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RI YING HOLDINGS LIMITED 日贏控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1741)

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of Ri Ying Holdings Limited (the "Company") announces the unaudited interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") for the six months ended 31 March 2024, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2023 as follow:

INTERIM UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 31 March 2024

		Six months end	ed 31 March
		2024	2023
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue	3	92,109	107,635
Cost of sales		(74,469)	(88,809)
Gross profit		17,640	18,826
Other income, gains and losses	3	2,137	7,471
Administrative and other operating expenses		(35,577)	(35,923)
Net reversal of impairment losses/(impairment losses)			
on financial assets and contract assets		190	(137)
Operating loss		(15,610)	(9,763)
Share of losses of associates		(135)	_
Finance costs	4	(892)	(516)
Loss before tax	5	(16,637)	(10,279)
Income tax expense	6	(37)	(14)
Loss for the period		(16,674)	(10,293)

		Six months ended 31 Marc		
	Note	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	
Other comprehensive expense Item that maybe reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:				
Exchange difference arising on translation of foreign operations		(144)	(468)	
Total comprehensive expense for the period		(16,818)	(10,761)	
Loss for the period attributable to:				
Owners of the Company		(16,885)	(10,484)	
Non-controlling interests		211	191	
		(16,674)	(10,293)	
Total comprehensive expense for the period attributable to:				
Owners of the Company		(17,004)	(10,808)	
Non-controlling interests		186	47	
		(16,818)	(10,761)	
Basic and diluted loss per share (HK cents)	7	(2.11)	(1.31)	

INTERIM UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 March 2024

	Note	31 March 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	30 September 2023 HK\$'000 (Audited)
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	3,345	3,942
Right-of-use assets	9	12,768	12,045
Interest in associates Goodwill		693 6,210	504 6,153
Goodwill			
		23,016	22,644
Current assets			
Inventory		2,815	2,897
Trade and other receivables	10	74,366	100,017
Contract assets		23,513	34,194
Amounts due from related parties		-	620
Bank deposits, balances and cash	11	29,687	41,450
		130,381	179,178
Total assets		153,397	201,822
EQUITY			
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		8,000	8,000
Share premium and reserves		20,660	37,664
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		28,660	45,664
Non-controlling interests		(2,307)	(2,493)
Total equity		26,353	43,171

		31 March	30 September
	NT 4	2024	2023
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liability			
Lease liabilities		5,307	6,443
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	89,365	106,097
Contract liabilities		1,578	1,963
Lease liabilities		7,874	5,950
Amount due to a non-controlling interest of a subsidiary		1,339	_
Bank borrowings		21,525	38,142
Income tax payable		56	56
		121,737	152,208
Total liabilities		127,044	158,651
Total equity and liabilities		153,397	201,822
Net current assets		8,644	26,970
Total assets less current liabilities		31,660	49,614

NOTES TO THE INTERIM UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 GENERAL INFORMATION AND BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Company is an investment holding company. The Group is principally engaged in the provision of foundation and site formation works; general building works and associated services; other construction works; construction related consultancy services and health management and consultancy business. The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 3 January 2018 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands. The shares of the Company have been listed on the Main Board (the "Listing") of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") since 16 October 2018.

The address of the Company's registered office is Windward 3, Regatta Office Park, PO Box 1350, Grand Cayman KY1-1108, Cayman Islands and the Company's principal place of business is 6/F, Kai Tak Commercial Building, Nos. 317-319 Des Voeux Road Central, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong.

Its parent and ultimate holding company is Elite Bright Developments Limited ("Elite Bright"), a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands ("BVI") and wholly-owned by Dr. Lau Chi Wang ("Dr. CW Lau"), Mr. Lau Chi Ming ("Mr. CM Lau") and Dr. Lau Chi Keung ("Dr. CK Lau") in equal shares.

These interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 31 March 2024 have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix D2 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"). These interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements of the Group for the year ended 30 September 2023 (the "2023 Annual Financial Statements"), which have been prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs").

The interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$"), which is the same as the functional currency of the Company.

The interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2023 Annual Financial Statements, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the annual financial statements of the Group for the year ending 30 September 2024. Details of any changes in accounting policies are set out in Note 2.

These interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board on 23 May 2024.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of preparation

The Group has adopted the following new and amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA for the first time for the current accounting period, which are mandatory effective for the annual period beginning on or after 1 October 2023 for the preparation of the Group's interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements:

(a) New and amendments to HKFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current period

The Group has applied the following new and amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA for the first time for the current period:

HKFRS 17 and amendments to HKFRS 17 Insurance Contracts and Related Amendments

Amendments to HKAS 1 and Disclosure of Accounting Policies

HKFRS Practice Statement 2

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

The application of the new and amendments to HKFRSs in the current period has had no material impact on the Group's financial performance and positions for the current and prior period/year and/or on the disclosures set out in these interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

(b) New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective

The Group has not early applied the following new and amendments to HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective:

Amendments to HKFRS 10 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and

and HKAS 28 its Associate or Joint Venture¹

Amendments to HKFRS 16 Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback²

Amendments to HKAS 1 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and

related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020)²

Amendments to HKAS 1 Non-current Liabilities with Covenants²

Amendments to HKAS 7 Supplier Finance Arrangements²

and HKFRS 7

Amendments to HKAS 21 Lack of Exchangeability³

- ¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined.
- ² Effective for annual periods beginning on or 1 January 2024.
- ³ Effective for annual periods beginning on or 1 January 2025.

The Group will apply the above HKFRSs when they become effective. The Group is in the process of assessing the impact of the above HKFRSs.

The Directors anticipate that the application of all new and amendments to HKFRSs will have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Group in the future.

3 REVENUE, OTHER INCOME, GAINS AND LOSSES AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Revenue and other income, gains and losses recognised during the respective periods are as follows:

	Six months ended 31 March	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue		
Foundation and site formation works	24,349	54,988
General building works and associated services	13,247	14,418
Other construction works	32,508	12,324
Construction related consultancy services	4,971	6,145
Sales of health products	17,034	19,760
	92,109	107,635
	Six months end	ded 31 March
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Timing of revenue recognition		
A point in time	17,034	19,760
Over time	75,075	87,875
	92,109	107,635

	Six months end	ded 31 March
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Other income, gains and losses		
Bank interest income	103	139
Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	_	7
Fair value change on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	_	692
Government grants (Note)	_	67
Gain/(loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	10	(332)
Gain on lease termination	_	3
Agency commission income	1,757	3,484
Compensation from legal claims	_	3,157
Others	267	254
	2,137	7,471

Note: The amount mainly represents Employment Support Scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the "Government"). The Group had to commit to spending the assistance on payroll expenses, and not reduce employee head count below prescribed levels for a specified period of time. The Group did not have any unfulfilled conditions relating to the grant during the six months ended 31 March 2023.

Segment information

Operating segments are identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Group that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker (the "CODM"), being the executive Directors, in order for the CODM to allocate resources and to assess performance. No operating segments identified by the CODM have been aggregated in arriving at the reportable segments of the Group.

Specifically, the Group's reportable and operating segments are as follows:

- Foundation and site formation works;
- General building works and associated services;
- Other construction works;
- Construction related consultancy services; and
- Health management and consultancy business (including sales of health products, licencing and health management software development).

The CODM makes decisions according to the operating results of each segment. No analysis of segment asset and segment liability is presented as the CODM does not regularly review such information for the purposes of resources allocation and performance assessment. Therefore, only segment revenue and segment results are presented.

Segment revenue and results

	Foundation and site formation works HK\$'000	General building works and associated services HK\$'000	Other construction works <i>HK\$</i> '000	Construction related consultancy services HK\$'000	Health management and consultancy business HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
Six months ended 31 March 2024						
Segment revenue	24,349	13,247	32,508	4,971	17,034	92,109
Segment results	407	3,286	1,685	165	12,097	17,640
Other income, gains and losses Administrative and other operating						2,137
expenses Net reversal of impairment losses on financial assets and contract assets						(35,577)
Share of losses of associates Finance costs						(135) (892)
Loss before tax						16,674
	Foundation and site formation works HK\$'000	General building works and associated services <i>HK\$'000</i>	Other construction works HK\$'000	Construction related consultancy services HK\$'000	Health management and consultancy business HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$</i> '000
Six months ended 31 March 2023						
Segment revenue	54,988	14,418	12,324	6,145	19,760	107,635
Segment results	11,233	(11,675)	3,809	1,926	13,533	18,826
Other income, gains and losses Administrative and other operating						7,471
expenses Net impairment losses on financial assets and contract assets						(35,923)
Finance costs						(516)
Loss before tax						(10,279)

Segment results mainly represented gross profit or loss incurred by each segment, excluding other income, gains and losses, administrative and other operating expenses, net reversal of impairment losses/(impairment losses) on financial assets and contract assets, share of losses of associates, finance costs and income tax expenses.

Geographical information

Information about the Group's revenue from external customers is presented based on the location of operation is as follows:

	Six months end	led 31 March
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Hong Kong	75,075	87,875
The PRC	17,034	19,760
	92,109	107,635

Information about the Group's non-current assets is presented based on the geographical location of the assets:

	As at	As at
	31 March	30 September
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
The PRC	18,062	16,327
Hong Kong	4,954	6,317
	23,016	22,644

4 FINANCE COSTS

	Six months end	led 31 March
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interest on bank borrowings	619	355
Interest on lease liabilities	273	161
	892	516

5 LOSS BEFORE TAX

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	Six months end	led 31 March
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Loss before tax has been arrived at after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,437	1,500
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	3,157	2,943
Short-term lease expenses	_	90
Auditors' remuneration	550	550
Employee benefit expenses, including Directors' emoluments	24,234	16,151
Net (reversal of impairment losses)/impairment losses on financial assets		
and contract assets	(190)	137
Research and development cost (including employee benefit expenses amounted		
approximately HK\$1,770,000 (2023: approximately HK\$1,848,000))	3,046	5,525
INCOME TAX EXPENSE		
	Six months end	led 31 March
	2024	2023

	Six months en	ded 31 March
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Hong Kong profits tax – Current income tax	-	_
PRC Enterprise Income Tax - Current income tax Deferred income tax	37	14
Income tax expense	37	14

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as the Group did not have assessable profit in Hong Kong for both periods.

Under the Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax (the "EIT Law") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the PRC subsidiaries is 25%.

According to the provisions of Caishui [2022] No.13 and Guoshui [2022] No.5, certain PRC subsidiaries of the Group are eligible to enjoy preferential income tax policies for the small and low profit enterprises during the current period.

7 LOSS PER SHARE

	Six months ended 31 March	
	2024	2023
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company (HK\$'000)	(16,885)	(10,484)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic loss per share (in thousand)	800,000	800,000
Basic loss per share (HK cents)	(2.11)	(1.31)

For the six months ended 31 March 2024 and 2023, the calculation of the basic loss per share attributable to owners of the Company was based on (i) the loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company; and (ii) the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

Diluted loss per share is equal to the basic loss per share as there was no dilutive potential shares in issue during the six months ended 31 March 2024 and 2023.

8 DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 31 March 2024 (six months ended 31 March 2023: Nil).

9 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

During the six months ended 31 March 2024, the Group acquired certain items of property, plant and equipment with a cost of approximately HK\$813,000 (six months ended 31 March 2023: approximately HK\$506,000).

The Group obtains rights to control the use of certain premises and motor vehicles for a period of time through lease arrangements. During the six months ended 31 March 2024, the addition to right-of-use assets was approximately HK\$542,000 (six months ended 31 March 2023: approximately HK\$7,731,000).

10 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

31 Mar 20	ch 24	30 September 2023
HK\$*0		HK\$'000
(Unaudite	ed)	(Audited)
Trade receivables 18,9	85	25,006
Less: provision for impairment losses (4,4)	<u>31</u>)	(4,400)
14,5	54	20,606
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments 59,9	22	79,517
Less: provision for impairment losses (1	<u>10</u>)	(106)
59,8	12	79,411
74,3	66	100,017

Notes:

- (a) The Group does not have a standardised and universal credit period granted to its customers, and the credit period of individual customer is considered on a case-by-case basis and stipulated in the project contract, as appropriate.
- (b) The ageing analysis of the trade receivables based on payment certificate date and invoice date is as follows:

31 M	Iarch	30 September
	2024	2023
HK	\$'000	HK\$'000
(Unauc	lited)	(Audited)
0-30 days	8,450	11,320
31-60 days	1,216	4,650
61-90 days	1,619	668
Over 90 days	3,269	3,968
1	4,554	20,606

As at 31 March 2024, included in the Group's trade receivables balance are debtors with aggregate carrying amount of approximately HK\$11,231,000 (30 September 2023: approximately HK\$13,583,000) which are past due as at the reporting date. Out of the past due balances, HK\$2,260,000 (30 September 2023: approximately HK\$2,857,000) has been past due 90 days or more and is not considered as in default. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

11 BANK DEPOSITS, BALANCES AND CASH

	31 March	30 September
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Cash at banks	29,687	41,450
Bank balances Deposits at banks	11,908	24,554
- fixed deposits (maturing within three months)	17,779	16,896
	29,687	41,450

12 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	31 March 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	30 September 2023 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Trade payables	3,573	9,099
Retention payables	12,540	11,351
Accruals and other payables	73,252	85,647
<u>-</u>	89,365	106,097
Notes:		
The ageing analysis of the trade payables based on invoice date is as follows:		
	31 March	30 September
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
0 to 30 days	1,630	4,260
31 to 60 days	9	, _
61 to 90 days	90	2,816
Over 90 days	1,844	2,023
	3,573	9,099

Except for retention payables of approximately HK\$10,801,000 as at 31 March 2024 (30 September 2023: approximately HK\$10,231,000), which are expected to be settled after one year, all of the remaining retention payables are expected to be settled within one year.

BUSINESS REVIEW

The Group is a construction contractor in Hong Kong that principally provides (i) foundation and site formation works, which mainly include piling works, excavation and lateral support ("ELS") works, pile cap construction and ground investigation works; (ii) general building works and associated services, which mainly include development of superstructures, alteration and addition works; and (iii) other construction works, which mainly include slope works and demolition works. The Group is able to undertake construction works as either a main contractor or a subcontractor. Apart from construction works, the Group also provides construction related consultancy services including engineering consulting on construction designs and works supervision, and construction contract administration services.

As at 31 March 2024, the Group had 24 construction projects on hand (including projects in progress and projects that are yet to commence) with a total contract value of approximately HK\$203.6 million. As at 30 September 2023, the Group had 23 construction projects on hand with a total contract value of approximately HK\$341.4 million. The details of the Group's projects on hand as at 31 March 2024 are as follows:

Number	Project Award	Actual/expected commencement date	Actual/expected completion date
1	Foundation, ELS and pile cap works for proposed commercial development in Sheung Wan	June 2018	December 2024
2	Design and construct foundation and ELS works for proposed redevelopment of a building in Central	August 2020	March 2025
3	Slope works in Kwun Tung North New Development Areas	September 2020	September 2024
4	Site formation and infrastructure works in Tseung Kwan O	May 2022	August 2024
5	Foundation works for a proposed composite development in Cheung Sha Wan	August 2022	May 2024
6	Supply and installation of flexible barrier at Ap Lei Chau	September 2022	June 2024
7	Slope improvement work for a university in Shatin	December 2022	December 2024
8	Refurbishment of toilets and changing rooms at sport ground in Tuen Mun	February 2023	April 2024
9	Slope improvement work for a university in Shatin	April 2023	March 2025
10	Supply and installation of flexible barrier in Pok Fu Lam South	May 2023	June 2024
11	Supply and installation of flexible barrier in Yau Tong	May 2023	June 2024
12	Construction of canopy and associated works for a building in North Point	June 2023	April 2024
13	Slope improvement work for a university in Shatin	June 2023	August 2024
14	Slope improvement work for a university in Shatin	June 2023	August 2024
15	Foundation works to escalator for the proposed residential developmen in Discovery Bay North	September 2023	June 2024

Number	Project Award	Actual/expected commencement date	Actual/expected completion date
16	Slope remedial works in North Point	November 2023	May 2024
17	The proposed conversion work for a university in Shatin	November 2023	May 2024
18	Reconstruction works for sports facilities for a university in Shatin	February 2024	June 2024
19	Piling works for proposed industrial building in Fanling	February 2024	November 2024
20	Ground investigation works for ground water extraction in Sheung Shui	February 2024	May 2024
21	Ground investigation works for boundary fence wall in Tuen Mun	February 2024	April 2024
22	Supply and installation of flexible barrier in Lei Yue Mun	March 2024	December 2024
23	Construction of a playground in Hung Hom	March 2024	March 2025
24	Slope remedial works in Mid-Levels	April 2024	December 2024

Apart from undertaking construction works in Hong Kong, the Group also operates a health management and consultancy business in the PRC primarily involves the sales of health products on a wholesale basis. Initially, the Group sourced health products from suppliers who offered third-party brands, mainly including female hygiene products for female customers in the PRC. Having considered factors such as the growing ageing population in the PRC, the improvement of public health awareness and the recurrent outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic (the "Epidemic"), the Group has ventured into marketing health products under its own brands for customers in the middle age or older demographic in the PRC, which include Ginseng and related products developed and produced via cooperation with biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies in the PRC. In addition, the Group has also expanded its offerings to include the health intelligent robots which allow users to conduct certain basic health check-ups and seek medical and health consultation online. The revenue generated from the Group's health management and consultancy business decreased from approximately HK\$19.8 million for the six months ended 31 March 2023 to approximately HK\$17.0 million for the six months ended 31 March 2024.

OUTLOOK

The Directors are of the view that the general outlook of the construction industry and the business environment in which the Group operates will remain challenging. As the pace of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic remains slow and uneven, the economic activities still falls short of the pandemic path. The unstable international geopolitics with the outbreak of Russo-Ukrainian conflict and Israel-Hamas war has also hindered the recovery of the global economy. Besides, the monetary policies implemented by central banks to reduce the inflation by maintaining high interest rates have constrained the global economic growth. In light of the uncertain business environment, the Group will strive to adopt prudent financial management and cost control measures. Furthermore, the Group will continue to obtain additional licences and strengthen its financial resources to better position itself to tender suitable projects in the public sector as a main contractor, and strengthen its manpower and invest in its new information system to enhance its operational capacity and efficiency. Meanwhile, the Group will continue to explore suitable business and investment opportunities to drive its business growth.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

The Group's revenue decreased by approximately HK\$15.5 million, or approximately 14.4%, from approximately HK\$107.6 million for the six months ended 31 March 2023 to approximately HK\$92.1 million for the six months ended 31 March 2024. The following table sets out a breakdown of the Group's revenue during the six months ended 31 March 2023 and 2024 by segments:

	Six months ended 31 March			
	2024		2023	
	HK\$'000	%	HK\$'000	%
Foundation and site formation works	24,349	26.4	54,988	51.1
General building works and associated services	13,247	14.4	14,418	13.4
Other construction works	32,508	35.3	12,324	11.4
Construction related consultancy services	4,971	5.4	6,145	5.7
Health management and consultancy business	17,034	18.5	19,760	18.4
Total	92,109	100.0	107,635	100.0

The decrease in the Group's revenue was primarily driven by the decrease in revenue from foundation and site formation works, general building works and associate services, and construction related consultancy services. Such decrease was primarily due to (i) the decrease in number of projects undertaken for foundation and site formation works as well as construction related consultancy works; and (ii) the decrease in work performed of a sizeable general building works project during the six months ended 31 March 2024. The Group recorded an increase in revenue contributed from other construction works as a result of the increase in number of projects undertaken during the six months ended 31 March 2024. The decrease in revenue from health management and consultancy business was generally due to the decrease in sales of the health intelligent robot during the six months ended 31 March 2024.

Cost of sales

Cost of sales decreased by approximately HK\$14.3 million, or approximately 16.1%, from approximately HK\$88.8 million for the six months ended 31 March 2023 to approximately HK\$74.5 million for the six months ended 31 March 2024. Such decrease was mainly driven by the decrease in revenue.

Gross profit and gross profit margin

The gross profit decreased by approximately HK\$1.2 million, or 6.4%, from approximately HK\$18.8 million for the six months ended 31 March 2023 to approximately HK\$17.6 million for the six months ended 31 March 2024. The Group's gross profit margin was approximately 17.5% and 19.2% for the six months ended 31 March 2023 and 2024, respectively.

During the six months ended 31 March 2024, the Group's general building works and associated services recorded a turnaround from gross loss margin to gross profit margin (2023: gross loss margin of approximately 81.0%; 2024: gross profit margin of approximately 24.8%) as (i) the progress of a sizeable project which was delayed in previous year has resumed normal; and (ii) no further loss were incurred for a redevelopment project of a school with whom the Group have the disputes during the six months ended 31 March 2023. The gross profit margin of construction related consultancy services (2023: approximately 31.3%; 2024: approximately 3.3%) decreased as the revenue generated from the construction related consultancy services decreased while the costs incurred remained stable during the six months ended 31 March 2024. The gross profit margin of foundation and site formation works (2023: approximately 20.4%; 2024: approximately 1.7%) and other construction works (2023: approximately 30.9%; 2024: approximately 5.2%) decreased with relatively lower gross profit margin projects undertaken during the six months ended 31 March 2024. The Group's gross profit margin for health management and consultancy business remained relatively stable over the period in 2023 and 2024 (2023: approximately 68.5%; 2024: approximately 71.0%).

Other income, gains and losses

The other income, gains and losses decreased by approximately HK\$5.4 million from approximately HK\$7.5 million for the six months ended 31 March 2023 to approximately HK\$2.1 million for the six months ended 31 March 2024, primarily due to the decrease in agency commission income during the six months ended 31 March 2024 and the absence of the one-off compensation from legal claims received in the six months ended 31 March 2023.

Administrative and other operating expenses

Administrative and other operating expenses remained stable at approximately HK\$35.9 million and HK\$35.6 million for the six months ended 31 March 2023 and 2024, respectively.

Income tax expense

The Group recorded income tax expense of approximately HK\$37,000 for the six months ended 31 March 2024, primarily arising from the taxable profit for the PRC business during the six months ended 31 March 2024 (six months ended 31 March 2023: approximately HK\$14,000).

Loss and total comprehensive expense for the period

As a result of the foregoing, the Group recorded a loss of approximately HK\$10.3 million and approximately HK\$16.7 million for the six months ended 31 March 2023 and 2024, respectively.

Comparison of Business Strategies with Actual Business Progress

The following is a comparison of the Group's business strategies as set out in the prospectus of the Company dated 28 September 2018 (the "**Prospectus**") with actual business progress up to 31 March 2024.

Business strategies as stated in the Prospectus

Implementation activities up to 31 March 2024 as stated in the Prospectus

Progress up to 31 March 2024

Apply for additional licences

- Acquire one set of bored piling machine; one set of rock-socket piling machine; two sets of mini-piling machines and four air compressors; and maintain newly acquired machinery to fulfill plant requirements of the licenses
- Acquire a piece of land for machinery storage
- The Group has acquired the bored piling machines, rock-socket piling machine and two air compressors. On 25 August 2023, the Board resolved to change the use of the unutilised net proceeds in the amounts of approximately HK\$30.3 million as originally allocated for acquisition of certain additional machinery and a piece of land to increase the general working capital of the Group. For details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 25 August 2023 (the "UOP Announcement").
- Increase the employed capital of Po Shing Construction Limited and Fong On Construction Limited

Increase the employed capital of The Group has increased the employed Po Shing Construction Limited capital of both subsidiaries.

Business strategies as stated in the Prospectus

Implementation activities up to 31 March 2024 as stated in the Prospectus

Progress up to 31 March 2024

Fund the initial costs of the Group's construction projects Finance the working capital requirement and upfront costs for three of the Group's projects The funding costs for (i) the redevelopment of an outdoor activities centre at Stanley; (ii) the redevelopment at Sheung Wan; and (iii) the alterations and additions works for commercial building at North Point were fully utilised.

Strengthening the Group's manpower

 Recruit two project managers, two project engineers, two quantity surveyors, one safety officer, two site foremen and one mechanical fitter The Group has recruited two project managers, two project engineers, two quantity surveyors and two site foremen and one mechanical fitter.

Retain talents as recruited for this business strategy

The Group has utilised the proceeds for retaining the above newly recruited staffs to facilitate the business development.

Investment in the new information system

 Upgrade the existing hardware and acquire new computer facilities The Group has upgraded existing hardware and acquired new computer facilities.

Upgrade the accounting system
to enhance documentation
and manual procedures and
upgrade the human resources
management system to
consolidate and automate
attendance, payrolls and
retirement fund contribution

The Group has upgraded the accounting system to enhance documentation. As no human resources management system suitable for the Group's business size and structure is identified, the expected time for the upgrade of the human resources management system is delayed. The Group has continued to approach different service providers to search for suitable human resources management system for the Group.

Business strategies as stated in the Prospectus

Implementation activities up to 31 March 2024 as stated in the Prospectus

Progress up to 31 March 2024

 Upgrade the engineering and design system to facilitate the planning, designing, and managing of construction projects through automatic generation of drawings and reports, design analysis, schedule simulation and facilities management The Group has upgraded the engineering and design system.

USE OF NET PROCEEDS FROM LISTING

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The net proceeds (the "Net Proceeds") from the Listing, after deduction of the underwriting commission and actual expenses paid by the Group in connection thereto, were approximately HK\$86.6 million. After the Listing, a part of these proceeds have been applied for the purposes in accordance with the future plans and use of proceeds as set out in the Prospectus and the UOP Announcement.

The below table sets out the proposed and actual applications of the Net Proceeds from the date of the Listing to 31 March 2024:

	Planned use of							
	Net Proceeds			Net Proceeds				
	as disclosed in	Actual use of	Unutilised	utilised				
	the Prospectus	proceeds from	Net Proceeds	during the				
	and as	the date of	brought	six months	Unutilised Net	Expected		
	amended	the Listing to	forward as at	ended	Proceeds as at	timeline		
	in the UOP	30 September	1 October	31 March	31 March	for utilising		
	Announcement	2023	2023	2024	2024	the unutilised		
	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million I	HK\$ million HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	Net Proceeds
Apply for additional licences	9.2	9.2	_	_	_	N/A		
Fund the initial costs of the Group's								
construction projects	21.8	21.8	_	_	_	N/A		
Strengthening the Group's manpower	13.9	12.2	1.7	1.7	_	N/A		
Investment in the new information								
system	2.7	2.1	0.6	0.1	0.5	30 September 2024		
General working capital	39.0	20.5	18.5	18.5		N/A		
	86.6	65.8	20.8	20.3	0.5			

During the six months ended 31 March 2024, the Net Proceeds from the Listing were utilised and expected to be utilised in the manners as disclosed in the Prospectus and the UOP Announcement. Save as disclosed in the UOP Announcement, there has been no change in the use of Net Proceeds since the date of the Listing.

Up to 31 March 2024, approximately HK\$86.1 million out of the Net Proceeds had been used. The remaining unutilised Net Proceeds of approximately HK\$0.5 million were deposited in licensed banks in Hong Kong. The Company intends to apply the net proceeds in the manner as stated in the Prospectus and the UOP Announcement. The Directors will constantly evaluate the Group's business objectives and specific needs from time to time. Further announcement will be made if there are any changes on the use of Net Proceeds as and when appropriate. Such amounts are expected to be fully utilised on or before 30 September 2024.

The business objectives, future plans and planned use of Net Proceeds as stated in the Prospectus the UOP Announcement were based on the best estimation and assumption of future market conditions made by the Group at the time of preparing the Prospectus and the UOP Announcement while the Net Proceeds were applied based on the actual development of the Group's business and the industry.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE, LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The Company's shares were successfully listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange on 16 October 2018. There has been no change in the capital structure of the Group since then. The capital of the Group only comprises of ordinary shares.

The Group's operation and investments were financed principally by cash generated from its business operations, bank borrowings and equity contribution from the shareholders of the Company.

As at 31 March 2024, the Group had net current assets of approximately HK\$8.6 million (30 September 2023: approximately HK\$27.0 million) and bank balances and cash of approximately HK\$29.7 million (30 September 2023: approximately HK\$41.5 million), which were denominated in Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi and United States dollars.

As at 31 March 2024, the Group's total equity attributable to owners of the Company amounted to approximately HK\$28.7 million (30 September 2023: approximately HK\$45.7 million), and the Group's total debt comprising bank borrowings and lease liabilities amounted to approximately HK\$34.7 million (30 September 2023: approximately HK\$50.5 million), which were denominated in Hong Kong dollars and Renminbi. The bank borrowings carried interest rates at 4% and are repayable within one year. The Directors have confirmed that the Group will have sufficient financial resources to meet its obligations as they fall due in the foreseeable future. As of 31 March 2024, the Group has available banking facilities of approximately HK\$9.0 million (30 September 2023: nil), of which the unutilised banking facilities amounted to approximately HK\$9.0 million (30 September 2023: nil).

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2024, the Group is required by certain customers of its construction contracts to issue guarantees for contract performance in the form of surety bonds, amounting to approximately HK\$5.6 million (30 September 2023: approximately HK\$3.6 million). The Company and the executive Directors have provided guarantees to insurance companies to secure these surety bonds. The surety bonds are expected to be released in accordance with the terms of the respective construction contracts.

ARBITRATION

As disclosed in the announcement dated 20 January 2023, Fong On Construction Limited ("Fong On"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, is involved in certain disputes in connection to payments owed to Fong On as main contractor for carrying out certain design and construction works for a school in Hong Kong (the "School"). Fong On contends, among other things, that the School has failed and/or refused to pay Fong On in accordance with the payment terms agreed and has undervalued the works carried out (including variation works) by Fong On pursuant to the relevant contracts (the "Disputes"). On 18 January 2023, Fong On has submitted a written notice to the School requesting the Disputes to be referred to mediation in accordance with and subject to The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Construction Mediation Rules. Upon the conclusion of the mediation conference held on 9 May 2023, the parties were unable to reach a settlement agreement in relation to the Disputes.

In addition to the aforementioned mediation, Fong On has also initiated arbitration proceedings against the School with respect to the Disputes (the "Arbitration") on 18 April 2023. On 24 November 2023, the Claimant, Fong On, served its Statement of Claim upon the School and its management committee. On 10 May 2024, the School and its management committee served its Statement of Defence and Counterclaim upon Fong On. The next step in the Arbitration process is for Fong On to serve its Statement of Reply and Defence to Counterclaim by 14 June 2024. As at the date of this announcement, the Arbitration is still in its preliminary stages and hence the impacts of the Arbitration, if any, on the Company, cannot be fully assessed at this stage. The Company will make further disclosure as and when necessary or appropriately based on the progress of the Arbitration.

PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 31 March 2024, the Group has pledged certain motor vehicle with net book value amounted to approximately HK\$0.9 million (30 September 2023: approximately HK\$0.5 million) under non-cancellable lease agreement.

As at 31 March 2024, the Group paid a cash collateral of approximately HK\$1.1 million (30 September 2023: approximately HK\$1.1 million) to the insurance companies for the issuance of surety bonds in favour of certain customers of the Group, which are included in other receivables, deposits and prepayments.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS HELD, MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES, AND FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS OR CAPITAL ASSETS

During the six months ended 31 March 2024, the Group did not have any significant investments held, material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures. Save as disclosed herein, the Group did not have other plans for material investments or acquisition of capital assets as at 31 March 2024.

CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

As at 31 March 2024, the Group did not have any capital commitments (30 September 2023: Nil).

TREASURY POLICIES

The Directors will continue to follow a prudent policy in managing the Group's cash and maintaining a strong and healthy liquidity to ensure that the Group is well placed to take advantage of future growth opportunities as well as to meet its funding requirements all the time.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

For the Group's operation in Hong Kong, the major revenue and expenses are denominated in Hong Kong dollars, while there are certain monetary assets and monetary liabilities that are denominated in Renminbi and United States dollars, which would expose the Group to foreign exchange risk. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the management of the Company monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure when the need arises. For the Group's operation in the PRC, the major revenue and expenses are denominated in Renminbi.

GEARING RATIO

As at 31 March 2024, the gearing ratio of the Group, which is calculated as the total debt (comprising bank borrowings and lease liabilities) divided by total equity, was approximately 131.7% (30 September 2023: approximately 117.1%). The increase in gearing ratio was mainly due to the increase in bank borrowings during the period.

EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Suspension of duties of an executive Director

As disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 13 May 2024, the Board was made aware through published news that Mr. Sun Wei ("Mr. Sun"), an executive Director, is alleged to be involved in a potential financial fraud (the "Incident") in the PRC and the Incident is currently under investigation by relevant authorities in the PRC.

On 13 May 2024, the Board convened a meeting to discuss the Incident but was unable to directly contact or reach Mr. Sun to obtain further information regarding the Incident. Having considered the above circumstances and in order to alleviate any concerns among the shareholders of the Company and the public, the Board has resolved to suspend all duties and powers of Mr. Sun as the executive Director with immediate effect until further notice.

The Company is currently assessing the impact of the Incident on the Group and will seek advice from its legal advisors in relation to the Incident. The Board will continue to closely monitor the development of the Incident and further announcement(s) will be made by the Company as and when appropriate.

Save as otherwise disclosed in this announcement, the Board is not aware of any other significant events requiring disclosure that have taken place subsequent to 31 March 2024 and up to the date of this announcement.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

No dividend was paid, declared or proposed during the six months ended 31 March 2024. The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 31 March 2024 (six months ended 31 March 2023: Nil).

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES

As at 31 March 2024, the Group had 210 employees (31 March 2023: 172 employees). The increase in the number of employees was mainly attributable to the staff recruitment in the health management and consultancy business in the PRC for business development. Total staff costs for the six months ended 31 March 2024 amounted to approximately HK\$24.2 million (six months ended 31 March 2023: approximately HK\$18.0 million). Employees are remunerated based on their qualifications, position and performance. The remuneration offered to employees generally includes salaries, allowances and discretionary bonus. Various types of training were provided to the employees.

SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group's reportable and operating segments are as follows: (i) foundation and site formation works; (ii) general building works and associated services; (iii) other construction works; (iv) construction related consultancy services; and (v) health management and consultancy business. Details of the segmental information of the Group is disclosed in Note 4 of the notes to the interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of this announcement.

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 31 March 2024.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS OF LISTED ISSUERS

The Company has adopted the Model Code set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules as the code of conduct regulating securities transactions by the Directors. Having made specific enquiry of all Directors (except for Mr. Sun), all Directors (except for Mr. Sun) have confirmed that they have fully complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code during the six months ended 31 March 2024. Given the unavailability of Mr. Sun and the ongoing investigation into the Incident, the Company has been unable to seek his confirmation regarding compliance with the Model Code. The Board has suspended Mr. Sun's duties and powers as an executive Director with effect from 13 May 2024. For details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 13 May 2024.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company's share option scheme (the "Scheme") was adopted pursuant to resolutions passed on 17 September 2018 as to attract and retain the best available personnel, to provide additional incentive to employees (full-time and part-time), directors, consultants, advisers, distributors, contractors, suppliers, agents, customers, business partners or service providers of the Group and to promote the success of the business of the Group.

Under the Scheme, the Board may, at their absolute discretion and subject to the terms of the Scheme, grant any employee (full-time or part-time), director, consultant or adviser of the Group, or any substantial shareholder of the Group, or any distributor, contractor, supplier, agent, customer, business partner or service provider of the Group, options to subscribe for shares of the Company. The basis of eligibility of any participant to the grant of any option shall be determined by the Board from time to time on the basis of his contribution or potential contribution to the development and growth of the Group.

The maximum number of shares issuable upon exercise of all options to be granted under the Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company as from the adoption date must not in aggregate exceed 10% of all the shares in issue as at the date of approval of the Scheme and any other share schemes of the Company (the "Scheme Mandate Limit"). The Scheme Mandate Limit may be refreshed once every three years by obtaining approval of the Company's shareholders in general meeting provided that the total number of Company's shares which may be issued upon exercise of all options to be granted under the Scheme and any other share options schemes of the Company must not exceed 10% of the Company's shares in issue as at the date of approval of the refreshed limit. No options may be granted under the Scheme or any other share option schemes of the Company if this will result in the Scheme Mandate Limit being exceeded.

The total number of shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the options granted to each participant (including both exercised and outstanding options) under the Scheme or any other share option schemes of the Company in any 12-month period up to date of grant shall not exceed 1% of the shares of the Company in issue. Where any further grant of options in excess of such limit, such further grant must be separately approved by shareholders of the Company in general meeting with such grantee and his/her close associates abstaining from voting.

Share options granted to a director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company, or any of their respective associates must be approved by the independent non-executive Directors (excluding any independent non-executive director who is the grantee). Where any share options granted to a substantial shareholder or an independent non-executive director of the Company, or any of their respective close associates would result in the total number of shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of all options already granted and to be granted to such person under the Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company (including options exercised, cancelled and outstanding) in any 12-month period up to and including the date of such grant representing in aggregate over 0.1% of the shares of the Company in issue and having an aggregate value in excess of HK\$5 million must be approved by the Company's shareholders at the general meeting of the Company, with voting to be taken by way of poll.

An offer for the grant of options must be accepted in writing within 7 days inclusive of the day on which such offer was made. The amount payable by the grantee of an option to the Company on acceptance of the offer for the grant of an option is HK\$1. An option may be exercised in accordance with the terms of the Scheme at any time during a period as the Board may determine which shall not exceed ten years from the date of grant subject to the provisions of early termination thereof.

The subscription price shall be a price solely determined by the Board and notified to a participant and shall be at least the highest of: (i) the closing price of the Company's shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet on the date of grant of the option, which must be a business day; (ii) the average of the closing prices of the Company's shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for the 5 business days immediately preceding the date of grant of the option; and (iii) the nominal value of the Company's share on the offer date of grant of the option.

The Scheme will remain in force for a period of ten years commencing on 17 September 2018 and shall expire at the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the tenth anniversary thereof unless terminated earlier by the shareholders at a general meeting of the Company. As at the date of this announcement, the Scheme had a remaining life of approximately four years.

As at 31 March 2024, the number of share options available for grant under the Scheme was 80,000,000 (30 September 2023: 80,000,000). During the six months ended 31 March 2024, no share option was granted, exercised, expired, lapsed or cancelled and there is no outstanding share option under the Scheme. As such, no shares of the Company may be issued in respect of options granted under all share schemes of the Company during the six months ended 31 March 2024.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICE

The Company is committed to achieving and maintaining high standards of corporate governance, as the Board believes that good and effective corporate governance practices are key to obtain and maintain the trust of the shareholders of the Company and other stakeholders, and are essential for encouraging accountability and transparency so as to sustain the success of the Group and to create long-term value for the shareholders of the Company. The Company has adopted the principles and code provisions in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") as set out in Appendix C1 of the Listing Rules. The Company has fully complied with the CG Code during the six months ended 31 March 2024 and up to the date of this announcement.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") was established on 17 September 2018. The chairman of the Audit Committee is Mr. Pang Ka Hang, the independent non-executive Director, and other members include Mr. Leung Bing Kwong Edward and Mr. Wong Chun Nam, the independent non-executive Directors. The written terms of reference of the Audit Committee are posted on the Stock Exchange's website and on the Company's website.

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

The Company has complied with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules in that at least one of the members of the Audit Committee (which must comprise a minimum of three members and must be chaired by an independent non-executive Director) is an independent non-executive Director who possesses appropriate professional qualifications or accounting related financial management expertise.

The Group's interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 31 March 2024 have not been audited nor reviewed by the Company's independent auditors. The Audit Committee has reviewed the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and the interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 31 March 2024 with the management.

By order of the Board
Ri Ying Holdings Limited
Lau Chi Wang
Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 23 May 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Dr. Lau Chi Wang, Mr. Lau Chi Ming, Dr. Lau Chi Keung, Mr. Sun Wei (duties suspended) and Ms. Lau Yan Ki Patricia as executive Directors; Mr. Leung Bing Kwong Edward, Mr. Pang Ka Hang and Mr. Wong Chun Nam as independent non-executive Directors.