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PERSISTENCE RESOURCES GROUP LTD

集海資源集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 2489)

2024 FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT

The board (the "**Board**") of directors (the "**Directors**") of Persistence Resources Group Ltd (the "**Company**") is pleased to announce the unaudited results (the "**First Quarterly Report**") of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "**Group**") for the first quarter ended 31 March 2024 (the "**Reporting Period**"). This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the Inside Information Provisions under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

The First Quarterly Report of the Company is unaudited. The audit committee of the Company has reviewed the results of the Group for the first quarter ended 31 March 2024.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME OR LOSS

2024 2023 RMB'000 2004 RMB'000 2024 RMB'000 REVENUE 109,224 94,720 Cost of sales (51,677) (47,412) Gross profit 57,547 47,308 Other income and gains 5,018 2,254 Administrative expenses (9,843) (6,852) Other expenses (698) (262) Finance costs (698) (827) PROFIT BEFORE TAX 51,429 41,621 Income tax expense (15,130) (13,238) PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD 36,299 28,383 Attributable to: 0wners of the parent 26,167 20,317 Non-controlling interests 36,299 28,383 EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE 36,299 28,383 EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE 36,299 28,383 Basic and diluted RMB0.01 RMB0.01		Three months ended 31 March	
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Basic and diluted RMB0.02 RMB0.01	TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF		
	Basic and diluted	RMB0.02	RMB0.01

Three months ended		
31 Mar	ch	
2024	2023	
RMB'000	RMB'000	

OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME OR LOSS

Other comprehensive income/(loss) that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods: Exchange differences on translation of financial		
statements of subsidiaries	95	(863)
Other comprehensive income that may not be	95	(863)
reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods: Exchange differences on translation of financial		
statements of the Company		
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR		
THE PERIOD, NET OF TAX	95	(863)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR		
THE PERIOD	36,394	27,520
Attributable to:		
Owners of the parent	26,262	19,454
Non-controlling interests	10,132	8,066
	36,394	27,520

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	31 March 2024 <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	31 December 2023 <i>RMB</i> '000 (audited)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	341,211	342,520
Right-of-use assets	110,120	110,885
Intangible assets	116,250	117,843
Deferred tax assets	7,184	6,727
Other long-term assets	6,230	3,732
Total non-current assets	580,995	581,707
CURRENT ASSETS		
Inventories	20,998	21,821
Prepayments, other receivables and other assets	3,943	7,901
Restricted and pledged deposits	19,241	19,232
Cash and cash equivalents	609,066	586,840
Current portion of other long-term assets	400	400
Total current assets	653,648	636,194
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade payables	12,927	10,273
Other payables and accruals	16,542	29,055
Deferred income	128	170
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	30,000	30,000
Tax payable	90,310	99,914
Provision	1,305	1,305
Current portion of other long-term liabilities	7,369	7,369
Total current liabilities	158,581	178,086
NET CURRENT ASSETS	495,067	458,108
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,076,062	1,039,815

31 March	31 December
2024	2023
RMB'000	RMB'000
(unaudited)	(audited)
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Provision 25,253	25,091
Other long-term liabilities 23,861	23,878
Deferred tax liabilities 14,619	14,911
Total non-current liabilities 63,733	63,880
NET ASSETS 1,012,329	975,935
EQUITY	
Equity attributable to owners of the parent	
Share capital 18,172	18,172
Reserves 835,878	809,616
854,050	827,788
Non-controlling interests 158,279	148,147
TOTAL EQUITY 1,012,329	975,935

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW

	Three months ended 31 March	
	2024	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit before tax	51,429	41,621
Adjustments for:		
Finance costs	698	827
Depreciation of items of property,		
plant and equipment	10,226	7,128
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	2,583	2,359
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,593	1,752
	66,529	53,687
Decrease in inventories	823	56
Decrease/(increase) in prepayments, other receivables and		
other assets	3,958	(940)
Increase in trade payables	2,654	2,773
Increase in restricted and pledged bank deposits	(9)	(11)
Decrease in other payables and accruals	(6,840)	(4,941)
Cash generated from operations	67,115	50,624
Tax paid	(25,483)	(2,749)
Net cash flows from operating activities	41,632	47,875
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of items of property, plant and equipment	(16,194)	(10,669)
Additions to intangible assets	(157)	_
Additions to right-of-use assets	(1,818)	(240)
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(18,169)	(10,909)

	Three months ended 31 March	
	2024	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payment of listing expenses	(936)	_
Repayment of advances from related parties	_	(231)
Repayment of other long-term liabilities	(110)	(267)
Interest paid	(286)	(369)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	(10,000)	_
Contribution from non-controlling shareholders	10,000	
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(1,332)	(867)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	22,131	36,099
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	586,840	282,187
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	95	(863)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	609,066	317,423
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash and cash equivalents	609,066	317,423
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS STATED IN THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL		
POSITION AND STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS	609,066	317,423
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PERSISTENCE RESOURCES GROUP LTD NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the three months ended 31 March 2024

1. CORPORATE AND GROUP INFORMATION

Persistence Resources Group Ltd (the "**Company**" or "**Group**") is a limited liability company incorporated in the Cayman Islands. The address of the registered office of the Company is PO Box 309, Ugland House, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands.

The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "**Group**") were involved in the mining, processing and sale of gold bullion in the People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**").

In the opinion of the directors, the holding company of the Company is Majestic Gold Corp., which was incorporated in the province of British Columbia, Canada.

Information about subsidiaries

Particulars of the Company's subsidiaries are as follows:

Name	Notes	Place and date of incorporation/ registration and place of operations		Percentage of equity interest attributable to the Company	Principal activities
Directly held: Majestic Yantai Gold Ltd.*	(1)	British Virgin Islands/ 1 July 2004	USD50,000	100%	Investment holding
Indirectly held: 煙台中嘉礦業有限公司 Yantai Zhongjia Mining Co., Ltd. ("Yantai Zhongjia") **	(2)	PRC/Chinese Mainland/ 17 March 2005	RMB228,705,500	75%	Mining, processing and sale of gold

* This company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

** This company is a subsidiary indirectly owned by the Company.

The English name of the subsidiary registered in the PRC represents the best efforts made by management of the Company to translate the Chinese name of this company as it does not have an official English name.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

These unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") (which include all International Financial Reporting Standards, International Accounting Standards ("IASs") and Interpretations) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss which have been measured at fair value. These financial statements are presented in Renminbi ("RMB") and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise indicated.

Since these unaudited consolidated financial statements do not include all disclosures required by the International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**") for annual financial statements, they should be read in conjunction with the Company's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries for the three months ended 31 March 2024. A subsidiary is an entity (including a structured entity), directly or indirectly, controlled by the Company. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee (i.e., existing rights that give the Group the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee).

Generally, there is a presumption that a majority of voting rights results in control. When the Company has less than a majority of the voting or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

- (a) the contractual arrangement with the other vote holders of the investee;
- (b) rights arising from other contractual arrangements; and
- (c) the Group's voting rights and potential voting rights.

The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the Company, using consistent accounting policies. The results of subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which the Group obtains control, and continue to be consolidated until the date that such control ceases.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the parent of the Group and to the non-controlling interests, even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance. All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

The Group reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control described above. A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary, without a loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction.

If the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the related assets (including goodwill), liabilities, any non-controlling interest and the exchange fluctuation reserve; and recognises the fair value of any investment retained and any resulting surplus or deficit in profit or loss. The Group's share of components previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss or retained profits, as appropriate, on the same basis as would be required if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities.

2.2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND DISCLOSURES

The Group has adopted the following new and revised IFRSs for the first time for the current year's financial statements.

Amendments to IFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
Amendments to IAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
	(the "2020 Amendments")
Amendments to IAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants
	(the "2022 Amendments")
Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7	Supplier Finance Arrangements

The nature and the impact of the new and revised IFRSs that are applicable to the Group are described below:

- (a) Amendments to IFRS 16 specify the requirements that a seller-lessee uses in measuring the lease liability arising in a sale and leaseback transaction to ensure the seller-lessee does not recognise any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retains. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024 and shall be applied retrospectively to sale and leaseback transactions entered into after the date of initial application of IFRS 16 (i.e., 1 January 2019). Earlier application is permitted. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial statements.
- (b) The 2020 Amendments clarify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or noncurrent, including what is meant by a right to defer settlement and that a right to defer must exist at the end of the reporting period. Classification of a liability is unaffected by the likelihood that the entity will exercise its right to defer settlement. The amendments also clarify that a liability can be settled in its own equity instruments, and that only if a conversion option in a convertible liability is itself accounted for as an equity instrument would the terms of a liability not impact its classification. The 2022 Amendments further clarify that, among covenants of a liability arising from a loan arrangement, only those with which an entity must comply on or before the reporting date affect the classification of that liability as current or non-current. Additional disclosures are required for non-current liabilities that are subject to the entity complying with future covenants within 12 months after the reporting period. The amendments shall be applied retrospectively with early application permitted. An entity that applies the 2020 Amendments early is required to apply simultaneously the 2022 Amendments, and vice versa. The Group is currently assessing the impact of the amendments and whether existing loan agreements may require revision. Based on a preliminary assessment, the amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial statements.
- (c) Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7 clarify the characteristics of supplier finance arrangements and require additional disclosure of such arrangements. The disclosure requirements in the amendments are intended to assist users of financial statements in understanding the effects of supplier finance arrangements on an entity's liabilities, cash flows and exposure to liquidity risk. Earlier application of the amendments is permitted. The amendments provide certain transition reliefs regarding comparative information, quantitative information as at the beginning of the annual reporting period and interim disclosures. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial statements.

2.3 ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

The Group has not applied the following revised IFRSs, that have been issued but are not yet effective, in these financial statements. The Group intends to apply these revised IFRSs, if applicable, when they become effective.

Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an investor and
	its Associate or Joint Venture ¹
Amendments to IAS 21	Lack of Exchangeability ²

¹ No mandatory effective date yet determined but available for adoption

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

Further information about those IFRSs that are expected to be applicable to the Group is described below.

Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28 address an inconsistency between the requirements in IFRS 10 and in IAS 28 in dealing with the sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture. The amendments require a full recognition of a gain or loss resulting from a downstream transaction when the sale or contribution of assets constitutes a business. For a transaction involving assets that do not constitute a business, a gain or loss resulting from the transaction is recognised in the investor's profit or loss only to the extent of the unrelated investor's interest in that associate or joint venture. The amendments are to be applied prospectively. The previous mandatory effective date of amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28 was removed by the IASB. However, the amendments are available for adoption now.

Amendments to IAS 21 specify how an entity shall assess whether a currency is exchangeable into another currency and how it shall estimate a spot exchange rate at a measurement date when exchangeability is lacking. The amendments require disclosures of information that enable users of financial statements to understand the impact of a currency not being exchangeable. Earlier application is permitted. When applying the amendments, an entity cannot restate comparative information. Any cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments shall be recognised as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained profits or to the cumulative amount of translation differences accumulated in a separate component of equity, where appropriate, at the date of initial application. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial statements.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

I. RESULTS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

GOLD PRODUCTION

For the three months ended 31 March 2024 (the "**Reporting Period**"), the Group's total gold production volume was approximately 220.4kg (or approximately 7,086.7 ounces), representing a decrease of approximately 4.4% as compared to that of the three months ended 31 March 2023 (the "**Comparable Period**"). The decrease in total gold production was mainly due to temporary pause of mining activities of the underground mine during February 2024 as the supply of explosive was restricted as well as underground mine staff were on annual leave in celebration of the Chinese New Year during February 2024.

REVENUE

For the Reporting Period, the Group's revenue was approximately RMB109,224,000 (Comparable Period: RMB94,720,000), representing an increase of approximately 15.3% over the Comparable Period. The increase was mainly due to a higher average selling price of approximately 17.3% and partially offset by decrease in sales volume by 1.7%.

NET PROFIT

For the Reporting Period, the Group's net profit was approximately RMB36,299,000 (Comparable Period: RMB28,383,000), representing an increase of approximately 27.9% over the Comparable Period. The increase in net profit was primarily due to the increase in gross profit as a result of the higher average selling price, as well as an increase in interest income earned on the Group's cash and cash equivalent balances and was partially offset by an increase in administrative expenses following the Group's HKEX listing as well an increase in research and development costs which are included in administrative expenses.

EARNINGS PER SHARE

For the Reporting Period, the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent amounted to approximately RMB0.02 (Comparable Period: RMB 0.01), representing an increase of approximately 100% over the Comparable Period.

II. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

REVENUE

For the Reporting Period, the Group's revenue was approximately RMB109,224,000 (Comparable Period: RMB94,720,000), representing an increase of approximately 15.3% as compared to the Comparable Period. The increase was mainly due to a higher average selling price of approximately 17.3% and partially offset by a decrease in sales volume by 1.7%.

COST OF SALES

For the Reporting Period, the Group's cost of sales was approximately RMB51,677,000 (Comparable Period: RMB47,412,000), representing an increase of approximately 9.0% as compared to the Comparable Period.

GROSS PROFIT AND GROSS PROFIT MARGIN

During the Reporting Period, the Group's gross profit was approximately RMB57,547,000 (Comparable Period: RMB47,308,000), representing an increase in gross profit of approximately 21.6%. The increase in gross profit was primarily due to the increase in average selling price.

During the Reporting Period, the Group's gross profit margin was approximately 52.7% (Comparable Period: 49.9%), representing an increase in gross profit margin of approximately 5.5% as compared to the Comparable Period. The increase was mainly attributable to the increase in average selling price by 17.3% and partially offset by the increase in the cost of sales by 9%.

OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

During the Reporting Period, the Group's other income and gains were approximately RMB5,018,000 (Comparable Period: RMB2,254,000), representing an increase of approximately 122.6% over the Comparable Period. The increase in other income and gains was mainly due to an increase in interest income earned on the Group's cash and cash equivalent balances.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The Group's administrative expenses were approximately RMB9,843,000 during the Reporting Period (Comparable Period: RMB6,852,000), representing an increase of approximately 43.7% as compared to the Comparable Period. The increase is due to higher administrative expenses following the Group's HKEX listing in December 2023, as well an increase in research and development costs which are included in administrative expenses.

OTHER EXPENSES

For the Reporting Period, the Group's other expenses were approximately RMB595,000 (Comparable Period: RMB262,000), representing an increase of approximately 127.1% as compared to the Comparable Period. The increase was mainly attributable to an increase in foreign exchange loss for the Reporting Period.

FINANCE COSTS

For the Reporting Period, the Group's finance costs were approximately RMB698,000 (Comparable Period: RMB827,000), representing a decrease of approximately 15.6% as compared to the Comparable Period. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease in the effective interest rate on the Group's loans for the Reporting Period.

PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE PARENT

For the Reporting Period, the Group's profit attributable to the owners of the parent was approximately RMB26,167,000, representing an increase of approximately 28.8% from approximately RMB20,317,000 in Comparable Period. The increase was mainly due to the increase in the net profit after tax.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The working capital and funds required by the Group are mainly derived from its cash flows generated from operations, bank borrowings and capital injection from shareholders, while the Group's capital for operating activities is mainly utilized to provide funding for purchase of raw materials, various operating expenses and capital expenditure. The cash and cash equivalents of the Group are RMB609,066,000 as at 31 March 2024. The liquidity of the Group and its working capital and finance requirements is closely monitored by the Board on a regular basis.

CASH FLOWS AND WORKING CAPITAL

The Group's cash and cash equivalents have increased from approximately RMB586,840,000 as at 31 December 2023 to approximately RMB609,066,000 as at 31 March 2024. The increase was primarily attributable to cash generated from the Group's operating activities. The Group's working capital as at 31 March 2024 was RMB498,067,000, compared to RMB458,108,000 as at 31 December 2023.

As at 31 March 2024, the cash and cash equivalents of the Group denominated in Hong Kong dollars amounted to approximately RMB183,507,000 (Comparable Period: RMB1,168,000), those denominated in Canadian dollars amounted to approximately RMB628,000 (Comparable Period: RMB592,000), those denominated in United States dollars amounted to approximately RMB118,768,000 (Comparable Period: RMB54,244,000). All other cash and cash equivalents held by the Group are denominated in RMB.

BORROWINGS

As at 31 March 2024, the Group had outstanding bank borrowings of RMB30,000,000 (Comparable Period: RMB30,000,000). The Group's borrowings are all denominated in RMB with fixed interest rates.

GEARING RATIO

The Group monitors capital using gross gearing ratio which is total debt divided by total equity and net gearing ratio which is net debt divided by total capital plus net debt. Total debt includes interest bearing bank borrowings. Net debt includes interest-bearing bank borrowings, lease liabilities, amounts due to related parties, trade payables, financial liabilities included in other payables and accruals, and other long-term liabilities, less cash and cash equivalents. Capital represents equity attributable to owners of the parent.

MARKET RISKS

The Group is exposed to a variety of financial risks such as interest rates risk, credit risk, foreign currency risk and liquidity risk. Generally, the Group introduces conservative strategies on its risk management. The Group has not used any derivatives and other instruments for hedging purposes. The Group does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

GOLD PRICES AND OTHER COMMODITIES PRICES RISKS

The Group's revenue and profit were affected by fluctuations in the gold prices and other commodity prices as all of our products were sold at market prices and such fluctuations in prices were beyond our control. Our revenue is generated from the sale of gold bullion refined by third party smelters derived from gold concentrate processed by us, with reference to the prevailing Au (T+D) spot price as quoted on the Shanghai Gold Exchange. Historically, while the gold price has increased in value over time, it has fluctuated widely and there can be no assurance that the gold price will not continue to fluctuate in the future or that such prices will otherwise remain at sufficiently high levels to support our profitability and cash flow.

INTEREST RATE RISK

The Group's exposure to risk for changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the Group's interest-bearing bank borrowings. The Group had not used any derivative financial instruments to hedge interest rate risk during the Reporting Period, and obtains all bank borrowings with a fixed rate.

CREDIT RISK

The Group trades only with recognised and creditworthy customers with no requirement for collateral. It is the Group's policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures. In order to minimise the credit risk, the Group reviews the recoverable amount of each individual trade receivable periodically and management also has monitoring procedures to ensure the follow-up action is taken to recover overdue receivables. The balances of trade receivables were nil as at 31 March 2024. In this regard, the directors of the Company consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK

The Group's transactions are mainly denominated in Renminbi. As such, the fluctuations in exchange rates may affect international and domestic gold prices, which may therefore affect the Group's operating results. The Group has currency exposures mainly arising from cash at banks denominated in USD and CAD. At present, the Group does not intend to seek to hedge its exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations. The Group constantly monitors the economic situation and the Group's foreign exchange risk profile and will consider appropriate hedging measures in the future should the need arise.

RISK OF CHANGE IN INDUSTRY POLICIES

An array of laws, regulations and rules on the gold mining and refining industry in China constitutes the external regulatory and legal environment for the Company's ordinary and continuous operation and have great influence on the Company's business development, production and operation (including licences and permits), etc. Changes in relevant industry policies may have corresponding effects on the Company's production and operation.

PLEDGE

As at 31 March 2024, except RMB19,241,000 of pledged deposits represented environmental rehabilitation deposits placed in banks for environmental rehabilitation of land the Group developed for the mine as required under the relevant PRC laws and regulations, the Group has not pledged any assets.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

As at 31 March 2024, the Group's total capital commitments in respect of the contracted costs which were not provided for in the financial statements were nil (31 March 2023: Nil).

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2024, the Group had no material contingent liabilities.

The Board wishes to remind investors that the above financial and business data are based on the Group's unaudited management accounts. Investors are cautioned not to unduly rely on such data.

The Company's shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in securities of the Company.

By order of the Board **Persistence Resources Group Ltd Shao Xuxin** Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 24 May 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Dr. Shao Xuxin, Mr. Mackie James Thomas, Mr. Lo Cheuk Kwong Raymond and Mr. Chen Shaohui as executive Directors; and Dr. Malaihollo Jeffrey Francis A, Mr. Chan Ngai Fan, Dr. Zeng Ming and Ms. Liu Li as independent non-executive Directors.