds from new bank loans	18(c)	4,187,905	2,074,527
Repayment of bank loans	18(c)	(4,348,886)	(2,522,652)
Interest paid	18(c)	(147,225)	(241,555)
Net cash used in financing activities		(310,729)	(691,233)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		(73,254)	84,867
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the reporting period		231,620	149,339
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net		(228)	(2,586)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the reporting period, represented by bank balances and cash	18(a)	158,138	231,620

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Billion Industrial Holdings Limited (the “Company”, together with its subsidiaries collectively referred to as the “Group”) was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 25 November 2010, as an exempted company with limited liability under the Company Law, Chapter 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands. The shares of the Company were listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) on 18 May 2011. The addresses of the registered office and principal place of business of the Company are disclosed in the “Corporate Information” section of the 2023 Annual Report.

The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in manufacturing and sales of polyester filament yarns products, polyester products, polyester industrial yarns products and ES fiber products. The principal activities of its subsidiaries are set out in Note 13 to the consolidated financial statements.

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the “HKICPA”), which collective term includes all applicable individual HKFRSs, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“HKASs”) and Interpretations issued by the HKICPA and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. The consolidated financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “Listing Rules”).

The functional currency of the Company is Hong Kong Dollars (“HK\$”). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi (“RMB”) as the functional currency of the Group’s major operating subsidiaries is RMB. All amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise stated.

A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Group is set out below.

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements is historical cost except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (“FVPL”) which are stated at fair value.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a basis consistent with the accounting policies adopted in the 2022 consolidated financial statements except for the adoption of the new/ revised HKFRSs that are relevant to the Group and effective from the current financial reporting period as detailed below.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Going concern

At 31 December 2023, the Group recorded net current liabilities of approximately RMB2,256,411,000 (2022: approximately RMB2,614,380,000). Based on the estimation of the future cash flows of the Group, after taking into account of (i) the bank balances and cash at 31 December 2023; and (ii) the confirmed and indicated credit commitments from financial institutions, the directors of the Company are of the opinion that the Group will have sufficient working capital to finance its normal operation and meet the obligation for its liabilities for the twelve months from the end of the reporting period of the consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Adoption of new/revised HKFRSs

The Group has applied, for the first time, the following new/revised HKFRSs:

Amendments to HKAS 1	Disclosure of Accounting Policies
Amendments to HKAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates
Amendments to HKAS 12	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction
Amendments to HKAS 12	International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules

Amendments to HKAS 1: Disclosure of Accounting Policies

The amendments require companies to disclose their material accounting policy information rather than their significant accounting policies.

The amendments have no effect on the measurement, recognition or presentation of any items in the consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to HKAS 8: Definition of Accounting Estimates

The amendments clarify how companies should distinguish changes in accounting policies from changes in accounting estimates.

Amendments to HKAS 12: Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

The amendments narrow the scope of the recognition exemption in paragraphs 15 and 24 of HKAS 12 so that it no longer applies to transactions that, on recognition, give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Adoption of new/revised HKFRSs (Continued)

Amendments to HKAS 12: International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules

The amendments provide entities with temporary relief from accounting for deferred taxes arising from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Pillar Two model rules. The Amendments also introduce targeted disclosure requirements to help investors understand an entity's exposure to income taxes arising from the rules.

The adoption of the above amendments does not have any significant impact on the consolidated financial statements.

A summary of significant accounting policies adopted by the Group in preparing the consolidated financial statements is set out below.

Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. The Group controls an entity when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. When assessing whether the Group has power, only substantive rights (held by the Group and other parties) are considered.

An investment in a subsidiary is consolidated into the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. Intra-group balances, transactions and cash flows and any recognised profits arising from intra-group transactions are eliminated in full in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised losses resulting from intra-group transactions are eliminated in the same way as recognised gains but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

Changes in the Group's interests in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions, whereby adjustments are made to the amounts of controlling and non-controlling interests within consolidated equity to reflect the change in relative interests, but no adjustments are made to goodwill and no gain or loss is recognised.

In the Company's statement of financial position which is presented within these notes, the investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less impairment losses. The carrying amount of the investment is reduced to its recoverable amount on an individual basis, if it is higher than the recoverable amount. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment, other than construction in progress, are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses (if any). The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use. Repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the period in which they are incurred.

The cost of self-constructed items of property, plant and equipment includes the cost of materials, direct labour, the initial estimate, where relevant, of the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located, and an appropriate proportion of production overheads and borrowing costs.

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

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of items of property, plant and equipment, less their estimated residual value, if any, using the straight line method over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings suited on leasehold land	Shorter of the unexpired terms of lease and their estimated useful lives, being no more than 30 years after the date of completion except for the commercial buildings situated in Hong Kong with estimated useful life of 40 years
Leasehold land	Over the unexpired terms of lease
Plant and machinery	3 to 18 years
Office and other equipment	2 to 18 years
Motor vehicles	3 to 10 years

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, the cost of the item is allocated on a reasonable basis between the parts and each part is depreciated separately. Both the useful life of an asset and its residual value, if any, are reviewed annually.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Construction in progress

Construction in progress represents property, plant and equipment under construction and machinery and equipment under installation and testing. Construction in progress is included under property, plant and equipment and stated at cost less any impairment losses. The cost includes cost of construction, plant and equipment and other direct costs plus borrowing costs which include interest charges and exchange differences arising from foreign currency borrowings used to finance these projects during the construction period, to the extent that these are regarded as an adjustment to borrowing costs.

Construction in progress is not depreciated until such time as the assets are completed and substantially ready for their intended use and transferred to the appropriate categories of property, plant and equipment.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets that are acquired by the Group are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation (where the estimated useful life is finite) and impairment losses.

Amortisation of intangible assets with finite useful lives is charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The following intangible assets with finite useful lives are amortised from the date they are available for use and their estimated useful lives are as follows:

Emission rights of nitrogen oxides	5 years
Software	10 years

Both the useful life of the intangible assets and method of amortisation are reviewed annually.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments

Financial assets

Recognition and derecognition

Financial assets are recognised when and only when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments and on a trade date basis.

A financial asset is derecognised when and only when (i) the Group's contractual rights to future cash flows from the financial asset expire or (ii) the Group transfers the financial asset and either (a) it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or (b) it neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset but it does not retain control of the financial asset.

If the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Group continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

If the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Group recognises the financial asset to the extent of its continuing involvement and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay.

Classification and measurement

Financial assets (except for trade receivables without a significant financing component) are initially recognised at their fair value plus, in the case of financial assets not carried at FVPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial assets. Such trade receivables are initially measured at their transaction price.

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as (i) measured at amortised cost; (ii) debt investment measured at fair value through other comprehensive income; (iii) equity investment measured at fair value through other comprehensive income; or (iv) measured at FVPL.

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the Group's business model for managing the financial assets and the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics. Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Group changes its business model for managing them, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first annual reporting period following the change in the business model (the "reclassification date").

Derivatives embedded in a hybrid contract in which a host is an asset within the scope of HKFRS 9 are not separated from the host. Instead, the entire hybrid contract is assessed for classification.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Classification and measurement (Continued)

1) Financial assets measured at amortised cost

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVPL:

- (i) it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- (ii) its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses arising from impairment, derecognition or through the amortisation process are recognised in profit or loss.

The Group's financial assets at amortised cost include trade and other receivables, restricted bank deposits and cash and cash equivalents.

2) Financial assets at FVPL

These investments include financial assets held for trading, financial assets designated upon initial recognition as at FVPL, financial assets resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement in a business combination to which HKFRS 3 applies and financial assets that are otherwise required to be measured at FVPL. They are carried at fair value, with any resultant gain and loss recognised in profit or loss, which does not include any dividend or interest earned on the financial assets. Dividend or interest income is presented separately from fair value gain or loss.

A financial asset is classified as held for trading if it is:

- (i) acquired principally for the purpose of selling it in the near term;
- (ii) part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking on initial recognition; or
- (iii) a derivative that is not a financial guarantee contract or not a designated and effective hedging instrument.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Classification and measurement (Continued)

2) Financial assets at FVPL (Continued)

Financial assets are designated at initial recognition as at FVPL only if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains or losses on them on different bases.

The Group's financial assets measured at FVPL include unlisted wealth management products, structured deposits and contracts for financial instruments at FVPL.

Financial liabilities

Recognition and derecognition

Financial liabilities are recognised when and only when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

A financial liability is derecognised when and only when the liability is extinguished, that is, when the obligation specified in the relevant contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Classification and measurement

Financial liabilities are initially recognised at their fair value plus, in the case of financial liabilities not carried at FVPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the issue of the financial liabilities.

The Group's financial liabilities include trade and other payables, contract liabilities, bank loans and leases liabilities. All financial liabilities, except for financial liabilities at FVPL, are recognised initially at their fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method, unless the effect of discounting would be insignificant, in which case they are stated at cost.

Financial liabilities at FVPL include contracts for financial instruments at FVPL, financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at FVPL and financial liabilities that are contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination to which HKFRS 3 applies. They are carried at fair value, with any resultant gain and loss (excluding interest expenses) recognised in profit or loss, except for the portion of fair value changes of financial liabilities designated at FVPL that are attributable to the credit risk of the liabilities which is presented in other comprehensive income unless such treatment would create or enlarge an accounting mismatch in profit or loss. The amounts presented in other comprehensive income shall not be subsequently transferred to profit or loss.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial liabilities (Continued)

Classification and measurement (Continued)

A financial liability is classified as held for trading if it is:

- (i) incurred principally for the purpose of repurchasing it in the near term;
- (ii) part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking on initial recognition; or
- (iii) a derivative that is not a financial guarantee contract or not a designated and effective hedging instrument.

Financial liabilities are designated at initial recognition as at FVPL only if:

- (i) the designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains or losses on them on different bases;
- (ii) they are part of a group of financial liabilities or financial assets and financial liabilities that are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented risk management strategy; or
- (iii) they contain one or more embedded derivatives, in which case the entire hybrid contract may be designated as a financial liability at FVPL, except where the embedded derivatives do not significantly modify the cash flows or it is clear that separation of the embedded derivatives is prohibited.

Derivatives embedded in a hybrid contract with a host that is not an asset within the scope of HKFRS 9 are treated as separate derivatives when they meet the definition of a derivative, their economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to those of the host, and the hybrid contract is not measured at FVPL.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Impairment of financial assets

The Group recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses (“ECL”) on financial assets measured at amortised cost (including trade and other receivables, restricted bank deposits and cash and cash equivalents).

Financial assets measured at fair value including other financial assets are not subject to the ECL assessment.

Except for the specific treatments as detailed below, at each reporting date, the Group measures a loss allowance for a financial asset at an amount equal to the lifetime ECL if the credit risk on that financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition. If the credit risk on a financial asset has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group measures the loss allowance for that financial asset at an amount equal to 12-month ECL.

Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all expected cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the Group in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive).

The expected cash shortfalls are discounted using the following discount rates where the effect of discounting is material:

- fixed-rate financial assets and trade and other receivables: effective interest rate determined at initial recognition or an approximation thereof; and
- variable-rate financial assets: current effective interest rate.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

Measurement of ECLs (Continued)

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk.

In measuring ECLs, the Group takes into account reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort. This includes information about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

ECLs are measured on either of the following bases:

- 12-month ECLs: these are losses that are expected to result from possible default events within the 12 months after the reporting date; and
- lifetime ECLs: these are losses that are expected to result from all possible default events over the expected lives of the items to which the ECL model applies.

Loss allowances for trade receivables are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs under simplified approach of ECL. ECLs on these financial assets are estimated using a provision matrix based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors and an assessment of both the current and forecast general economic conditions at the end of the reporting period.

For all other financial instruments, the Group recognises a loss allowance equal to 12-month ECLs unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk of the financial instrument since initial recognition, in which case the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

Definition of default

The Group considers the following as constituting an event of default for internal credit risk management purposes as historical experience indicates that the Group may not receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full if the financial instrument that meets any of the following criteria.

- (i) information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the Group, in full (without taking into account any collaterals held by the Group); or
- (ii) there is a breach of financial covenants by the counterparty.

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

Significant increases in credit risk

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

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

- failure to make payments of principal or interest on their contractually due dates;
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in a financial instrument's external or internal credit rating (if available);
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor; and
- existing or forecast changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment that have a significant adverse effect on the debtor's ability to meet its obligation to the Group.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

Significant increases in credit risk (Continued)

Irrespective of the outcome of the above assessment, the Group presumes that the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, except for which the Group has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that previous non-payments were an administrative oversight, instead of resulting from financial difficulty of the borrower, or that there is no correlation between significant increases in the risk of a default occurring and financial assets on which payments are more than 30 days past due, but that evidence does identify such a correlation when payments are more than 60 days past due.

Depending on the nature of the financial instruments, the assessment of a significant increase in credit risk is performed on either an individual basis or a collective basis. When the assessment is performed on a collective basis, the financial instruments are grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics, such as:

- (i) past due information
- (ii) nature of instrument
- (iii) nature of collateral
- (iv) industry of debtors
- (v) geographical location of debtors
- (vi) external credit risk ratings

ECLs are remeasured at each reporting date to reflect changes in the financial instrument's credit risk since initial recognition. Any change in the ECL amount is recognised as an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss. The Group recognises an impairment gain or loss for all financial instruments with a corresponding adjustment to their carrying amount through a loss allowance account.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Group assumes that the credit risk on a financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

Low credit risk

A financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk if:

- (i) it has a low risk of default;
- (ii) the borrower has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term; and
- (iii) adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations.

Credit-impaired financial asset

At the end of the reporting period, the Group assesses whether a financial asset is credit-impaired. A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable events:

- significant financial difficulties of the debtor;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- it becoming probable that the borrower will enter into bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation;
- significant changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment that have an adverse effect on the debtor; or
- the disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties of the issuer.

Write-off policy

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off (either partially or in full) to the extent that there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Group determines that the debtor does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities under the Group's procedures for recovery of amounts due, taking into account legal advice if appropriate. Any subsequent recovery is recognised in profit or loss.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Cash equivalents

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash equivalents represent short-term highly liquid investments which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. For classification in the statement of financial position, cash equivalents represent assets similar in nature to cash and which are not restricted as to use.

Revenue recognition

Revenue from contracts with customers within HKFRS 15

Income is classified by the Group as revenue when it arises from the sale of goods, the provision of services or the use by others of the Group's assets under leases in the ordinary course of the Group's business.

Revenue is recognised when control over a product or service is transferred to the customer, or the lessee has the right to use the asset, at the amount of promised consideration to which the Group is expected to be entitled, excluding those amounts collected on behalf of third parties. Revenue excludes value added tax or other sales taxes and is after deduction of any trade discounts.

Nature of goods or services

The nature of the goods or services provided by the Group is sales of polyester filament yarns products, polyester products, polyester industrial yarns products and ES fiber products.

Identification of performance obligations

At contract inception, the Group assesses the goods or services promised in a contract with a customer and identifies as a performance obligation each promise to transfer to the customer either:

- (a) a good or service (or a bundle of goods or services) that is distinct; or
- (b) a series of distinct goods or services that are substantially the same and that have the same pattern of transfer to the customer.

A good or service that is promised to a customer is distinct if both of the following criteria are met:

- (a) the customer can benefit from the good or service either on its own or together with other resources that are readily available to the customer (i.e. the good or service is capable of being distinct); and
- (b) the Group's promise to transfer the good or service to the customer is separately identifiable from other promises in the contract (i.e. the promise to transfer the good or service is distinct within the context of the contract).

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue recognition (Continued)

Revenue from contracts with customers within HKFRS 15 (Continued)

Timing of revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when (or as) the Group satisfies a performance obligation by transferring a promised good or service (i.e. an asset) to a customer. An asset is transferred when (or as) the customer obtains control of that asset.

If a performance obligation is not satisfied over time, the Group satisfies the performance obligation at a point in time when the customer obtains control of the promised asset. In determining when the transfer of control occurs, the Group considers the concept of control and such indicators as legal title, physical possession, right to payment, significant risks and rewards of ownership of the asset, and customer acceptance.

Sale of the Group's products is recognised at a point in time at which the customer obtains the control of the promised asset, which generally coincides with the time when the goods are delivered to customers and the title is passed. If the products are a partial fulfilment of a contract covering other goods and/or services, then the amount of revenue recognised is an appropriate proportion of the total transaction price under the contract, allocated between all the goods and services promised under the contract on a relative stand-alone selling price basis.

Transaction price: significant financing components

Where the contract contains a financing component which provides a significant financing benefit to the customer for more than 12 months, revenue is measured at the present value of the amount receivable, discounted using the discount rate that would be reflected in a separate financing transaction with the customer, and interest income is accrued separately under the effective interest method. Where the contract contains a financing component which provides a significant financing benefit to the Group, revenue recognised under that contract includes the interest expense accreted on the contract liability under the effective interest method. The Group takes advantage of the practical expedient in paragraph 63 of HKFRS 15 and does not adjust the consideration for any effects of a significant financing component if the period of financing is 12 months or less.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Contract assets and contract liabilities

If the Group performs by transferring goods or services to a customer before the customer pays consideration or before payment is due, the contract is presented as a contract asset, excluding any amounts presented as a receivable. Conversely, if a customer pays consideration, or the Group has a right to an amount of consideration that is unconditional, before the Group transfers a good or service to the customer, the contract is presented as a contract liability when the payment is made or the payment is due (whichever is earlier). A receivable is the Group's right to consideration that is unconditional or only the passage of time is required before payment of that consideration is due.

For a single contract or a single set of related contracts, either a net contract asset or a net contract liability is presented. Contract assets and contract liabilities of unrelated contracts are not presented on a net basis.

For the business of the Group, it is common for the Group to receive from the customer the whole or some of the contractual payments before the services are completed or when the goods are delivered (i.e. the timing of revenue recognition for such transactions). The Group recognises a contract liability until it is recognised as revenue. During that period, any significant financing components, if applicable, will be included in the contract liability and will be expensed as accrued unless the interest expense is eligible for capitalisation.

Foreign currency translation

Foreign currency transactions during the period are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the end of the reporting period. Exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. The transaction date is the date on which the company initially recognises such non-monetary assets or liabilities. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are translated using the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was measured.

The results of operations outside the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") are translated into RMB at the exchange rates approximating the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Statement of financial position items are translated into RMB at the closing foreign exchange rates at the end of the reporting period. The resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated separately in equity in the exchange reserve.

On disposal of a foreign operation with a foreign currency other than RMB, the cumulative amount of the exchange differences relating to that foreign operation is reclassified from equity to profit or loss when the profit or loss on disposal is recognised.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Inventories

Inventories are assets which are held for sale in the ordinary course of business, in the process of production for such sale or in the form of materials or supplies to be consumed in the production process or in the rendering of services.

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost is calculated using the weighted average cost formula and comprises all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

When inventories are sold, the carrying amount of those inventories is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised. The amount of any write-down of inventories to net realisable value and all losses of inventories are recognised as an expense in the period the write-down or loss occurs. The amount of any reversal of any write-down of inventories is recognised as a reduction in the amount of inventories recognised as an expense in the period in which the reversal occurs.

Impairment of non-financial assets (other than goodwill)

Internal and external sources of information are reviewed at the end of each reporting period to identify indications that the following assets may be impaired or, except in the case of goodwill, an impairment loss previously recognised no longer exists or may have decreased:

- property, plant and equipment, including right-of-use assets and construction in progress;
- intangible assets; and
- investments in subsidiaries in the statement of financial position of the Company.

If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

- Calculation of recoverable amount

The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. Where an asset does not generate cash inflows largely independent of those from other assets, the recoverable amount is determined for the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows independently (i.e. a cash-generating unit).

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Impairment of non-financial assets (other than goodwill) (Continued)

- Recognition of impairment losses

An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss if the carrying amount of an asset, or the cash-generating unit to which it belongs, exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash-generating units are allocated to reduce the carrying amount of the other assets in the unit (or group of units) on a pro rata basis, except that the carrying value of an asset will not be reduced below its individual fair value less costs of disposal (if measurable), or value in use (if determinable).

- Reversals of impairment losses

An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a favourable change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

A reversal of an impairment loss is limited to the asset's carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised in prior periods. Reversals of impairment losses are credited to profit or loss in the period in which the reversals are recognised.

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset which necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale are capitalised as part of the cost of that asset. Other borrowing costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

The capitalisation of borrowing costs as part of the cost of a qualifying asset commences when expenditure for the asset is being incurred, borrowing costs are being incurred and activities that are necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale are in progress. Capitalisation of borrowing costs is suspended or ceases when substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the qualifying asset for its intended use or sale are interrupted or complete.

Research and development expenditure

Research and development expenditure comprise all costs that are directly attributable to research and development activities or that can be allocated on a reasonable basis to such activities. Because of the nature of the Group's research and development activities, the criteria for the recognition of such costs as an asset are generally not met until late in the development stage of the project when the remaining development costs are immaterial. Hence both research costs and development costs are generally recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation arising as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made. Where the time value of money is material, provisions are stated at the present value of the expenditure expected to settle the obligation.

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, the obligation is disclosed as a contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote. Possible obligations, whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future events are also disclosed as contingent liabilities unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised in the statement of financial position initially when there is reasonable assurance that they will be received and that the Group will comply with the conditions attaching to them. Grants that compensate the Group for expenses incurred are recognised as income in profit or loss on a systematic basis in the same periods in which the expenses are incurred. Grants that compensate the Group for the cost of an asset are credited to a deferred income account and are released to profit or loss over the useful life of the relevant asset by equal annual instalments.

Leases

At inception of a contract, the Group assesses whether the contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Control is conveyed where the customer has both the right to direct the use of the identified asset and to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from that use.

As a lessee

Where the contract contains lease component(s) and non-lease component(s), the Group has elected not to separate non-lease components and accounts for each lease component and any associated non-lease components as a single lease component for all leases.

At the lease commencement date, the Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability, except for short-term leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets which, for the Group are primarily laptops and office furniture. When the Group enters into a lease in respect of a low-value asset, the Group decides whether to capitalise the lease on a lease-by-lease basis.

The lease payments associated with those leases which are not capitalised are recognised as an expense on a systematic basis over the lease term.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Leases (Continued)

As a lessee (Continued)

Where the lease is capitalised, the lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments payable over the lease term, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, using a relevant incremental borrowing rate. After initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost and interest expense is calculated using the effective interest method. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are not included in the measurement of the lease liability and hence are charged to profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

The right-of-use asset (as presented within “property, plant and equipment”) recognised when a lease is capitalised is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability plus any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, and any initial direct costs incurred. Where applicable, the cost of the right-of-use assets also includes an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, discounted to their present value, less any lease incentives received.

Subsequently, the right-of-use asset is measured at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses and adjusted for any remeasurement of the lease liability. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the right-of-use asset (unless the lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset to the Group by the end of the lease term or if the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Group will exercise a purchase option – in which case depreciation is provided over the estimated useful life of the underlying asset) as follows:

Leasehold land	Over the unexpired terms of lease
Buildings leased for own use	10 to 20 years

The lease liability is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, or there is a change in the Group’s estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or there is a change arising from the reassessment of whether the Group will be reasonably certain to exercise a purchase, extension or termination option. When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

The Group presents right-of-use assets that do not meet the definition of investment property in other property, plant and equipment and presents lease liabilities separately in the statement of financial position.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits and contributions to defined contribution retirement plans

Salaries, annual bonuses, paid annual leave, contributions to defined contribution retirement plans and the cost of non-monetary benefits are accrued in the period in which the associated services are rendered by employees. Where payment or settlement is deferred and the effect would be material, these amounts are stated at their present values.

The contributions recognised in respect of pension scheme are expensed as they fall due. Liabilities and assets may be recognised if underpayment or prepayment has occurred and are included in current liabilities or current assets as they are normally of a short-term nature. The Group participates in the pension scheme under the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance (the "MPF Scheme") which is available to its employees in Hong Kong. Contributions to the MPF Scheme by the Group and employees are made based on a percentage of employees' basic salaries and are charged to profit or loss as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the MPF Scheme. The assets of the MPF Scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund. The Group's employer contributions vest fully with the employees when contributed into the MPF Scheme.

In accordance with the rules and regulations in the PRC, the employees of the Group's entities established in the PRC are required to participate in defined contribution retirement plans organised by local governments. Contributions to those plans are expensed as incurred and other than these monthly contributions, the Group has no further obligation for the payment of retirement benefits to its employees.

Termination benefits

Termination benefits are recognised when, and only when, the Group demonstrably commits itself to terminate employment or to provide benefits as a result of voluntary redundancy by having a detailed formal plan which is without realistic possibility of withdrawal.

Taxation

Income tax for the period comprises current tax and movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities. Current tax and movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that they relate to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case the relevant amounts of tax are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the period, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous periods.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Taxation (Continued)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities arise from deductible and taxable temporary differences respectively, being the differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets also arise from unused tax losses and unused tax credits.

Apart from certain limited exceptions, all deferred tax liabilities and all deferred tax assets, to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised, are recognised. Future taxable profits that may support the recognition of deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences include those that will arise from the reversal of existing taxable temporary differences, provided those differences relate to the same taxation authority and the same taxable entity, and are expected to reverse either in the same period as the expected reversal of the deductible temporary difference or in periods into which a tax loss arising from the deferred tax asset can be carried back or forward. The same criteria are adopted when determining whether existing taxable temporary differences support the recognition of deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and credits, that is, those differences are taken into account if they relate to the same taxation authority and the same taxable entity, and are expected to reverse in a period, or periods, in which the tax loss or credit can be utilised.

The limited exceptions to recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities are those temporary differences arising from the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit (provided they are not part of a business combination), and temporary differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that, in the case of taxable differences, the Group controls the timing of the reversal and it is probable that the differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future, or in the case of deductible differences, unless it is probable that they will reverse in the future.

The amount of deferred tax recognised is measured based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of the assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

The carrying amount of a deferred tax asset is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and is reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow the related tax benefit to be utilised. Any such reduction is reversed to the extent that it becomes probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available.

Additional income taxes that arise from the distribution of dividends are recognised when the liability to pay the related dividends is recognised.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Taxation (Continued)

Current tax balances and deferred tax balances, and movements therein, are presented separately from each other and are not offset. Current tax assets are offset against current tax liabilities, and deferred tax assets against deferred tax liabilities, if the Company or the Group has the legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the following additional conditions are met:

- (i) in the case of current tax assets and liabilities, the Group intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously; or
- (ii) in the case of deferred tax assets and liabilities, if they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either:
 - the same taxable entity; or
 - different taxable entities, which, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered, intend to realise the current tax assets and settle the current tax liabilities on a net basis or realise and settle simultaneously.

Related parties

A related party is a person or entity that is related to the Group.

- (a) A person or a close member of that person's family is related to the Group if that person:
 - (i) has control or joint control over the Group;
 - (ii) has significant influence over the Group; or
 - (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Group or of the holding company of the Group.
- (b) An entity is related to the Group if any of the following conditions applies:
 - (i) the entity and the Group are members of the same group (which means that each holding company, subsidiary and fellow subsidiary is related to the others).
 - (ii) one entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member).
 - (iii) both entities are joint ventures of the same third party.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Related parties (Continued)

- (b) An entity is related to the Group if any of the following conditions applies: (Continued)
- (iv) one entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity.
 - (v) the entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Group or an entity related to the Group. If the Group is itself such a plan, the sponsoring employers are also related to the Group.
 - (vi) the entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a).
 - (vii) a person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a holding company of the entity).
 - (viii) the entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the Group or to the holding company of the Group.

Close members of the family of a person are those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with the entity and include:

- (a) that person's children and spouse or domestic partner;
- (b) children of that person's spouse or domestic partner; and
- (c) dependants of that person or that person's spouse or domestic partner.

In the definition of a related party, an associate includes subsidiaries of the associate and a joint venture includes subsidiaries of the joint venture.

Segment reporting

Operating segments, and the amounts of each segment item reported in the consolidated financial statements, are identified from the financial information provided regularly to the Group's most senior executive management for the purposes of allocating resources to, and assessing the performance of, the Group's various lines of business and geographical locations.

Individually material operating segments are not aggregated for financial reporting purposes unless the segments have similar economic characteristics and are similar in respect of the nature of products and services, the nature of production processes, the type or class of customers, the methods used to distribute the products or provide the services, and the nature of the regulatory environment. Operating segments which are not individually material may be aggregated if they share a majority of these criteria.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Future changes in HKFRSs

At the date of authorisation of the consolidated financial statements, the HKICPA has issued the following new/revised HKFRSs that are not yet effective for the current financial reporting period, which the Group has not early adopted.

Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current ⁽¹⁾
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants ⁽¹⁾
Amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7	Supplier Finance Arrangements ⁽¹⁾
Amendments to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback ⁽¹⁾
Amendments to HKAS 21	Lack of Exchangeability ⁽²⁾
Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture ⁽³⁾

⁽¹⁾ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024

⁽²⁾ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025

⁽³⁾ The effective date to be determined

The management of the Group does not anticipate that the adoption of the new/revised HKFRSs in future reporting periods will have any material impact on the financial performance and financial position of the Group.

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3. KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY AND CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENT

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires the management of the Group to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

(a) Useful lives of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets

Property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives, after taking into account the estimated residual value. Intangible assets except for those with indefinite lives are amortised on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives. The management of the Group reviews the estimated useful lives of the assets regularly in order to determine the amount of depreciation and amortisation to be recorded during any reporting period. The useful lives are based on the Group's historical experience with similar assets and taking into account anticipated technological changes. The depreciation and amortisation for future periods are adjusted prospectively if there are significant changes from previous estimates.

(b) Loss allowances for ECL on trade and other receivables

The management of the Group estimates the loss allowances for ECL on trade and other receivables by the use of estimates and judgements. The management of the Group has established a loss allowance based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors and an assessment of both the current conditions and forecasts of future conditions at the reporting date. Loss allowances are applied to trade and other receivables where events or changes in circumstances indicate that the balances may not be collectible. Where the expectation is different from the original estimate, such difference will affect the carrying amounts of trade and other receivables and thus the loss allowance in the period in which such estimate is changed. The management of the Group keeps assessing the ECL of trade and other receivables during their expected lives.

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3. KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY AND CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Key sources of estimation uncertainty (Continued)

(c) Net realisable value of inventories

Net realisable value of inventories is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale. These estimates are based on the current market conditions and the historical experience of selling products with similar nature. It could change significantly as a result of changes in customer taste or competitor actions. The management of the Group reassesses these estimates at the end of each reporting period.

Critical judgements made in applying accounting policies

(a) Determining the lease term

The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments payable over the lease term. In determining the lease term at the commencement date for leases that include renewal options exercisable by the Group, the management of the Group evaluates the likelihood of exercising the renewal options taking into account all relevant facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive for the Group to exercise the option, including favourable terms, leasehold improvements undertaken and the importance of that underlying asset to the Group's operation. The lease term is reassessed when there is a significant event or significant change in circumstance that is within the Group's control. Any increase or decrease in the lease term would affect the amount of lease liabilities and right-of-use assets recognised in future reporting periods.

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4. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The principal activities of the Group are manufacturing and sales of polyester filament yarns products, polyester products*, polyester industrial yarns products and ES fiber products. The Group has only one reportable operating segment. The Group's most senior executive management reviews the Group as a whole and internal reports including only revenue analysis by product types and no other discretionary information is prepared for resource allocation and performance assessment. Therefore, no operating segment information is presented.

Disaggregation of revenue

Revenue represents the sales value of goods supplied to customers (net of value-added tax, other sales tax and discounts). Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by major products is as follows:

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of HKFRS 15		
<u>Disaggregated by major products lines</u>		
Polyester filament yarns products	8,712,597	8,022,664
Polyester products*	7,182,898	5,636,081
Polyester industrial yarns products	1,751,412	1,812,110
ES fiber products	108,584	94,133
	17,755,491	15,564,988
<u>Disaggregated by geographical location of customers</u>		
The PRC	13,512,221	11,787,250
Vietnam	824,737	995,747
Others	3,418,533	2,781,991
	17,755,491	15,564,988

The Group's customer base is diversified. No individual customer had transactions which exceeded 10% of the Group's aggregate revenue for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

The timing of revenue recognition of all revenue from contracts with customers is at a point in time during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

* Polyester products represent BOPET thin films, polyester bottle chips, polyester films and wasted filament generated during the production process.

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4. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Geographical information

The following table sets out information about the geographical location of the Group's property, plant and equipment (including right-of-use assets), intangible assets and deposits and prepayments ("Specified Non-current Assets"). The geographical location of the Specified Non-current Assets is presented based on the physical location of the assets or the location of operation.

Location of the Specified Non-current Assets

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
The PRC	10,286,868	10,041,892
Vietnam	2,647,029	2,647,913
Hong Kong	41,171	41,861
	12,975,068	12,731,666

5. OTHER REVENUE

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Bank interest income	209,975	277,161
Government grants (Note)	166,898	212,340
Sales of raw materials	59,630	46,733
Others	4,489	3,966
	440,992	540,200

Note:

In the opinion of the management of the Group, there were no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies relating to these grants.

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6. OTHER NET GAINS AND (LOSSES)

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Donation	(219)	(164)
Exchange loss, net	(43,100)	(26,834)
(Loss) Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	(387)	2,673
Unrealised gain (loss) on financial instruments at FVPL, net		
– Other financial assets	–	(4,496)
– Contracts for financial instruments at FVPL	2,911	7,000
Realised gain (loss) on financial instruments at FVPL, net		
– Other financial assets	91	–
– Contracts for financial instruments at FVPL	(30,647)	(86,227)
Others	(8,322)	1,217
	(79,673)	(106,831)

7. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

Profit before tax is arrived at after charging (crediting):

(a) Finance costs

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Interest on bank loans	36,949	45,925
Interest on lease liabilities	213	250
Other interest expenses	101,563	201,662
Total finance costs	138,725	247,837
Less: Capitalised into construction in progress (Note (i))	(18,541)	(31,527)
	120,184	216,310

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7. PROFIT BEFORE TAX (CONTINUED)

(b) Staff costs (including directors' emoluments in Note 9)

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Salaries, wages, allowances, bonus and other benefits	561,007	525,126
Contributions to defined contribution retirement plan (Note (ii))	24,384	19,479
	585,391	544,605

(c) Other items

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Amortisation of intangible assets (included in "Administrative expenses")	1,544	1,964
Auditor's remuneration		
– audit services	1,593	1,697
– non-audit services	351	179
Cost of inventories (Note (iii))	16,705,432	14,141,043
Depreciation (included in "Cost of sales" and "Administrative expenses" as appropriate)		
– property, plant and equipment	753,545	691,993
– right-of-use assets	25,846	23,931
Loss allowance on trade receivables, net (Note 25(a))	8,812	9,447
Research and development costs (Note (iv))	455,857	435,055

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7. PROFIT BEFORE TAX (CONTINUED)

Notes:

- (i) The borrowing costs have been capitalised at a rate of 2.57% (2022: 2.75%) per annum for the year ended 31 December 2023.
- (ii) For the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, there were no forfeited contributions in respect of contribution previously made which were available to reduce the Group's existing level of contributions to the relevant defined contribution retirement plans.
- (iii) For the year ended 31 December 2023, cost of inventories included approximately RMB1,077,255,000 (2022: *approximately RMB939,374,000*) relating to staff costs and depreciation, which were included in the respective amounts as disclosed above.
- (iv) For the year ended 31 December 2023, research and development costs included approximately RMB148,189,000 (2022: *approximately RMB159,684,000*) relating to staff costs and depreciation, which were included in the respective amounts as disclosed above.

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8. INCOME TAX EXPENSES

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Current tax		
PRC Corporate Income Tax ("CIT")		
Current year	41,292	84,100
Withholding tax		
Withholding tax on dividends	743	251
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences (Note 23(a))	15,900	4,632
	57,935	88,983

Reconciliation of income tax expenses

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Profit before tax	411,333	744,801
Notional tax on profit before tax, calculated at the rates applicable to profit in the jurisdiction concerned	108,767	177,188
Effect of preferential tax treatments in the PRC	(71,049)	(102,668)
Tax effect of non-deductible expenses	6,730	10,211
Tax effect of non-taxable income	(5,954)	(1,054)
Tax effect of unused tax losses not recognised	18,698	5,055
Withholding tax on dividend income from PRC subsidiaries	743	251
Income tax expenses for the year	57,935	88,983

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8. INCOME TAX EXPENSES (CONTINUED)

Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Cayman Islands and the British Virgin Islands (the “BVI”), the Group is not subject to any income tax in the Cayman Islands and the BVI.

Under the Laws of the PRC on CIT (the “CIT Law”) and Implementation Regulation of the CIT Law, the tax rate of the PRC subsidiaries is 25% for both years.

In accordance with the relevant CIT Law, regulations and implementation guidance notes, the subsidiaries in the PRC, Fujian Billion Polymerization Fiber Technology Industrial Co., Ltd.* (福建百宏聚纖科技實業有限公司) (“Billion Fujian”) and Fujian Billion High-tech Material Industry Co., Ltd.* (福建百宏高新材料實業有限公司) (“Billion High-tech”) were approved to be the Advanced and New Technology Enterprise Status for a valid period of 3 years from 2021 to 2023 and from 2023 to 2025, respectively, which entitles Billion Fujian and Billion High-tech to a reduced CIT tax rate at 15% during the valid period under the new tax law and its relevant regulations.

Hong Kong Profits Tax has not been provided as the Group had no assessable profits for the year ended 31 December 2023. Hong Kong Profits Tax has not been provided for the year ended 31 December 2022 as the Group incurred a loss for taxation purpose in Hong Kong.

From 1 January 2008, a non-resident enterprise without an establishment or a place of business in the PRC or which has an establishment or a place of business in the PRC but whose relevant income is not effectively connected with the establishment or place of business in the PRC, will be subject to a withholding tax at the rate of 10% (unless reduced by treaty) on various types of passive income such as dividends derived from sources within the PRC. Pursuant to the Sino-Hong Kong Double Tax Arrangement and the related regulations, a qualified Hong Kong tax resident may be liable for a reduced withholding tax rate of 5% on dividends from a PRC enterprise if the Hong Kong tax resident is the “beneficial owner” and holds 25% or more of the equity interest of the PRC enterprise. The Group had obtained the certificates of Hong Kong tax residents from the Inland Revenue Department of Hong Kong, which are effective until 2024. Withholding tax on dividend represents tax charged by the PRC tax authority on dividends distributed by the Group’s subsidiaries in the PRC for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

The standard corporate income tax rate in Vietnam is 20%. The provisions of the Investment Registration Certificate of Billion Industrial (Viet Nam) Co., Ltd. (“Billion Vietnam”), the subsidiary in Vietnam, allow Billion Vietnam to be exempted from income tax for 2 years starting from the first year it generates taxable profit and entitled to a 50% reduction in income for the 4 succeeding years. The above exemption and reduction are not applicable to other income. As Billion Vietnam generated taxable profit for the first year in 2021, Billion Vietnam is exempted from Vietnam CIT for the year ended 31 December 2021. For the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, Vietnam CIT has not been provided as Billion Vietnam incurred a loss for taxation purpose.

* *The English translation of the name is for reference only.*

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9. INFORMATION ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF DIRECTORS AND FIVE HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS

(a) Directors' emoluments

Directors' emoluments disclosed pursuant to section 383(1) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and Part 2 of the Companies (Disclosure of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation is as follows:

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Fees RMB'000	Salaries, wages, allowances and benefits in kind RMB'000	Discretionary bonus RMB'000	Retirement scheme contributions RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Executive directors					
Mr. Sze Tin Yau	–	1,242	–	16	1,258
Mr. Wu Jinbiao	–	1,188	–	16	1,204
Non-executive director					
Mr. Zhang Shengbai	450	–	–	–	450
Independent non-executive directors					
Mr. Lin Jian Ming	82	–	–	–	82
Mr. Shih Chun Pi	46	–	–	–	46
Mr. Yu Wai Ming (<i>Note</i>)	108	–	–	–	108
	686	2,430	–	32	3,148

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9. INFORMATION ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF DIRECTORS AND FIVE HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS (CONTINUED)**(a) Directors' emoluments (Continued)***Year ended 31 December 2022*

	Fees RMB'000	Salaries, wages, allowances and benefits in kind RMB'000	Discretionary bonus RMB'000	Retirement scheme contributions RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Executive directors					
Mr. Sze Tin Yau	–	1,184	–	15	1,199
Mr. Wu Jinbiao	–	1,132	–	15	1,147
Non-executive directors					
Mr. Zhang Shengbai	429	–	–	–	429
Independent non-executive directors					
Mr. Chan Shek Chi (<i>Note</i>)	4	–	–	–	4
Mr. Lin Jian Ming	43	–	–	–	43
Mr. Shih Chun Pi	78	–	–	–	78
Mr. Yu Wai Ming (<i>Note</i>)	100	–	–	–	100
	654	2,316	–	30	3,000

Note:

On 11 January 2022, Mr. Chan Shek Chi resigned as an independent non-executive director of the Company and Mr. Yu Wai Ming was appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company.

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9. INFORMATION ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF DIRECTORS AND FIVE HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS (CONTINUED)

(b) Five highest paid individuals

Of the five individuals with the highest emoluments, three (2022: *three*) are directors of the Company whose emoluments are set out above. The aggregate of the emoluments in respect of the remaining two (2022: *two*) individuals are as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Salaries, wages, allowances, bonus and other benefits	1,298	1,245
Contributions to defined contribution retirement plan	16	15
	1,314	1,260

The emoluments of the two (2022: *two*) individuals with the highest paid non-directors are with the following bands:

	2023 Number of individuals	2022 Number of individuals
Nil to HK\$1,000,000	2	2

No amount was paid or payable by the Group to the directors of the Company or any of the five highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group, or as compensation for loss of office during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022. There was no arrangement under which a director or the five highest paid individuals waived or agreed to waive any remuneration during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

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10. EARNINGS PER SHARE

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

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Profit:		
Profit attributable to owners of the Company used for the purpose of basic earnings per share	353,398	655,818
	2023	2022
Number of shares:		
Issued ordinary shares at 1 January	2,118,986,000	2,118,986,000
Effect of shares repurchased and cancelled (<i>Note 24(c)(ii)</i>)	(163,463)	–
Weighted average number of ordinary shares	2,118,822,537	2,118,986,000

There were no dilutive potential ordinary shares during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, and therefore, diluted earnings per share is the same as the basic earnings per share.

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11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

(a) Reconciliation of carrying amounts

	Buildings held for own use RMB'000	Buildings leased for own use RMB'000	Plant and machinery RMB'000	Office and other equipment RMB'000	Motor vehicles RMB'000	Construction in progress RMB'000	Interests in leasehold land for own use RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Cost:								
At 1 January 2023	3,546,111	5,242	9,916,368	859,402	118,907	1,486,270	1,107,580	17,039,880
Exchange adjustments	3,903	-	10,667	161	94	1,406	1,078	17,309
Additions	-	-	211	-	-	1,068,080	168,753	1,237,044
Transfers	393,615	-	1,576,382	37,786	8,868	(2,016,651)	-	-
Disposals	-	-	(2,420)	(477)	(4,016)	-	-	(6,913)
At 31 December 2023	3,943,629	5,242	11,501,208	896,872	123,853	539,105	1,277,411	18,287,320
Accumulated depreciation:								
At 1 January 2023	(917,396)	(3,168)	(3,145,443)	(409,169)	(87,628)	-	(154,843)	(4,717,647)
Exchange adjustments	(589)	-	(1,516)	(46)	(34)	-	(85)	(2,270)
Charges	(122,057)	(792)	(576,019)	(46,696)	(8,773)	-	(25,054)	(779,391)
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	2,254	450	3,776	-	-	6,480
At 31 December 2023	(1,040,042)	(3,960)	(3,720,724)	(455,461)	(92,659)	-	(179,982)	(5,492,828)
Net carrying amounts:								
At 31 December 2023	2,903,587	1,282	7,780,484	441,411	31,194	539,105	1,097,429	12,794,492

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11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

(a) Reconciliation of carrying amounts (Continued)

	Buildings held for own use RMB'000	Buildings leased for own use RMB'000	Plant and machinery RMB'000	Office and other equipment RMB'000	Motor vehicles RMB'000	Construction in progress RMB'000	Interests in leasehold land for own use RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Cost:								
At 1 January 2022	3,435,870	5,242	8,466,252	846,249	111,249	1,219,184	986,749	15,070,795
Exchange adjustments	39,078	-	78,235	1,036	818	39,376	11,035	169,578
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	1,692,737	109,796	1,802,533
Transfers	71,163	-	1,374,579	12,138	7,147	(1,465,027)	-	-
Disposals	-	-	(2,698)	(21)	(307)	-	-	(3,026)
At 31 December 2022	3,546,111	5,242	9,916,368	859,402	118,907	1,486,270	1,107,580	17,039,880
Accumulated depreciation:								
At 1 January 2022	(792,920)	(2,376)	(2,621,839)	(360,075)	(79,765)	-	(127,633)	(3,984,608)
Exchange adjustments	(4,128)	-	(10,755)	(311)	(227)	-	(4,071)	(19,492)
Charges	(120,348)	(792)	(514,919)	(48,804)	(7,922)	-	(23,139)	(715,924)
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	2,070	21	286	-	-	2,377
At 31 December 2022	(917,396)	(3,168)	(3,145,443)	(409,169)	(87,628)	-	(154,843)	(4,717,647)
Net carrying amounts:								
At 31 December 2022	2,628,715	2,074	6,770,925	450,233	31,279	1,486,270	952,737	12,322,233

Note:

At 31 December 2023, the Group is applying for the title certificate of interests in leasehold land held for own use with net carrying amount of approximately RMB647,527,000 (2022: approximately RMB498,237,000) from the relevant PRC government authorities.

At 31 December 2023, the Group's building held for own use of approximately RMB40,919,000 (2022: approximately RMB41,611,000) was pledged to secure the Group's bank loans (Note 21).

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11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

(a) Reconciliation of carrying amounts (Continued)

The analysis of net carrying amounts of properties (including buildings and leasehold land) is as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
In Hong Kong		
– medium-term leases	40,919	41,611
Outside Hong Kong		
– medium-term leases	3,961,379	3,541,915
	4,002,298	3,583,526
Represented by:		
Buildings held for own use	2,903,587	2,628,715
Buildings leased for own use	1,282	2,074
Interests in leasehold land for own use	1,097,429	952,737
	4,002,298	3,583,526

(b) Right-of-use assets

The analysis of the net carrying amounts of the Group's right-of-use assets by class of underlying assets is as follows:

	Note	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Included in "Property, plant and equipment":			
Interests in leasehold land for own use	(i)	1,097,429	952,737
Buildings leased for own use	(ii)	1,282	2,074
		1,098,711	954,811

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11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)**(b) Right-of-use assets (Continued)**

The analysis of expense items in relation to leases recognised in profit or loss is as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Depreciation of right-of-use assets by class of underlying asset:		
Interests in leasehold land for own use	25,054	23,139
Buildings leased for own use	792	792
	25,846	23,931
Interest on lease liabilities	213	250

Details of total cash outflow for leases and the maturity analysis of lease liabilities are set out in Notes 18(d) and 22 to the consolidated financial statements, respectively.

(i) Interests in leasehold land for own use

Interests in leasehold land for own use represents land use rights which the Group acquired for its business, where its manufacturing facilities are primarily located in the PRC and Vietnam. The Group is the registered owner of these property interests. Payments were made upfront to acquire these property interests from the relevant PRC government authorities and the previous registered owner of Vietnam, and there are no ongoing payments to be made under the terms of the land lease in the PRC, other than instalment payments set under the lease terms by the prior registered owner of Vietnam.

The initial lease terms of interests in leasehold land for own use are 50 years in the PRC and 41 years in Vietnam.

(ii) Buildings leased for own use

The Group has obtained the right to use other properties as its oil storage area and warehouse through tenancy agreements. The leases typically run for an initial period of 10 to 20 years. Lease payments are fixed with no variable payments in accordance with the lease teams set in the tenancy agreements. None of these leases include an option to renew the leases for an additional period after the end of the contract term.

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12. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Software RMB'000	Emission rights of nitrogen oxides RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Cost:			
At 1 January 2022	10,318	6,463	16,781
Additions	–	1,670	1,670
At 31 December 2022, 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	10,318	8,133	18,451
Accumulated amortisation:			
At 1 January 2022	(3,542)	(5,567)	(9,109)
Charges	(1,032)	(932)	(1,964)
At 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023	(4,574)	(6,499)	(11,073)
Charges	(1,032)	(512)	(1,544)
At 31 December 2023	(5,606)	(7,011)	(12,617)
Net carrying amounts:			
At 31 December 2023	4,712	1,122	5,834
At 31 December 2022	5,744	1,634	7,378

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13. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

The following list contains only the particulars of subsidiaries which principally affected the results, assets or liabilities of the Group. The class of shares held is ordinary unless otherwise stated:

Name of subsidiaries	Place of incorporation and operation	Particulars of issued and fully paid-up capital	Proportion ownership interest and voting power held by the Company		Principal activities
			Directly	Indirectly	
Billion Industrial Investment Limited	The BVI	United States Dollars ("US\$")1 (2022: US\$1)	100%	–	Investment holding
Billion Development	Hong Kong	HK\$1 (2022: HK\$1)	–	100%	Investment holding and sales of raw materials
Billion Fujian (Note)	The PRC	US\$901,103,570 (2022: US\$901,103,570)	–	100%	Manufacturing and sales of polyester filament yarns products, polyester products, polyester industrial yarns products and ES fiber products
Billion High-tech (Note)	The PRC	US\$288,249,466 (2022: US\$288,249,466)	–	100%	Manufacturing and sales of polyester filament yarns products, polyester products, polyester industrial yarns products and ES fiber products
Treasure Full Global Industrial Limited ("Treasure Full")	The BVI	US\$1 (2022: US\$1)	–	100%	Investment holding
Billion Vietnam	Vietnam	US\$277,304,846 (2022: US\$277,304,846)	–	100%	Manufacturing and sales of polyester filament yarns products, polyester products, polyester industrial yarns products and ES fiber products

Note: These entities are wholly foreign owned enterprises established in the PRC with limited liability.

- (a) Included in other receivables of the Company's statement of financial position at 31 December 2023, approximately RMB887,886,000 (2022: approximately RMB875,198,000) was amount due from a subsidiary which is unsecured, interest-free and has no fixed term of repayment.
- (b) Included in other payables of the Company's statement of financial position at 31 December 2023, approximately RMB756,491,000 (2022: approximately RMB735,266,000) were amounts due to subsidiaries which are unsecured, interest-free and have no fixed term of repayment.

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14. INVENTORIES

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Raw materials	536,728	672,260
Work in progress	239,640	106,923
Finished goods	3,698,402	3,232,208
	4,474,770	4,011,391

15. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Trade receivables from third parties	927,366	963,060
Less: Loss allowance	(27,849)	(19,033)
	899,517	944,027
Bills receivables from third parties	274,553	319,002
	1,174,070	1,263,029
Deposits and prepayments for acquisition of interests in leasehold land and property, plant and equipment	174,514	401,847
Prepayments on raw materials	1,585,068	749,830
Interest receivables	327,770	298,623
Value-added tax recoverable	79,715	479,232
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables	74,786	95,662
	2,241,853	2,025,194
Less: Non-current portion – deposits and prepayments	(174,742)	(402,055)
	2,067,111	1,623,139
	3,241,181	2,886,168

All of the trade and other receivables that are classified as current assets are expected to be recovered or recognised as expenses within one year.

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15. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (CONTINUED)

At 31 December 2023, the Group had discounted bank acceptance bills totalling approximately RMB3,223,347,000 (2022: approximately RMB5,652,298,000) and endorsed bank acceptance bills totalling approximately RMB67,764,000 (2022: approximately RMB92,169,000), which are derecognised as financial assets (the "Derecognition"). These bank acceptance bills matured within one year from date of issue. The Group considered the issuing banks of the bills are of good credit quality and the non-settlement of these bills by the issuing banks on maturity is not probable. During the year ended 31 December 2023, the loss arising from the Derecognition was approximately RMB5,946,000 (2022: approximately RMB9,854,000).

Non-current portion of deposits and prepayments mainly represents deposits and prepayments for acquisition of interests in leasehold land and property, plant and equipment.

Current portion of deposits, prepayments and other receivables mainly represents prepayments on raw materials, interest receivables from deposits with banks and value-added tax recoverable.

Ageing analysis

At the end of the reporting period, the ageing analysis of trade receivables and bills receivables (which are included in "trade and other receivables"), based on the date of billing and net of loss allowance for ECL, is as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Within 1 month	1,152,588	1,262,348
1 to 2 months	14,299	681
2 to 3 months	5,384	–
Over 3 months	1,799	–
	1,174,070	1,263,029

Trade receivables and bills receivables are due within 30 to 210 days (2022: 30 to 210 days) and 1 to 365 days (2022: 1 to 365 days), respectively, from the date of billing. Information about the Group's exposure to credit risks and loss allowance for ECL for trade and bills receivables is set out in Note 25(a) to the consolidated financial statements.

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16. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVPL

Details of financial instruments represented by financial assets at FVPL are set out as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Unlisted wealth management products (<i>Note (i)</i>)	–	50,000
Contracts for financial instruments at FVPL (<i>Note (ii)</i>)	32,386	46,065
	32,386	96,065

Notes:

- (i) At 31 December 2022, the Group invested in unlisted wealth management products issued by a bank in the PRC with the aggregate principal amounts of RMB50,000,000. These unlisted wealth management products comprised of listed and unlisted debt securities, funds and other financial products. There are no fixed or determinable returns of the wealth management products and the returns of principal are not guaranteed. During the year ended 31 December 2023, the unlisted wealth management products were fully redeemed.
- (ii) At 31 December 2023, the Group had outstanding commodity futures contracts with underlying nominal values of approximately RMB435,960,000 (2022: *approximately RMB480,219,000*).
- (iii) At 31 December 2023, the Group had outstanding foreign currency forward contracts of approximately RMB98,562,000 (2022: Nil) entered into with a bank in the PRC. In the opinion of the Group's management, no significant realised and unrealised fair value gain or loss has been arising for the foreign currency forward contracts with reference to the quote from the bank.

17. RESTRICTED BANK DEPOSITS

The restricted bank deposits of approximately RMB222,057,000 (2022: *approximately RMB582,690,000*) and approximately RMB5,164,848,000 (2022: *approximately RMB5,934,658,000*) were pledged to the banks to secure certain bank loans (*Note 21*) and bills payables (*Note 19*), respectively.

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18. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND OTHER CASH FLOW INFORMATION**(a) Cash and cash equivalents**

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Bank balances and cash	158,138	231,620

At 31 December 2023, cash at bank balances were placed with banks in the PRC amounted to approximately RMB86,968,000 (2022: *approximately RMB171,890,000*). Remittance of funds out of the PRC is subject to the exchange restrictions imposed by the PRC government.

(b) Cash (used in) generated from operations

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Profit before tax	411,333	744,801
Adjustments for:		
Bank interest income	(209,975)	(277,161)
Loss (Gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	387	(2,673)
Unrealised gain on financial assets at FVPL, net	(2,911)	(2,504)
Realised gain on other financial assets	(91)	–
Finance costs	120,184	216,310
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,544	1,964
Loss allowance on trade receivables, net	8,812	9,447
Depreciation	779,391	715,924
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net	46,365	(46,914)
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	1,155,039	1,359,194
Changes in working capital:		
Inventories	(458,336)	(1,165,501)
Trade and other receivables	(316,564)	(687,180)
Trade and other payables	(621,911)	3,637,251
Contract liabilities	190,392	(55,069)
Cash (used in) generated from operations	(51,380)	3,088,695

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18. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND OTHER CASH FLOW INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(c) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

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

	Bank loans RMB'000	Lease liabilities RMB'000	Interest payables (included in "Trade and other payables") RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2023	860,437	4,238	15,600	880,275
Changes from financing cash flows:				
Proceeds from new bank loans	4,187,905	–	–	4,187,905
Repayment of bank loans	(4,348,886)	–	–	(4,348,886)
Capital element of lease rentals paid	–	(1,105)	–	(1,105)
Interest element of lease rentals paid	–	(213)	–	(213)
Interest paid	–	–	(147,225)	(147,225)
Total changes in financing cash flows	(160,981)	(1,318)	(147,225)	(309,524)
Non-cash changes:				
Exchange adjustments	1,160	13	–	1,173
Finance costs (Note 7(a))	–	213	138,512	138,725
	1,160	226	138,512	139,898
At 31 December 2023	700,616	3,146	6,887	710,649

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18. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND OTHER CASH FLOW INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**(c) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities (Continued)**

	Bank loans RMB'000	Lease liabilities RMB'000	Interest payables (included in "Trade and other payables") RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2022	1,305,527	5,143	9,568	1,320,238
Changes from financing cash flows:				
Proceeds from new bank loans	2,074,527	–	–	2,074,527
Repayment of bank loans	(2,522,652)	–	–	(2,522,652)
Capital element of lease rentals paid	–	(1,303)	–	(1,303)
Interest element of lease rentals paid	–	(250)	–	(250)
Interest paid	–	–	(241,555)	(241,555)
Total changes in financing cash flows	(448,125)	(1,553)	(241,555)	(691,233)
Non-cash changes:				
Exchange adjustments	3,035	398	–	3,433
Finance costs (Note 7(a))	–	250	247,587	247,837
	3,035	648	247,587	251,270
At 31 December 2022	860,437	4,238	15,600	880,275

(d) Total cash outflow for leases

The total cash outflow for leases for the year ended 31 December 2023 was approximately RMB1,318,000 (2022: approximately RMB1,553,000).

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19. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Trade payables	2,327,575	1,907,623
Bills payables	11,707,191	12,748,674
Other payables and accrued charges	316,593	223,792
Salaries and welfare payables	48,109	43,765
Interest payables	6,887	15,600
Equipment payables	27,301	88,231
Construction payables	108,970	92,054
Accrued land cost	4,453	64,211
Other tax payables	182,657	202,174
	14,729,736	15,386,124

All of the trade and other payables are expected to be settled within one year or repayable on demand.

At 31 December 2023, bills payables carry interest rate at 0.90% to 2.65% (2022: 0.99% to 2.48%) per annum and certain bills payables were secured by restricted bank deposits (Note 17).

The Group is normally allowed with a credit term of 60 to 180 days by its suppliers. At the end of the reporting period, the ageing analysis of trade payables and bills payables (which are included in "trade and other payables"), based on the invoice date/issue date, is as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Within 3 months	5,458,446	4,189,117
More than 3 months but within 6 months	4,796,134	3,803,830
More than 6 months but within 1 year	3,711,238	6,662,854
More than 1 year	68,948	496
	14,034,766	14,656,297

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20. CONTRACT LIABILITIES

The movements (excluding those arising from increases and decreases both occurred within the same reporting period) of receipt in advance from contracts with customer within HKFRS 15 during each of the reporting period are as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
At 1 January	153,162	208,231
Recognised as revenue	(153,162)	(208,231)
Receipt of advances or recognition of receivables	343,554	153,162
At 31 December	343,554	153,162

When the Group receives a deposit before the production activity commences this will give rise to contract liabilities at the start of a contract, until the revenue recognised. The Group receives deposits on acceptance of orders on a case by case basis with customers before work commences.

For the year ended 31 December 2023, there is an increase in the overall contract activities and customer base of the Group and the negotiation of larger prepayments, thereby increasing the amount arising from the receipt of advances or recognition of receivables; while for the year ended 31 December 2022, the decrease was due to a decrease in the overall contract activities.

At 31 December 2023 and 2022, the amount of billings in advance of performance received is expected to be recognised as income within one year.

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21. BANK LOANS

At the end of the reporting period, the bank loans were repayable as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Within 1 year or on demand	417,078	758,870
After 1 year but within 2 years	2,467	98,588
After 2 years but within 5 years	281,071	2,979
	283,538	101,567
	700,616	860,437

At the end of the reporting period, the bank loans were secured as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Secured bank loans	700,616	860,437

At 31 December 2023, the secured bank loans are collectively secured by:

- (i) restricted bank deposits amounted to approximately RMB222,057,000 (2022: approximately RMB582,690,000) (Note 17);
- (ii) building held for own use with net carrying amount of approximately RMB40,919,000 (2022: approximately RMB41,611,000) (Note 11); and
- (iii) corporate guarantee given by the Billion Fujian and Billion High-tech (2022: the Company, Billion Fujian and Billion High-tech) to the extent of approximately RMB1,509,238,000 (2022: approximately RMB780,553,000).

The ranges of effective interest rates on the Group's bank loans are as follows:

	2023 %	2022 %
Fixed rate bank loans	2.00 – 2.55	2.35 – 2.45
Variable rate bank loans	5.58	1.10 – 4.79

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22. LEASE LIABILITIES

The following table shows the remaining contractual maturities of the Group's lease liabilities at the end of the reporting period:

	2023		2022	
	Present value of the minimum lease payments RMB'000	Total minimum lease payments RMB'000	Present value of the minimum lease payments RMB'000	Total minimum lease payments RMB'000
Within 1 year	873	1,128	1,082	1,376
After 1 year but within 2 years	136	201	425	518
After 2 years but within 5 years	88	403	664	1,021
After 5 years	2,049	3,953	2,067	4,060
	2,273	4,557	3,156	5,599
	3,146	5,685	4,238	6,975
Less: Future finance charges		(2,539)		(2,737)
Present value of lease liabilities		3,146		4,238

At 31 December 2023, the weighted average of the incremental borrowing rates for the lease liabilities of the Group was 4.77% (2022: 4.87%) per annum.

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23. DEFERRED TAX

(a) Deferred tax liabilities recognised

The components of deferred tax liabilities recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position and the movements during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	Depreciation of property, plant and equipment RMB'000	Other financial assets RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2022	180,808	674	(428)	181,054
Charged (Credited) to profit or loss (Note 8)	7,734	(674)	(2,428)	4,632
At 31 December 2022	188,542	–	(2,856)	185,686
At 1 January 2023	188,542	–	(2,856)	185,686
Charged to profit or loss (Note 8)	13,839	–	2,061	15,900
At 31 December 2023	202,381	–	(795)	201,586

(b) Deferred tax assets not recognised

The Group commenced its commercial production for its Vietnam production base since 2019 and the Group is still making significant investment in phase II of the Vietnam production base, therefore the Group is yet to report profit for its Vietnam operation. Although there is reasonable expectation that the Vietnam operation will report taxable profits in the near future, given there are time limits to claim the tax losses or else they will be expired, there exist high uncertainties as to the timing and extent of the accumulated tax losses that can be reasonably utilised. The management of the Group considered it is more appropriate for not recognising deferred tax assets on the accumulated unrecognised tax losses of approximately RMB118,765,000 (2022: approximately RMB25,275,000) which will be expired in one to five years as follow:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Year of expiry		
2028	93,490	–
2027	25,275	25,275
	118,765	25,275

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23. DEFERRED TAX (CONTINUED)**(c) Deferred tax liabilities not recognised**

At 31 December 2023, there were undistributed profits of the Group's subsidiaries in the PRC amounted to approximately RMB2,079,615,000 (2022: approximately RMB1,678,560,000).

Deferred tax liabilities of approximately RMB103,981,000 (2022: approximately RMB83,928,000) have not been recognised in respect of the withholding tax that would be payable on the distribution of these retained profits as the Company controls the dividend policy of these subsidiaries and the directors of the Company have determined that these profits are not likely to be distributed in the foreseeable future.

24. CAPITAL, RESERVES AND DIVIDENDS**(a) Movement in components of equity**

The reconciliation between the opening and closing balances of each component of the Group's consolidated equity is set out in the consolidated statement of changes in equity.

Details of the changes in the Company's individual components of equity between the beginning and the end of the year are set out below:

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	Share capital RMB'000 (Note 24(c)(i))	Share premium RMB'000 (Note 24(d)(i))	Capital redemption reserve RMB'000 (Note 24(d)(ii))	Exchange reserve RMB'000 (Note 24(d)(v))	Retained profits RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2022	17,819	72,926	1,514	(49,045)	95,090	138,304
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	12,401	(6,395)	6,006
At 31 December 2022	17,819	72,926	1,514	(36,644)	88,695	144,310
At 1 January 2023	17,819	72,926	1,514	(36,644)	88,695	144,310
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	2,052	(5,594)	(3,542)
Purchase of own shares (Note 24(c)(ii))						
-par value paid	(3)	-	-	-	-	(3)
-premium paid	-	(1,202)	-	-	-	(1,202)
-transfer between reserves	-	(3)	3	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	17,816	71,721	1,517	(34,592)	83,101	139,563

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24. CAPITAL, RESERVES AND DIVIDENDS (CONTINUED)

(b) Dividends

The directors of the Company do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

(c) Share capital

(i) Authorised and issued share capital

		Par value HK\$	Number of shares	Nominal value of ordinary shares	
				HK\$	RMB
Authorised:					
At 31 December 2022 and 2023					
		0.01	10,000,000,000	100,000,000	
Issued and fully paid:					
At 1 January 2022, 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023					
		0.01	2,118,986,000	21,189,860	17,819,454
Repurchase and cancellation of shares	24(c)(ii)	0.01	(328,000)	(3,280)	(2,759)
At 31 December 2023					
		0.01	2,118,658,000	21,186,580	17,816,695

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24. CAPITAL, RESERVES AND DIVIDENDS (CONTINUED)

(c) Share capital (Continued)

(ii) Purchase of own shares

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Company repurchased its own ordinary shares on the Stock Exchange as follows:

Month/Year of repurchase	Number of shares repurchased	Highest price paid per share HK\$	Lowest price paid per share HK\$	Aggregate price paid RMB'000
March 2023	12,000	3.88	3.76	39
April 2023	30,000	4.05	3.88	104
May 2023	80,000	4.20	4.01	297
June 2023	136,000	4.21	3.85	496
July 2023	70,000	4.30	4.15	269
Repurchased and cancelled during the reporting period	328,000			1,205
August 2023	44,000	4.10	3.99	163
September 2023	62,000	4.19	3.98	231
October 2023	24,000	4.18	3.96	91
November 2023	20,000	4.14	4.10	76
December 2023	8,000	4.06	4.06	30
Repurchased during the reporting period and cancelled subsequent to the reporting period	158,000			591
Total	486,000			1,796

Pursuant to section 37(3) of the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands, 486,000 shares were repurchased during the year ended 31 December 2023 of which 328,000 repurchased shares were cancelled during the year ended 31 December 2023. The remaining 158,000 repurchased shares were cancelled subsequently in January 2024. Accordingly, the issued share capital of the Company was reduced by the nominal value of 328,000 shares. Pursuant to section 37(4) of the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands, an amount equivalent to the par value of the shares cancelled of approximately RMB3,000 was transferred from share premium to the capital redemption reserve during the year ended 31 December 2023. The premium for the repurchase of 328,000 shares of approximately HK\$1,331,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB1,202,000) were charged to share premium for the year ended 31 December 2023. The premium for the remaining 158,000 shares of approximately HK\$643,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB589,000) will be charged to share premium for the year ending 31 December 2024.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Company did not repurchase any ordinary shares on the Stock Exchange.

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24. CAPITAL, RESERVES AND DIVIDENDS (CONTINUED)

(d) Nature and purpose of reserves

(i) *Share premium*

Under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands, the share premium account of the Company may be applied for payment of distributions or dividends to shareholders provided that immediately following the date on which the distribution or dividend is proposed to be paid, the Company is able to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

(ii) *Capital redemption reserve*

Capital redemption reserve represents the nominal amount of the shares repurchased.

(iii) *Statutory reserve*

Pursuant to applicable PRC regulations, Billion Fujian and Billion High-tech are required to appropriate 10% of their profit-after-tax (after offsetting prior year losses) to the statutory reserve until such reserve reaches 50% of the registered capital of each relevant PRC subsidiaries. The transfer to the statutory reserve must be made before distribution of dividends to shareholders. The statutory reserve fund can be utilised, upon approval by the relevant authorities, to offset accumulated losses or to increase registered capital of the subsidiaries.

(iv) *Capital reserve*

The capital reserve of the Group mainly represented the difference between the paid-up capital of Billion Fujian and the nominal value of shares issued by the Company in exchange during the Group's reorganisation in 2011.

(v) *Exchange reserve*

Exchange reserve comprises all foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of operations outside the PRC and the translation of the Company's financial statements into presentation currency.

(vi) *Capital management*

The Group's primary objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders, by pricing products commensurately with the level of risk and by securing access to finance at a reasonable cost.

The Group actively and regularly reviews and manages its capital structure to maintain a balance between the higher shareholder returns that might be possible with higher levels of borrowings and the advantages and security afforded by a sound capital position and makes adjustments to the capital structure in light of changes in economic conditions.

The Group monitors capital with reference to its debt position. The Group's strategy was to maintain the equity and debt in a balanced position and ensure there was adequate working capital to service its debt obligations. At 31 December 2023, the Group's debt ratio, being the Group's total liabilities over its total assets, was 61.05% (2022: 62.88%).

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25. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES

The Group's activities expose it to variety of financial risks including credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate, price risk and foreign currency risk arises in the normal course of the Group's business. The Group's exposure to these risks and the financial risk management policies and practices used by the Group to manage these risks are described below.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in a financial loss to the Group. The Group's credit risk is primarily attributable to trade and other receivables. The Group's exposure to credit risk arising from cash and cash equivalents, restricted bank deposits and other financial assets is limited because the counterparties are the major banks in the PRC with established credit ratings, for which the Group considers to have low credit risk. Given the high credit ratings of the banks, the management of the Group does not expect any counterparties to fail to meet its obligations.

Trade and bills receivables from third parties

The Group's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each debtor rather than the industry or country in which the customers operate and therefore significant concentrations of credit risk primarily arise when the Group has significant exposure to individual customers.

Individual credit evaluations are performed on all customers requiring credit over a certain amount. These evaluations focus on the customer's past history of making payments when due and current ability to pay and take into account information specific to the customer as well as pertaining to the economic environment in which the customer operates. Trade receivables are due within 30 to 210 days from the date of billing. Normally, the Group does not obtain collateral from customers.

At the end of the reporting period, 25.3% (2022: 21.6%) and 67.2% (2022: 71.0%) of the total trade and bills receivables was due from the Group's largest trade debtor and its affiliated companies, and the five largest trade debtors and their affiliated companies, respectively.

The Group measures loss allowance for trade and bills receivables at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, which is calculated using a provision matrix. As the Group's historical credit loss experience does not indicate significantly different loss patterns for different customer segments, the loss allowance based on past due status is not further distinguished between the Group's different customer bases.

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25. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES (CONTINUED)

(a) Credit risk (Continued)

Trade and bills receivables from third parties (Continued)

The following table provides information about the Group's exposure to credit risk and ECLs for trade and bills receivables:

	At 31 December 2023		
	Expected loss rate	Gross carrying amount RMB'000	Loss allowance RMB'000
Current (not past due)	1.57%	1,170,934	18,346
Less than 1 month past due	5.37%	15,111	811
1 to 3 months past due	6.90%	5,783	399
More than 3 months	82.18%	10,091	8,293
		1,201,919	27,849

	At 31 December 2022		
	Expected loss rate	Gross carrying amount RMB'000	Loss allowance RMB'000
Current (not past due)	1.49%	1,281,381	19,033
Less than 1 month past due	–	681	–
		1,282,062	19,033

Expected loss rates are based on actual loss experience over the past years. These rates are adjusted to reflect differences between economic conditions during the period over which the historic data has been collected, current conditions and the Group's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the receivables.

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25. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES (CONTINUED)**(a) Credit risk (Continued)*****Trade and bills receivables from third parties (Continued)***

Movement in the loss allowance in respect of trade and bills receivables during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January	19,033	9,543
Increase in loss allowance	8,812	9,447
Exchange adjustments	4	43
At 31 December	27,849	19,033

As set out in Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements, at 31 December 2023, the Group had discounted bank acceptance bills totalling approximately RMB3,223,347,000 (2022: *approximately RMB5,652,298,000*) and endorsed bank acceptance bills totalling approximately RMB67,764,000 (2022: *approximately RMB92,169,000*), which are derecognised as financial assets. The transferees have the right to recourse to the Group in case of default by the issuing banks. In such cases, the Group would have to repurchase these bank acceptance bills at face value. At 31 December 2023, the Group's maximum loss in case of default is approximately RMB3,291,111,000 (2022: *approximately RMB5,744,467,000*) for these discounted or endorsed bills. Nonetheless, the Group only accepts bank acceptance bills issued by major banks in the PRC and considers that the credit risk associated with such bank acceptance bills to be insignificant.

Other receivables

The management of the Group considers that the other receivables have low credit risk based on its strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term and low risk of default. Impairment on other receivables is measured on 12-month ECL and reflects the short maturities of the exposures. In estimating the ECL, the management of the Group has taken into account the historical actual credit loss experience over the past years and the financial position of the counterparties, adjusted for forward-looking factors that are specific to the debtors and general economic conditions of the industry in which the counterparties operate, in estimating the probability of default of these financial assets, as well as the loss upon default in each case. The management of the Group considers the ECL of other receivables to be insignificant after taking into account the financial position and credit quality of the counterparties.

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25. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES (CONTINUED)

(b) Liquidity risk

Individual operating entities within the Group are responsible for their own cash management, including the short term investment of cash surpluses and the raising of loans to cover expected cash demands, subject to approval by the head office when the borrowings exceed certain predetermined levels of authority. The Group's policy is to regularly monitor its liquidity requirements and its compliance with lending covenants, to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash and adequate committed lines of funding from major financial institutions to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and longer term.

The following tables show the remaining contractual maturities at the respective end of the reporting period of the Group's non-derivative financial liabilities and derivative financial liabilities, which are based on contractual undiscounted cash flows (including interest payments computed using contractual rates or, if floating, based on rates current at the end of the reporting period) and the earliest date the Group can be required to pay:

	At 31 December 2023					Total	Carrying amount
	Contractual undiscounted cash outflow						
	Within 1 year or on demand	More than 1 year but less than 2 years	More than 2 years but less than 5 years	More than 5 years			
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Bank loans	432,364	9,575	284,538	–	726,477	700,616	
Trade payables	2,327,575	–	–	–	2,327,575	2,327,575	
Bills payables	11,707,191	–	–	–	11,707,191	11,707,191	
Other payables and accrued charges	366,254	–	–	–	366,254	366,254	
Accrued land cost	4,453	–	–	–	4,453	4,453	
Lease liabilities	1,128	201	403	3,953	5,685	3,146	
Equipment payables	27,301	–	–	–	27,301	27,301	
Construction payables	108,970	–	–	–	108,970	108,970	
	14,975,236	9,776	284,941	3,953	15,273,906	15,245,506	

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25. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES (CONTINUED)**(b) Liquidity risk (Continued)**

	At 31 December 2022					
	Contractual undiscounted cash outflow					
	Within 1 year or on demand RMB'000	More than 1 year but less than 2 years RMB'000	More than 2 years but less than 5 years RMB'000	More than 5 years RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Carrying amount RMB'000
Bank loans	770,660	103,225	3,334	–	877,219	860,437
Trade payables	1,907,623	–	–	–	1,907,623	1,907,623
Bills payables	12,748,674	–	–	–	12,748,674	12,748,674
Other payables and accrued charges	60,290	–	–	–	60,290	60,290
Accrued land cost	64,211	–	–	–	64,211	64,211
Lease liabilities	1,376	518	1,021	4,060	6,975	4,238
Equipment payables	88,231	–	–	–	88,231	88,231
Construction payables	92,054	–	–	–	92,054	92,054
	15,733,119	103,743	4,355	4,060	15,845,277	15,825,758

(c) Interest rate risk

The Group's exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to the Group's bank loans and cash and cash equivalents carrying variable interest rates.

The Group's bank loans mainly arising in PRC with Loan Prime Rate.

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25. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES (CONTINUED)

(c) Interest rate risk (Continued)

The following table details the interest rate profile of the Group's net deposits at the end of the reporting period:

	At 31 December			
	2023		2022	
	Effective interest rate	RMB'000	Effective interest rate	RMB'000
Net fixed rate borrowings (deposits):				
Bank loans	2.00%-2.55%	695,782	2.35%-2.45%	475,111
Lease liabilities	4.75%-4.90%	3,146	4.75%-4.90%	4,238
Restricted bank deposits	0.01%-4.77%	(5,386,905)	0.80%-4.26%	(6,517,348)
		(4,687,977)		(6,037,999)
Variable rate borrowings (deposits):				
Bank loans	5.58%	4,834	1.10% – 4.79%	385,326
Cash and cash equivalents	0.0001%-0.80%	(158,138)	0.0001%-0.35%	(231,620)
		(153,304)		153,706
Total net deposits		(4,841,281)		(5,884,293)

If interest rates had been 1% (2022: 1%) higher or lower while all other variables were held constant, the Group's pre-tax results would increase or decrease by approximately RMB1,533,000 (2022: decrease or increase by approximately RMB1,537,000), respectively.

The sensitivity analysis above has been determined assuming that the change in interest rates had occurred at the beginning of the reporting period and had been applied to the exposure to interest rate risk for all financial instruments in existence at the end of the reporting period. The general increase/decrease represents management's assessment of a reasonably possible change in interest rates over the period until the end of the next annual reporting period.

The management of the Group monitors the related interest rate risk exposure closely on daily basis and, pursuant to a written interest rate hedging policy as approved by the management of the Group, the Group would only enter into interest rate swap contracts should need arise. At 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Group had no significant outstanding interest rate swap contracts.

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25. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES (CONTINUED)**(d) Price risk**

The Group is exposed to fair value price risk through its investments in (i) unlisted wealth management products and (ii) commodity future contracts. The directors of the Company manage the exposure by closely monitoring the portfolio of these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments will be affected either positively or negatively, amongst others, by the changes in the fair values of the relevant instruments as resulted from the changes in market values of underlying items.

The following table indicates the approximate changes in the Group's pre-tax results if the fair value of the relevant financial instruments had changed by stated amplitudes and all other variables were held constant at the end of the reporting period:

	At 31 December			
	2023		2022	
	Increase (Decrease) in fair value	Effect on pre-tax results RMB'000	Increase (Decrease) in fair value	Effect on pre-tax results RMB'000
Unlisted wealth management products	-	-	1%	500
	-	-	(1%)	(500)
Commodity future contracts	10%	43,596	10%	48,219
	(10%)	(43,596)	(10%)	(48,219)

The sensitivity analysis has been determined assuming that the changes in fair value of the financial instruments had occurred at the end of each reporting period and had been applied to the Group's exposure to price risk for financial instruments in existence at that date, and that all other variables remain constant.

The stated changes represent management's assessment of reasonably possible changes in the fair value over the year until the end of the next reporting period.

In the opinion of the Group's management, the sensitivity analysis is unrepresentative of the price risk because the exposure at the end of the reporting period does not reflect the exposure during the reporting period.

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25. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES (CONTINUED)

(e) Foreign currency risk

The Group's transactions are mainly denominated in RMB, US\$, HK\$ and Euros ("EUR").

The Group mainly operates in the PRC with majority of business transactions being denominated and settled in US\$ which is the functional currency of the relevant group entities.

At 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Group had a minimal exposure to foreign currency risk as most of its business transactions, assets and liabilities were principally denominated in the respective functional currencies used by the respective group entities, except for certain financial assets and financial liabilities of the Group are denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the respective group entities and therefore, exposed to foreign currency risk. The carrying amounts of those financial assets and liabilities at 31 December 2023 and 2022 are analysed as follows:

The Group is exposed to currency risk primarily through bank loans, cash and cash equivalents, sales and purchases that are denominated in a foreign currency, i.e. a currency other than the functional currency of the operations to which the transactions relate. The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily US\$, HK\$ and EUR.

	At 31 December					
	2023			2022		
	US\$ RMB'000	HK\$ RMB'000	EUR RMB'000	US\$ RMB'000	HK\$ RMB'000	EUR RMB'000
Assets (Liabilities)						
Trade and other receivables	262,946	-	254	159,288	-	213
Cash and cash equivalents	54,264	143	954	51,839	141	3,835
Trade and other payables	(2,171,286)	-	(11,177)	(1,499,942)	-	(7,918)
Bank loans	-	-	-	(214,417)	-	-
	(1,854,076)	143	(9,969)	(1,503,232)	141	(3,870)

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25. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES (CONTINUED)**(e) Foreign currency risk (Continued)**

The following table indicates the approximate changes in the Group's pre-tax results if exchange rates of the US\$, HK\$ and EUR had changed against the functional currencies of the respective group entities by 5% and all other variables were held constant at the end of the reporting period:

	At 31 December			
	2023		2022	
	Increase (Decrease) in foreign exchange rates	Effect on pre-tax results RMB'000	Increase (Decrease) in foreign exchange rates	Effect on pre-tax results RMB'000
US\$	5% (5%)	(92,704) 92,704	5% (5%)	(75,162) 75,162
HK\$	5% (5%)	7 (7)	5% (5%)	7 (7)
EUR	5% (5%)	(498) 498	5% (5%)	(194) 194

The sensitivity analysis has been determined assuming that the changes in foreign exchange rates had occurred at the end of each reporting period and had been applied to the Group's exposure to currency risk for financial instruments in existence at that date, and that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant.

The stated changes represent management's assessment of reasonably possible changes in foreign exchange rates over the year until the end of the next reporting period.

In the opinion of the Group's management, the sensitivity analysis is unrepresentative of the inherent foreign exchange risk because the exposure at the end of the reporting period does not reflect the exposure during the reporting period.

The management of the Group monitors the related foreign currency risk exposure closely on daily basis and, pursuant to a written foreign currency hedging policy as approved by the management of the Group, the Group would only enter into foreign currency forward contracts should need arise. At 31 December 2023, the Group had outstanding foreign currency forward contracts of approximately RMB98,562,000 (2022: Nil). No significant realised and unrealised fair value gain or loss has been arising for the foreign currency forward contracts.

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25. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES (CONTINUED)

(f) Fair values measurement

(i) Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value

Fair value hierarchy

The following table presents the fair value of the Group's financial instruments measured at the end of the reporting period on a recurring basis, categorised into the three-level fair value hierarchy as defined in HKFRS 13, Fair value measurement. The level into which a fair value measurement is classified is determined with reference to the observability and significance of the inputs used in the valuation technique as follows:

- Level 1 valuations: Fair value measured using only Level 1 inputs i.e. unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date.
- Level 2 valuations: Fair value measured using Level 2 inputs i.e. observable inputs which fail to meet Level 1, and not using significant unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs are inputs for which market data are not available.
- Level 3 valuations: Fair value measured using significant unobservable inputs.

	Fair value measurements At 31 December 2023 using			
	Fair value at 31 December 2023 RMB'000	Quoted prices in active market for identified underlying items (Level 1) RMB'000	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2) RMB'000	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) RMB'000
Recurring fair value measurement				
Contracts for financial instruments at FVPL	32,386	32,386	–	–

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25. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES (CONTINUED)**(f) Fair values measurement (Continued)****(i) Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value (Continued)***Fair value hierarchy (Continued)*

	Fair value measurements At 31 December 2022 using			
	Fair value at 31 December 2022 RMB'000	Quoted prices in active market for identified underlying items (Level 1) RMB'000	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2) RMB'000	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) RMB'000
Recurring fair value measurement				
Unlisted wealth management products	50,000	50,000	–	–
Contracts for financial instruments at FVPL	46,065	46,065	–	–

Valuation techniques and inputs used in fair value measurements

At 31 December 2023 and 2022, the fair values of unlisted wealth management products and contracts for financial instruments at FVPL are determined by reference to the prices quoted by the financial institutions.

During the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2, or transfers into or out of Level 3. The Group's policy is to recognise transfers between levels of fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period in which they occur.

(ii) Assets and liabilities with fair value disclosure, but not measured at fair value

All other financial assets and financial liabilities are carried at amounts not materially different from their fair values at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

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26. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Capital commitments outstanding at 31 December 2023 and 2022 not provided, net of any deposits paid, for in the consolidated financial statements were as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Authorised but not contracted for	–	514,684
Contracted for	234,793	563,898
	234,793	1,078,582

27. MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, transactions with the following parties are considered to be related party transactions:

Name of related party	Relationship
Hong Kong (Rong An) Investment Limited	A shareholder of the Company holding 36.86% (2022: 37.02%) of the Company's issued share capital
Mr. Sze Tin Yau	Director of the Company holding 30.38% (2022: 30.38%) of the Company's issued share capital
Mr. Wu Jinbiao	Director of the Company holding 6.46% (2022: 6.46%) of the Company's issued share capital

(a) Key management personnel remuneration

Remuneration for key management personnel of the Group, including amounts paid to the directors of the Company and certain of the highest paid employees as disclosed in Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements, is as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Salaries, wages, allowances, bonus and other benefits	5,418	5,076
Contributions to defined contribution retirement plan	60	53
	5,478	5,129

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27. MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

(b) Transactions with related parties

Other than otherwise disclosed, the Group had no significant related party transactions for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

(c) Applicability of the Listing Rules relating to connected transactions

None of the above related party transactions falls under the definition of connected transaction or continuing connected transaction as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

The connected transactions or continuing connected transactions, if any, have been disclosed in the "Report of the Directors" section of the annual report.

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28. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY

Information about the statement of financial position of the Company at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	<i>Note</i>	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Non-current assets			
Investments in subsidiaries	13	–	–
Current assets			
Other receivables	13(a)	889,338	876,049
Cash and cash equivalents		8,506	5,696
		897,844	881,745
Current liabilities			
Other payables	13(b)	758,281	737,435
Net current assets		139,563	144,310
NET ASSETS		139,563	144,310
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	24(c)	17,816	17,819
Reserves	24(a)	121,747	126,491
TOTAL EQUITY		139,563	144,310

The statement of financial position of the Company was approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 22 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Sze Tin Yau
Director

Wu Jinbiao
Director

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29. JOINTLY CONTROLLING PARTIES

At 31 December 2023 and 2022, the directors of the Company consider the jointly controlling parties of the Group to be Hong Kong (Rong An) Investment Limited incorporated in Hong Kong and Kingom Power Limited incorporated in the BVI.

Financial Summary

	For the year ended 31 December				
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Revenue	17,755,491	15,564,988	14,241,565	8,431,054	9,396,866
Cost of sales	(16,705,432)	(14,141,043)	(11,493,748)	(7,050,709)	(7,779,920)
Gross profit	1,050,059	1,423,945	2,747,817	1,380,345	1,616,946
Profit before tax	411,333	744,801	2,091,476	913,067	1,065,601
Income tax expenses	(57,935)	(88,983)	(331,745)	(131,585)	(212,379)
Profit for the year	353,398	655,818	1,759,731	781,482	853,222

	At 31 December				
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Current assets	13,293,380	13,742,592	12,070,094	7,873,735	6,791,170
Non-current assets	12,975,068	12,731,666	11,468,505	10,808,813	9,701,232
Total assets	26,268,448	26,474,258	23,538,599	18,682,548	16,492,402
Current liabilities	15,549,791	16,356,972	13,738,650	9,910,629	9,185,093
Non-current liabilities	487,397	290,409	696,610	1,397,076	646,849
Total liabilities	16,037,188	16,647,381	14,435,260	11,307,705	9,831,942
Net assets	10,231,260	9,826,877	9,103,339	7,374,843	6,660,460
Share capital	17,816	17,819	17,819	17,827	17,846
Reserves	10,213,444	9,809,058	9,085,520	7,357,016	6,642,614
Total equity	10,231,260	9,826,877	9,103,339	7,374,843	6,660,460