



## Eco-Tek Holdings Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

Stock Code : 8169

# Healthy Environment

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Dong Shan Water Supply Plant 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

東山水廠十週年紀念

## 2017 Annual Report



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# Corporate Information

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR

### Executive Directors

WU Cheng-wei (*Chairman*)

LEUNG Wai Lun

### Non-Executive Director

LUI Sun Wing

### Independent Non-Executive Directors

CHAU Kam Wing Donald

CHAN Siu Ping Rosa

NI Jun

## COMPLIANCE OFFICER

LEUNG Wai Lun

## COMPANY SECRETARY

YIM Wai Man

## AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES

LEUNG Wai Lun

YIM Wai Man

## CAYMAN ISLANDS ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Codan Trust Company (Cayman) Limited

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

CHAU Kam Wing Donald (*Chairman*)

CHAN Siu Ping Rosa

NI Jun

## REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

CHAN Siu Ping Rosa (*Chairman*)

CHAU Kam Wing Donald

NI Jun

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE

CHAU Kam Wing Donald (*Chairman*)

CHAN Siu Ping Rosa

NI Jun

## AUDITOR

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Certified Public Accountants

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## PRINCIPAL BANKERS

Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited

Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited

The Bank of East Asia, Limited

## GEM STOCK CODE

8169

## WEBSITE ADDRESS

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# Chairman's Statement

I am pleased to report to our valued shareholders and investors the results of Eco-Tek Holdings Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively called the "Group") for the financial year ended 31 October 2017.

During the year ended 31 October 2017, revenue of our industrial environmental products business, water supply plant business and general environmental protection related products and services accounted for 80%, 19% and 1% respectively of the Group's revenue. The industrial environmental products business contributed majority of the Group's revenue and its revenue increase by 39% when compared with that of last year while the performance of the water supply plant business was relatively stable for the year ended 31 October 2017.

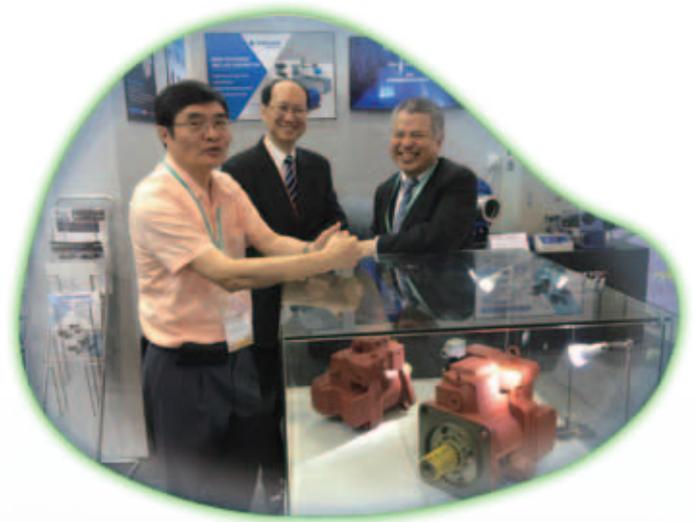
The revenue of the Group for the year ended 31 October 2017 increased by 30% to HK\$105,454,000 when compared with that of the last year (2016: HK\$81,321,000) as the sales of our industrial environmental products business increased under the effort of our sales team and a relatively better environment for PRC industrial market. National Bureau of Statistics of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") (the "Bureau of Statistic of the PRC") recently announced that the China's gross domestic product (the "PRC GDP") growth for the year 2017 was 6.9% and the manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) was 51.6 in December 2017 above the threshold 50 indicating the China manufacturers' expansion in purchasing activities. Although, there are challenges of ongoing economic deleveraging in the PRC, the Central Government's ongoing stimulus measures are expected to maintain PRC GDP growth for the year 2018 at a similar level to the year 2017.

The Group recorded a profit attributable to owners of the Company amounted to HK\$5,136,000 for the year ended 31 October 2017 while the Group recorded a loss attributable to owners of the Company amounted to HK\$16,441,000 for the year ended 31 October 2016.

Looking forward, although foreign currency market became uncertain, global economy conditions continues to improve at a steady pace especially most developed economies become stable. We hope all these positive trends will continue in year 2018. In the process of transforming the Chinese economy to the "new normal" era with the new growth model emphasizing domestic consumption and quality, there are risks of decline in demand of low-end machinery and equipment but also opportunities under the national strategies of "Energy Conservation and Emission Reduction". Leverage on the Group's past experience in this area, the Group will source supply of new products or services which fulfill the policy of energy conservation and emission reduction in China, although we will monitor the situation cautiously and adjust our development plan accordingly.



# Chairman's Statement



Our water supply plant in Tianjin (the “Dong Shan Water Supply Plant”) has the exclusive right to supply processed water to certain areas inside and near Baodi District of Tianjin City including Jing-Jin New City. We were glad that Dong Shan Water Supply Plant was the only water supply plant within Tinjain City which was exempted from the government’s water quality on-field investigation for the period from year 2012 to 2017. Under the Beijing-Tangshan Intercity Railways and Tianjin Binhai New Area Intercity Railway (together as the “New Intercity Railways”), the construction works of Baodi Station was started. It was believed that the completion of the New Intercity Railways will promote the integrative and cooperative economic development of the Baodi District and Jing-Jin New City which will benefit the Dong Shan Water Supply Plant. Year 2017 was the tenth anniversary for the Dong Shan Water Supply Plant, we have confidence that its future will be more prosperous in next decade.

On behalf of the board and our management team, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the shareholders, customers and business partners for their supports and cooperation. I hereby express my heartfelt gratitude to all the Directors for their supports and contributions, and committed staff for their diligence and effort, which have contributed to the business development of the Group in the past year.

**WU Cheng-wei**

*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 23 January 2018

# Biographical Details of the Directors and Senior Management

Biographical details of the Directors of the Company and the senior management of the Group are set out as follows:

## CHAIRMAN

Mr. WU Cheng-wei, aged 58, is the executive Director. He has over 29 years of experience in the engineering field and extensive experience in developing the Taiwan and international markets. From 1997 to 2003 and from 2009 to 2015, Mr. WU was Chairman of the Plastic & Rubber Machinery Committee of the Taiwan Association of Machinery Industry (“TAMI”), and a director of TAMI from 2003 to 2006. Currently, he is Chairman of the Trade Coordination Committee of TAMI, the Chief Editor of the Plastic and Rubber Machinery, Machinery Monthly Magazine, a member of each of the National Standards & Technologies Committee and the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection under the Ministry of Economic Affairs, R.O.C. the General Manager of an engineering company. Mr. WU holds an Executive Master degree of Business Administration from the National Central University (Taiwan) and a Master of Engineering Manufacturing Management from the University of South Australia. He joined the Company in December 2015 as non-executive Director and re-designated as executive Director in September 2016. Mr. WU took up the role as Chairman on 27 April 2017.

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The position of Chief Executive Officer remains vacant. The responsibilities of the chief executive officer were taken up by executive Directors during the year.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. LEUNG Wai Lun, aged 58, is an executive Director of the Company. He has over 20 years of experience in operations and employee management and development and over 30 years of experience in the engineering field. He is a Senior Fellow of The Professional Validation Centre of Hong Kong Business Sector and a Fellow of the Association of Chartered and Certified Accountants (UK). Mr. LEUNG holds a degree in Master of Business Administration from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a degree in Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of Hong Kong. He is a member of each of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (UK), The Institution of Engineering & Technology (UK), and Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (USA). Mr. LEUNG joined the Company in September 2015.

Mr. WU Cheng-wei — Please refer to the paragraph under “CHAIRMAN” above for his profile.

# Biographical Details of the Directors and Senior Management

## NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Dr. LUI Sun Wing, aged 67, is the non-executive Director. He is a former Vice-President of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University responsible for partnership development. Dr. Lui was also the former chief executive officer of the Institute for Enterprise, the PolyU Technology and Consultancy Company Limited and the Hong Kong Enterprise Limited. Prior to joining the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Dr. LUI was the Branch Director of the Hong Kong Productivity Council in charge of the Materials and Process Branch which provides R & D, consultancy and training services in new materials, advanced manufacturing and environmental technologies to the industry. He obtained his degree of doctor of philosophy in mechanical engineering from the University of Birmingham in UK. Dr. LUI is the Founding Chairman of the Society of Automotive Engineers — HK, Former President of the Hong Kong Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology as well as Honorary Presidents and Honorary Advisors of various commercial, industrial and professional associations. He was appointed as a non-executive director of the Company on 16 January 2001. Dr. LUI also sits as an independent and non-executive director of Shanghai Electric Group Company Limited (Stock code: 2727) and Human Health Holdings Limited (Stock code: 1419) both are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange.

## INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. CHAU Kam Wing, Donald, aged 54, is an independent non-executive Director. He has over 25 years of experience in auditing, taxation and financial management and has been appointed as financial controller of a number of companies listed in Hong Kong. Mr. CHAU obtained a Master Degree in Business Administration from the University of San Francisco, USA and is a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a practicing member of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Chartered Accountants. He is a finance director of Winox Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 6838), an independent non-executive director of China Water Affairs Group Limited (Stock Code: 855) and Carpenter Tan Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 837) which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. Mr. CHAU is an independent non-executive director of Zhejiang Chang'an Renheng Technology Co. Ltd (Stock Code: 8139) and Ching Lee Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 8318), which are listed on the GEM Board of the Stock Exchange. He joined the Company in March 2008. Mr. CHAU is also the Chairman of the audit committee and nomination committee of the Company, and a member of the remuneration committee of the Company.

Ms. CHAN Siu Ping Rosa, aged 58, is an independent non-executive Director. She has over 30 years of experience in management, production and marketing in manufacturing industry. Ms. CHAN holds directorship in several private companies. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in business administration from the Simon Fraser University in Canada. Ms. CHAN joined the Company in August 2002. She is also the chairman of the remuneration committee and a member of the nomination committee and the audit committee of the Company.

Professor NI Jun, aged 56, is an independent non-executive Director. He is now a professor of the Mechanical Engineering Department in the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan, USA. Professor NI graduated from Shanghai Jiaotong University with a Bachelor degree in mechanical engineering in 1982 and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Master degree in mechanical engineering in 1984. He also obtained his Ph.D in mechanical engineering in 1987 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After that, Professor NI joined the University of Michigan as research fellow in 1987 and promoted to the professor in 1997. Currently, he serves as a director in various non-profit research centres such as the S.M. Wu Manufacturing Research Centre. Professor NI joined the Company in February 2003 and is a member of the audit, remuneration and nomination committees of the Company.

# Biographical Details of the Directors and Senior Management

## SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. CHEUNG Yuk, aged 36, is the director of subsidiaries under the Group's water supply plant business, namely Asian Way International Limited and Tianjin Asian Way Estate Development Co Limited. Mr. CHEUNG has studied in the department of public management study of Xiamen University from year 2003 to 2007 and joined the Group in year 2008.

Mr. ZHENG Xiao Bo, aged 47, is the chief sales officer under the Group's industrial environmental products business. He obtained his Bachelor degree in electrical engineering from the Anhui Agricultural University in year 1994. Mr. ZHENG was the engineer of purchase department, sales engineer of hydraulic components of several private PRC companies and multi-national business before he joined the Group in year 2006.

Mr. WU Wen Qing, aged 45, is the sales manager under the Group's industrial environmental products business. He obtained his Bachelor degree in applied computer study from the Guangdong University of Technology in year 2002. Mr. WU was the researcher, mechanical engineer and manager of logistic department of several private PRC companies before he joined the Group in year 2008.

Mr. ZHOU Zhi Cong, aged 34, is the sales manager under the Group's industrial environmental products business. He obtained his Bachelor degree in civil engineering from the South China University of Technology in year 2011. Mr. ZHOU was the human resources manager and head of engineering department of several private PRC companies before he joined the Group in year 2010.

Mr. YIM Wai Man, aged 47, is the company secretary and the financial controller of the Group since September 2011. He has over 23 years of experience in auditing, taxation and finance fields. Mr. YIM obtained a Master degree in Business Administration from The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

# Management Discussion and Analysis

## BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

During the year ended 31 October 2017, revenue of industrial environmental products business, water supply plant business and general environmental protection related products and services business accounted for 80%, 19% and 1% respectively of the Group's total revenue.

Under the effort of our sales team and the recovery of the market of the industrial environmental products business in this year, the revenue of the industrial environmental products business for the year ended 31 October 2017 has significantly increased by 39% to HK\$83,985,000 for the year ended 31 October 2017 as compared with that of last year (2016: HK\$60,425,000).

The Bureau of Statistic of the PRC recently announced that the China's gross domestic product (the "PRC GDP") growth for the year 2017 was 6.9% and the manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) was 51.6 in December 2017 above the threshold 50 indicating the China manufacturers' expansion in purchasing activities. Although, there are challenges of ongoing economic deleveraging in the PRC, the Central Government's ongoing stimulus measures were expected to maintain PRC GDP growth for the year 2018 at a similar level to the year 2017. In the process of transforming the Chinese economy to the "new normal" era with the new growth model emphasizing domestic consumption and quality, there are risks of decline in demand of low-end machinery and equipment but also opportunities under the national strategies of "Energy Conservation and Emission Reduction". Leverage on the Group's past experience in this area and deep understanding of the needs of our clients, the Group will source supply of new products or services which fulfil the policy of energy conservation and emission reduction in PRC, although we will monitor the situation cautiously and adjust our development plan accordingly.

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## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Group's revenue for the year ended 31 October 2017 was HK\$105,454,000, an increase 30% as compared with the last year (2016: HK\$81,231,000) because of the significant increase in the revenue of the industrial environmental products business.

Gross profit for the year ended 31 October 2017 was HK\$31,118,000, representing an increase of 49% as compared with last year (2016: HK\$20,940,000) due to increase of the Group's revenue and gross profit margin. The gross profit margin of the Group for year ended 31 October 2017 has been improved to 30% (2016: 26%) due to Japanese Yen's depreciation which was the Group's major currencies in purchase transaction of the industrial environmental products business. Since Renminbi is of the Group's major selling currencies while the Japanese Yen is one of the Group's major purchase currencies, their exchange rate fluctuations may significantly affect the gross profit margin of the Group, we will cautiously monitor their fluctuations and take measures to deal with, if necessary.

The Group's other income for the year ended 31 October 2017 was amounted to HK\$1,881,000, an increase of 56% as compared with that of last year (2016: HK\$1,205,000) due to increase of agency income in this year.

# Management Discussion and Analysis

The Group's administrative expenses for the year ended 31 October 2017 was amounted to HK\$22,540,000, which was 4% less than that of last year (2016: HK\$23,459,000) due to decrease of exchange loss. The Group's selling expenses for the year ended 31 October 2017 was amounted to HK\$2,269,000 which was higher than last year (2016: HK\$2,203,000) as exhibition expense was incurred in this year but no such item in last year. The Group's other operating expenses for the year ended 31 October 2017 was amounted to HK\$131,000 (2016: HK\$185,000).

The Group is subject to taxation in various jurisdictions and judgement is required in determining the amount of provision and the payment of taxation in accordance with the tax laws of the respective jurisdictions. Where the final tax outcome might be different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such difference will impact the income tax provisions. There was no under-provision for taxation has been made for the year ended 31 October 2017 while under-provision for taxation of HK\$205,000 has been made for the year ended 31 October 2016. During this financial year ended 31 October 2017, the Group has made further tax provision of HK\$775,000 (2016: HK\$11,734,000) after taking into account the up-to-date development of the Inland Revenue Department's review.

The Group recorded a profit attributable to owners of the Company amounted to HK\$5,136,000 for the year ended 31 October 2017 while the Group recorded a loss attributable to owners of the Company amounted to HK\$16,441,000 for the year ended 31 October 2016.

## LIQUIDITY AND FINANCE RESOURCES

During the year under the review, the Group financed its operations by internally generated cash flow, banking facilities provided by banks and shareholder loans. As at 31 October 2017, the Group had net current assets of approximately HK\$33,932,000 (31 October 2016: HK\$21,295,000) including bank balances and cash of approximately HK\$18,340,000 (31 October 2016: HK\$16,796,000). The current ratio, being the ratio of current assets to current liabilities, was approximately 1.9 as at 31 October 2017 (31 October 2016: 1.6). As at 31 October 2017, the Group's inventory turnover was about 74 days (31 October 2016: 80 days) and the Group's accounts receivable turnover was about 98 days (31 October 2016: 78 days).

## CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The Shares of the Company were listed on the GEM board of the Stock Exchange on 5 December 2001. Except for the share options under the pre-IPO share option scheme were exercised at the exercise price of HK\$0.01 per share, resulting in the issue of 96,740,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each for a total consideration of HK\$967,000 in November 2005, there has been no material change in the capital structure of the Company since that date. The capital of the Group comprises only ordinary shares.

## GEARING RATIO

The gearing ratio (define as the total borrowing over total equity, including non-controlling interests) was approximately 18% as at 31 October 2017 (31 October 2016: 20%).

## TREASURY POLICIES

The Group adopts a conservative approach towards its treasury policies. The Group strives to reduce exposure to credit risk by performing ongoing credit evaluations of the financial conditions of its customers. To manage liquidity risk, the Board closely monitors the Group's liquidity position to ensure that the liquidity structure of the Group's assets, liabilities and commitments can meet its funding requirement.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

The Group's purchases are denominated in Sterling Pounds, Japanese Yen, Euro and US Dollars. The sales of the Group are predominantly in RMB and Hong Kong Dollars. The Group will review and monitor from time to time the risk relating to foreign exchanges.

# Management Discussion and Analysis

## CHARGE ON GROUP ASSETS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 31 October 2017, the Group had pledged its bank deposits of approximately HK\$9,020,000 (31 October 2016: HK\$9,020,000) to secure its banking facilities. Save as aforesaid, the Group did not have any other significant contingent liabilities as at 31 October 2017 (2016: Nil).

## INFORMATION ON EMPLOYEES

As at 31 October 2017, the Group had 65 employees (2016: 65) working in Hong Kong, Macau and PRC. Employees are remunerated according to their performance and work experience. On top of basic salaries, discretionary bonus and share option may be granted to eligible staff by reference to the Group's performance as well as individual's performance. The total staff cost (including remuneration of the Directors and mandatory provident funds contributions) for the year ended 31 October 2017 amounted to approximately HK\$13,030,000 (2016: HK\$13,115,000). The dedication and hard work of the Group's staff during the year ended 31 October 2017 are generally appreciated and recognized.

## MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS OR DISPOSAL OF SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES

During the year ended 31 October 2017, the Group did not have any material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries and affiliated companies.

# Corporate Governance Report

The Company recognizes the importance of good corporate governance to safeguard the interest of the Company's shareholders and achieved these by an effective board, segregation of duties with clear accountability, sound internal controls, appropriate risk assessment procedures and transparency to all the shareholders. Throughout the year ended 31 October 2017, the Company has complied with the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report (the "Code") contained in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules except the following:

The code provision A.6.7 of the Code requires that independent non-executive directors and other non-executive directors shall attend general meetings and develop a balanced understanding of the view of shareholders. Professor Ni Jun, the independent non-executive director and Ms. Chan Siu Ping Rosa the independent non-executive director were unable to attend the annual general meeting the Company held on 23 April 2017 as Professor Ni Jun was out of town and Ms. Chan Siu Ping Rosa was busy for other business.

This report describes the corporate governance standards and practices used by the Company to direct and manage its business affairs. It also explains the application of the Code and deviations, if any.

## DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company adopted the required standard of dealings set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions in securities of the Company. Based on specific enquiry with the Directors, all Directors confirmed that they had fully complied with the required standard of dealings and there was no event of non-compliance throughout the year under review.

## THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board guides and monitors the business and affairs of the Company and ensures that it is managed in the best interests of the shareholders as a whole while taking into account the interest of other stakeholders. The board is primary responsible for formulating the business strategy, reviewing and monitoring the business performance of the Group, approving the financial statements and annual budgets as well as directing and supervising the management of the Company. Execution of operational matters and relevant authority thereof are delegated to the management by the board with clear directions. The board is provided with monthly management update report to give a balanced and understandable assessment of the performance, position, recent development and prospect of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") in sufficient details.

### Composition

As at the date of this report, the board of Directors comprises two executive directors namely Mr. WU Cheng-wei (Chairman), Mr. LEUNG Wai Lun and, one non-executive director, namely Dr. LUI Sun Wing, three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. CHAU Kam Wing Donald, Ms. CHAN Siu Ping Rosa, and Professor NI Jun. Details of the Chairman and the other directors of the Company are set out in the section "Biographical Details of the Directors and Senior Management" of this report.

In compliance with Rules 5.05A, 5.05(1) and (2) of the GEM Listing Rules, the Company has appointed three independent non-executive Directors representing more than one-third of the board and at least one of whom has appropriate professional qualifications, or accounting or related financial management expertise. The Company has received from each independent non-executive Director an annual confirmation of his independence and the Company considers such directors to be independent in accordance with each and the various guidelines set out in Rule 5.09 of the GEM Listing Rules.

With the various experience of both the executive Directors and the non-executive Directors and the nature of the Group's business, the board considered that the Directors have a balance of skills and experience for the business of the Group.

# Corporate Governance Report

## BOARD DIVERSITY POLICY

The Group adopted a board diversity policy (the “Board Diversity Policy”) on 28 August 2013. A summary of this policy, together with the measurable objectives set for implementing this policy, and the progress made towards achieving those objectives are disclosed as below.

### Summary of Board Diversity Policy

The Company recognized and embraced the benefits of having a diverse board to the quality of its performance. The Board Diversity Policy aimed to set out the approach to achieve diversity on the board. In designing the board’s composition, board diversity has been considered from a numbers of measurable aspects including gender, age, ethnicity, knowledge and length of services. All board appointments will be based on meritocracy, and candidates will be considered against objective criteria, having due regards for the benefits of diversity on the board.

### Measurable objectives

Selection of candidates will be based on a range of diversity perspectives, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of services. The ultimate decision will be based on merit and contribution that the selected candidates will bring to the board.

### Implementation and Monitoring

The nomination committee reviewing the board’s composition under diversified perspectives, and monitored the implementation of the Board Diversity Policy annually.

As at the date of this report, the Board’s composition under diversified perspectives was summarized as follows:



INED: Independent Non-executive Director

NED: Non-Executive Director

ED: Executive Director

The nomination committee has reviewed the Board Diversity Policy to ensure its effectiveness and considered that the Group achieved the Board Diversity Policy.

# Corporate Governance Report

## BOARD MEETING

During regular meetings of the board, either in person or by means of electronic communication, the Directors discuss and formulate the overall strategies of the Group, monitor financial performances and discuss the annual and interim and quarterly results, as well as discuss and decide on other significant matters.

The Company Secretary is responsible to the board for providing with board papers and related materials, for ensuring that all board procedures and all applicable laws, rules and regulations are followed, and for reporting to the Chairman and the board on governance matters. All Directors have unrestricted access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary. The Company Secretary also keeps minutes of all meetings which are available for inspection at any reasonable time on reasonable notice by any Director.

In case where a conflict of interest may arise involving a substantial shareholder or a Director, such matter, will be considered and dealt with the board discussed at a duly convened board meeting. Independent non-executive Directors with no conflict of interest will be presented at meetings dealing with such conflict issues. The board committees, including the audit committee, the remuneration committee and the nomination committee, have all adopted the applicable practices and procedures used in board meetings for all committee meetings. If considered to be necessary and appropriate by the Directors, they may retain independent professional advisors at the Group's expense.

## CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer are separate and not performed by the same individual to avoid power being concentrated in any one individual. Ms. HUI Wai Man Shirley was the Chairman of the Board up to her retirement on 27 April 2017. Mr. WU Cheng-wei has taken up the role of Chairman of the board since then. The position of chief executive officer of the Company remains vacant. The responsibilities of the chief executive officer were taken up by executive Directors.

## TERMS OF APPOINTMENT AND RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

All the existing non-executive Directors were appointed for specific terms not more than three years. All Directors shall retire from office by rotation and are subject to re-election at annual general meeting at least once every three years. According to the Company's articles of association, Directors who are appointed to fill casual vacancies shall hold office only until the next following general meeting after their appointment, and are subject to re-election by shareholders.

## CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All Directors, including non-executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors, should keep abreast of their collective responsibilities as Directors and of the business and activities of the Group. The Company will provide a comprehensive induction to each newly appointed Director on his/her first appointment in order to enable he/she has appropriate understanding of the business and operations of the Group and that he/she is fully aware of his/her responsibility and obligations under the GEM Listing Rules and relevant regulatory requirements.

# Corporate Governance Report

The Company provides continuing briefings and professional development to Directors to update on the latest development in relation to the GEM Listing Rules and other applicable regulatory requirements as well as the Group's business and governance. The relevant materials were also sent to the Directors who were not available to attend the briefing session for their information. A summary of the continuous professional developments in relation to regulatory update, the duties and responsibility of the Directors and the business of the Group received by the Directors for the year ended 31 October 2017 is as follows:

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Trainings</b>
<b>Executive Directors</b>	<b>Type of trainings</b>
Mr. WU Cheng-wei	A
Mr. LEUNG Wai Lun	A
Mr. KWOK Tsun Kee <sup>#</sup>	A
<b>Non-executive Directors</b>	
Ms. HUI Wai Man Shirley <sup>*</sup>	A
Dr. LUI Sun Wing	A,B
<b>Independent Non-executive Directors</b>	
Mr. CHAU Kam Wing Donald	A,B
Ms. CHAN Siu Ping	A
Professor NI Jun	A

<sup>#</sup> Mr. KWOK Tsun Kee resigned on 18 November 2016

<sup>\*</sup> Ms. HUI Wai Man retired on 27 April 2017

A: attending training session/briefings/seminars/forums/workshops/conference

B: reading materials in relation to regulatory updates, the duties and responsibility of the Directors and the business of the Group

During the year ended 31 October 2017, the Company Secretary has attended relevant professional seminars to update his skills and knowledge as required under the GEM Listing Rules 5.15. He will continue to comply with the GEM Listing Rules to take no less than 15 hours of relevant professional training in each financial year.

## BOARD COMMITTEES & CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FUNCTIONS

The board has established three board committees, namely, the remuneration committee, the nomination committee and the audit committee, for overseeing particular aspects of the Company's affairs. All board committees have been established with defined written terms of reference, which are posted on the GEM's website [www.hkgem.com](http://www.hkgem.com) and the Company's website at [www.eco-tek.com.hk](http://www.eco-tek.com.hk). All the board committees should report to the board on their decisions or recommendations made.

The practices, procedures and arrangements in conducting meetings of board committees follow in line with, so far as practicable, those of the board meetings set out in above.

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All board committees are provided with sufficient resources to perform their duties and, upon reasonable request, are able to seek independent professional advice in appropriate circumstance, at the Company's expense.

The board is responsible for performing the corporate governance duties set out in the Code which included developing and reviewing the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance, training and continuous professional development of Directors, and reviewing the Company's compliance with the code provision in the Code and disclosures in this report.

## REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The remuneration committee was established in March 2005. The chairman of the committee is Ms. CHAN Siu Ping Rosa, an independent non-executive Director, and other members included Mr. CHAU Kam Wing Donald and Professor NI Jun, all of them are independent non-executive Directors. The written terms of reference of the remuneration committee are posted on the GEM website and the Company's website.

The remuneration committee has been charged with the responsibility of making recommendations to the board on the appropriated policy and structures for all aspect of Directors and senior management remuneration. The remuneration committee considers factors such as salaries paid by comparable companies, time commitment and responsibilities of the Directors, employment conditions elsewhere in the Group and desirability of performance-based remuneration. The remuneration committee has reviewed the remuneration packages and emoluments of Directors and senior management and considered that are fair and reasonable during the year.

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The nomination committee was established in February 2006. The chairman of the committee is Mr. CHAU Kam Wing Donald, an independent non-executive Director, and other members included Ms. CHAN Siu Ping Rosa and Professor NI Jun, all of them are independent non-executive Directors. The written terms of reference of the nomination committee are posted on the GEM website and on the Company's website.

The primary duties of the nomination committee are mainly to review the structure, size and composition of the board and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the board to complement the Company's corporate strategy; identify suitable candidates for appointment as directors; make recommendations to the board on appointment or re-appointment of an succession planning for directors; and assess the independence of independent non-executive Directors.

The nomination committee considered the past performance, qualification, general market conditions, the board diversity and the Company's articles of association in selecting and recommending candidates of directorship. The nomination committee discussed and reviewed the re-election of Directors.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee was established in December 2001. The chairman of the audit committee is Mr. CHAU Kam Wing Donald, an independent non-executive Director, and other members included Ms. CHAN Siu Ping Rosa and Professor NI Jun, all of them are independent non-executive Directors. The written terms of reference of the audit committee are posted on the GEM website and on the Company's website.

The primary duties of the audit committee are mainly to review the financial information and reporting system, risk management and internal controls 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, risk managements or other matters of the Company.

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The Company has complied with Rules 5.28 of the GEM 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 audit committee held four meetings during the year. The Group's unaudited quarterly results for the 3 months ended 31 January 2017, 9 months ended 31 July 2017 and unaudited interim results for the 6 months ended 30 April 2017 as well as audited annual results for the year ended 31 October 2017 have been reviewed by the audit committee, which was of the opinion that the preparation of such results complied with the applicable accounting standards and requirements and that adequate disclosure have been made.

## ATTENDANCE RECORD AT MEETINGS

The attendance record of each Director at board meetings, audit committee meetings, remuneration committee meeting, nomination committee meetings and general meeting during the year ended 31 October 2017 is set out in the following table:

Directors	Board Meeting	Audit Committee Meeting	Nomination Committee Meeting	Remuneration Committee Meeting	General Meeting
<b>Number of meetings held</b>	7	4	3	2	1
	<b>Number of meetings attended/Number of meetings held</b>				
<b>Executive Directors</b>					
Mr. WU Cheng-wei	4/7	–	–	–	1/1
Mr. LEUNG Wai Lun	7/7	–	–	–	1/1
Mr. KWOK Tsun Kee *	0/7	–	–	–	0/1
<b>Non-executive Directors</b>					
Ms. HUI Wai Man Shirley <sup>#</sup>	4/7	–	–	–	1/1
Dr. LUI Sun Wing	7/7	–	–	–	1/1
<b>Independent non-executive Directors</b>					
Mr. CHAU Kam Wing Donald	6/7	4/4	3/3	2/2	1/1
Ms. CHAN Siu Ping Rosa	7/7	4/4	3/3	2/2	0/1
Professor NI Jun	1/7	1/4	0/3	0/2	0/1

\* Mr. KWOK Tsun Kee resigned on 18 November 2016

<sup>#</sup> Ms. HUI Wai Man Shirley retired on 27 April 2017

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for the preparation of consolidated financial statement that give a true and fair view in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard issued by Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the disclosure requirement of the Hong Kong Company Ordinance and the GEM Listing Rules. The Directors have selected appropriate account policies and applied them consistently; made judgements and estimate that are prudent and reasonable, and have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. The Directors' responsibilities in the preparation of the financial statements and the auditors' responsibilities are set out in the Auditors' Report in this annual report.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The fees in respect of audit services provided by the independent auditors to the Group for the year ended 31 October 2017 amounted approximately HK\$680,000 (2016: HK\$680,000). The fees in respect of tax services provided by BDO Tax Limited, an affiliate company of the Group's independent auditor BDO Limited, for the year ended 31 October 2017 amounted approximately HK\$140,000 (2016: Nil).

## RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The board acknowledges its responsibility for overseeing the Group's risk management and internal control systems and reviewing their effectiveness at least annually through the audit committee. The Group has established an organizational structure with defined levels of responsibility and reporting procedures. The management assists the board and/or the audit committee in the review of effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control on an ongoing basis. The directors are kept regularly apprised of significant risks that may impact the Group's performance.

Appropriate policies and controls have been designed and established to ensure that assets are safeguarded against improper use or disposal, relevant rules and regulations are adhered to and complied with, reliable financial accounting records are maintained in accordance with relevant accounting standards and regulatory reporting requirements, and key risks that may impact on the Group's performance are appropriately identified and managed. The system and internal controls can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss, as they are designed to manage, rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives.

The Group's risk management framework and the responsibilities of each delegated group within it are as follows:

### **Board**

- Determine the business strategies and objectives of the Group, and evaluates and determines the nature and extent of risks it is willing to take in achieving the Group's strategic objectives;
- Ensure that the Group establishes and maintains appropriate and effective risk management and internal control systems; and
- Oversees management in the design, implementation and monitoring of the risk management and internal control systems.

### **Audit Committee**

- Assists the Board to perform its responsibilities of risk management and internal control systems;
- Oversees the Group's risk management and internal controls systems on an ongoing basis;
- Reviews the effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems annually;
- Ensures the adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programs and budgets of the Group's accounting, internal control matters and financial reporting functions; and
- Considers major findings on risk management and internal control matters, and reports and makes recommendations to the Board.

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## Management

- Designs, implements and maintains appropriate and effective risk management and internal control systems;
- Identifies, evaluate and manages the risks that may potentially impact the major process of the operations;
- Monitors risks and takes measures to mitigate risks in day-to-day operations; and
- Follow up the findings on risk management and internal control materials raised by independent external risk advisory firm review and take prompt remedial action to improve the systems.

## Independent external risk advisory firm review

- Review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal controls system of different operations; and
- Reports to the Audit Committee the findings of the review and make recommendations to the Board and management to improve the material systems deficiencies or control weakness identified.

The Group did not set up its own internal audit team after taking into account the size and complexity of the operations of the Group and potential costs of setting up an internal audit team. Instead of having its own internal audit team, a review of internal controls systems of different operations was conducted by an independent external risk advisory firm (the "Risk Advisory Firm") annually since November 2008 to ensure the effective and adequate internal controls system. The annual review reports from the Risk Advisory Firm was presented to the Board and reviewed by the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee and the Board were not aware of any area of concern that would have a material impact on the Group's financial position or results of operations and considered the risk management and internal control systems to be generally effective and adequate during the year under review.

## DISSEMINATION OF INSIDE INFORMATION

The Group is committed to a consistent practice of timely, accurate and sufficiently detailed disclosure of material information about the Group. The Group has adopted a Policy on Disclosure of inside information which sets out the obligations, guidelines and procedures for handling and dissemination of inside information. With those guidelines and procedures, the Group has management controls in place to ensure that potential inside information can be promptly identified, assessed and escalated for the attention of the Board to decide about the need for disclosure.

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## COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTOR RELATIONS

The Company has adopted shareholders communication policy with objective of ensuring that the shareholders and potential investors are provided with ready, equal and timely access to balanced and understandable information about the Company.

The Company has established several channels to communicate with the shareholders as follows:

- (I) corporate communications such as annual reports, quarterly reports, interim reports and circulars are issued printed form and are available on the GEM website “www.hkgem.com” and the Company’s website at “www.eco-tek.com.hk”;
- (II) periodic announcements are made through the Stock Exchange and published on the respective websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company;
- (III) corporate information is made available on the Company’s website;
- (IV) annual and special general meetings provide a forum for the shareholders to make comments and exchange views with the Directors and senior management; and
- (V) the Hong Kong share registrar of the Company serves the shareholders in respect of share registration, dividend payment and related matters.

The Company keeps on promoting investor relations and enhancing communication with the existing shareholders and potential investors. It welcomes suggestions from investors, stakeholders and the public. Enquiries to the board or the Company may be sent by post to the Company’s principal place of business in Hong Kong.

During the year ended 31 October 2017, there is no significant change in the Company’s memorandum and articles of association.

## SHAREHOLDERS’ RIGHT

As one of the measures to safeguard shareholders’ interest and rights, separate resolutions are proposed at shareholders’ meetings on each substantial issue, including the election of individual Directors, for shareholders’ consideration and voting. All resolutions put forward at shareholders’ meeting will be voted by poll pursuant to the GEM Listing Rules and the poll voting results will be posted on the GEM website and the Company’s website after the relevant shareholders’ meeting.

Extraordinary general meeting may be convened by the board on requisition of shareholders holding not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company or by such shareholders who made the requisition (the “Requisitionists”) (as the case may be) pursuant to Article 58 of the articles of association. Such requisition must state the object of business to be transacted at the meeting and must be signed by the Requisitionists and deposited at the registered office of the Company or the Company’s principal place of business in Hong Kong. Shareholders should follow the requirements and procedures as set out in such Article for convening an extraordinary general meeting. Shareholders may put forward proposals with general meeting of the Company by sending the same to the Company at the principal office of the Company in Hong Kong.

For putting forward any enquiries to the Board, shareholders may send written enquiries to the Company. Shareholders may send their enquiries or requests in respect of their rights to the Company’s principal place of business in Hong Kong.

# Directors' Report

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements of Eco-Tek Holdings Limited (the "Company") and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the year ended 31 October 2017.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company was incorporated with limited liability in the Cayman Island. The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. Details of the principal activities of its subsidiaries are set out in note 35 to the consolidated financial statements. There were no significant changes in the nature of the Group's principal activities during the year.

## RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 October 2017 and the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group at that date are set out in the consolidated financial statements on pages 39 to 86. The Directors do not recommended the payment of a final dividend for the year ended 31 October 2017.

## CLOSURE OF THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The forthcoming annual general meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 19 April 2018 (the "AGM"). For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 17 April 2018 to Thursday, 19 April 2018, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares of the Company will be registered. In order to attend and vote at the AGM, unregistered holders of shares of the Company should ensure that all share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Union Registrars Limited, Suites 3301-04, 33/F., Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 16 April 2018.

## SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A summary of the published results and assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years, as extracted from the audited financial statements, is set out on pages 87 to 88 in the annual report. This summary does not form part of the audited consolidated financial statements.

## PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment of the Group during the year are set out in note 15 to the consolidated financial statements.

## SHARE CAPITAL AND SHARE OPTIONS SCHEMES

Details of the Company's share capital and share option schemes are set out in notes 25 and 14 to the consolidated financial statements respectively.

## RESERVES

Details of movements in the reserves of the Company and the Group are set out in note 26 to the consolidated financial statements.

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## PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

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

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

Details of the significant related party transactions entered into by the Group during the year ended 31 October 2017 are set out in note 31 to the consolidated financial statements. To the best knowledge of the Directors, none of these related party transactions constitutes connected transactions that need to be disclosed under the GEM Listing Rules.

## DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

At 31 October 2017, the Company's reserves available for distribution, calculated in accordance with the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands, amounted to approximately HK\$17,556,000. This includes the Company's share premium in the amount of approximately HK\$30,537,000 at 31 October 2017, which may be distributable to the shareholder of the Company provided that immediately following the date on which the dividend is proposed to be distributed, the Company will be in a position to pay off its debts as and when they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

## MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

During the year, sales to the Group's five largest customers accounted for approximately 34% (2016: 40%) of the Group's total sales for the year and the largest customer included therein amounted to approximately 9% (2016: 11%).

Purchases from the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for approximately 85% (2016: 82%) of the Group's total purchases for the year and purchase from the largest supplier included therein amounted to approximately 51% (2016: 41%).

None of the Directors of the Company, or any of his associates or shareholders (which, to the best knowledge of the Directors, own more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital), had any beneficial interest in the Group's five largest customers or suppliers.

## BUSINESS REVIEW

A review of the Group's business during the year and analysis of the Group's performance using financial key performance indicators and prospectus of the Group's business are provided in sections headed "Chairman's Statement" on page 3 to 4 and "Management Discussion and Analysis" on pages 8 to 10 of the annual report and the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

## RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

Our Group's financial condition, results of operations and business prospects may be affected by a number of risks and uncertainties directly or indirectly pertaining to our Group's businesses. The followings are the key risks and uncertainties identified by our Group. There may be other risks and uncertainties in addition to those shown below which are not known to our Group or which may not be material now but could turn out to be material in the future.

# Directors' Report

## **Risk relating to the Industry**

The industrial environmental product Business of the Group depends substantially on the global economic and market conditions. During period of slowing economic growth or recession, consumer spending may drop as they are less willing to spend money. As one of the Group's key businesses of industrial environmental products applied in industrial production lines, a drop in customer spending power could lead to a drop in demand for industrial production lines which in turn lower the demand of our products and thereby adversely affecting our results of operations and financial condition. To manage and reduce the risk, the Board intends to carefully plan and monitor any expansion of industrial environmental products business in caution. Besides, the Group has invested in water supply plant business which was less affected by the global economic and market conditions. The percentage of water supply plant business's revenue to the Group's total revenue had been increased from year 2011 around 9% to around 19% in year 2017.

## **Risk relating to concentration of suppliers**

The largest and top five suppliers of the Group accounted for approximately 51% and 85% of our total purchase (2016: 41% and 82% respectively). There is no assurance that our business relationship with our supplies will continue in the future. To reduce the risk, the Group has expanded its supplier base for high quality suppliers in which it has achieved an improvement. The Group has also developed its own products which produced through reliable subcontractors to secure sources of products supply.

## **Risks relating to conducting business in the PRC**

Our results, financial condition and prospects are to a significant degree subject to the economic, political and legal developments of the PRC, as substantial part of our assets and business operation are located in PRC. The economic political and social conditions, as well as government policies, including taxation policies, could affect our business. To manage the risk, the Board has appointed certain senior management to closely monitor economic, political legal, institutional and social developments in the PRC, and maintained conservative treasury policy in cash management, such as holding cash in Hong Kong and Macau.

## **Risk relating to products' competitiveness**

Under the industrial environmental product business, the Group imported industrial environmental products from foreign suppliers to customers in the PRC. Those imported products' competitiveness was affected by local competition, innovation of technology and fluctuation of foreign currency exchange rate which may affect our results, financial condition and prospects. To manage the risks, the Group focused to import high quality industrial environmental products which are relatively difficult to be substituted by local PRC products. Through exhibitions, the latest products trend and technologies were closely monitored. The Group has developed its own products to enhance its products competitiveness. Through expansion in the Group's supplier base in different countries, the Group has diversified its products mix and alleviates the concentration of particular foreign currency during purchase. If necessary, foreign currency exchange rate of purchase transactions may be locked through hedging.

## **Financial risks**

Details of financial risks are set out in note 32 to the consolidated financial statements.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND PERFORMANCE**

The Group is committed to enhancing environmental protection to minimize the impact of its activities on the environment, and compliance with applicable environmental laws. It is policy of the Group to promote clean operation and strives to making the most efficient use of resources in its operations, and minimizing wastes and emission. The Group achieves this through actively re-designing its activities and operation that encourage and promote recycling of resources, using environmental friendly raw materials and reviewing operations constantly to ensure that the processes are effective and efficient.

# Directors' Report

## RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The Group is committed to operate in a sustainable manner while balancing the interests of its various stakeholders including customers, suppliers and employee. This includes providing the Group's customers with the good quality products, and timely, appropriate pre/after sales services. Similarly, the Group views its suppliers not just vendors but as strategic partners, important links in its supply chain. The Group's procurement policy is to maintain good relationship and communications with suppliers under the principal of mutual trust. The Group considers its employees the key to sustainable business growth. Workplace safety is priority of the Group, and with due awareness of all employees throughout the year, the Group was able to maintain safety workplaces.

## COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Group's operations are mainly carried out by the Company's subsidiaries in Mainland China, Macau and Hong Kong, while the Company listed on the GEM board of the Stock Exchange. The Group accordingly shall comply with relevant laws and regulations in Mainland China, Macau and Hong Kong and the respective places of incorporation of the Company and its subsidiaries.

During the year and up to the date of this annual report, the Board was unaware of any non-compliance with relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the business and operations of the Group.

## DIRECTORS

The Directors of the Company (the "Board") during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

### Executive Directors

Mr. WU Cheng-wei (*Chairman*) (re-designated as Chairman on 27 April 2017)

Mr. LEUNG Wai Lun

Mr. KWOK Tsun Kee (resigned on 18 November 2016)

### Non-executive Directors

Ms. HUI Wai Man Shirley (retired on 27 April 2017)

Dr. LUI Sun Wing

### Independent non-executive Directors

Mr. CHAU Kam Wing Donald

Ms. CHAN Siu Ping Rosa

Professor NI Jun

In accordance with the Company's articles of association, Mr. WU Cheng-wei and Professor NI Jun will retire by rotation and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

## DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS

None of the Directors proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has an unexpired service contract with the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries, which is not determinable by the employing company within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

## DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S BIOGRAPHIES

Biographical details of the Directors of the Company and the senior management of the Group are set out on pages 5 to 7 of the annual report.

# Directors' Report

## EMOLUMENTS OF DIRECTORS AND FIVE HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS

Details of the emoluments of the directors of the Company and the five highest paid individuals of the Group are set out in notes 12 and 13 to the consolidated financial statements, respectively.

## DIRECTORS' INTEREST IN SIGNIFICANT CONTRACTS

Save as the related party transactions and connected transactions disclosed in note 31 to the consolidated financial statements, no Director had a material interest, either directly or indirectly, in any contract of significance to the business of the Group to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party during the year.

## MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

As at 31 October 2017, the Company did not enter into or have any management and administration contracts in respect of the whole or any principal business of the Company.

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

So far as is known to the Directors or chief executives of the Company, as at 31 October 2017, the following persons (other than Directors or chief executives of the Company) had, or were deemed or taken to have 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 by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

### Long positions in ordinary shares of the Company

Name	Capacity and nature of interest	Number of ordinary shares held as at 31 October 2017	Percentage to the Company's issued share capital as at 31 October 2017
Cititrust (Cayman) Limited ( <i>Note 1</i> )	Through a unit trust and controlled corporation	344,621,200	53.06
Wide Sky Management (PTC) Limited ( <i>Note 1</i> )	Through a controlled corporation	344,621,200	53.06
Team Drive Limited ( <i>Note 1</i> )	Directly beneficially owned	344,621,200	53.06
BOS Trust Company (Jersey) Limited ( <i>Note 2</i> )	Through a controlled corporation	44,224,000	6.81
Crayne Company Limited ( <i>Note 2</i> )	Directly beneficially owned	44,224,000	6.81
Mr. Lee Wai Man	Directly beneficially owned	35,620,000	5.48

#### Notes:

1. These shares are held by Team Drive Limited which is wholly-owned by Wide Sky Management (PTC) Limited, being the trustee of a unit trust of which the entire issued units are held by Cititrust (Cayman) Limited. By virtue of the SFO, Wide Sky Management (PTC) Limited and Cititrust (Cayman) Limited are deemed to be interested in all the shares held by Team Drive Limited. On 31 December 2017, the entire issued units of Wide Sky Management (PTC) Limited are held by Virtue Trustees (Switzerland) AG, instead of Cititrust (Cayman) Limited.
2. The shares are held by Crayne Company Limited, a company wholly-owned by BOS Trust Company (Jersey) Limited as trustee of the Crayne Trust, which is a discretionary trust founded by Dr. Pau Kwok Ping.

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## DIRECTORS' RIGHT TO ACQUIRE SHARES

Apart from as disclosed under the paragraph headed "Directors' and chief executives' interests and short positions in shares, underlying shares and debentures" below and the share option scheme disclosures in note 14 to the financial statements, at no time during the year were rights to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in the Company granted to any Director or their respective spouse or children under 18 years of age, or were any such rights exercised by them; or was the Company, or the Company's subsidiary or holding company or a subsidiary of the Company's holding company a party to any arrangement to enable the directors to acquire such rights in any other body corporate.

## DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTEREST AND SHORT POSITION IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 31 October 2017, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) which were notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.68 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

### **Aggregate long positions in ordinary shares and underlying shares of the Company**

As at 31 October 2017, none of the Directors and chief executives of the Company had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares and debenture of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which would 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 or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.68 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

## PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the year ended 31 October 2017. The Company had not redeemed any of its listed securities during the year ended 31 October 2017.

## COMPETITION AND CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

None of the Directors, the management shareholders or substantial shareholders of the Company or any of its respective associates has engaged in any business that competes or may compete, either directly or indirectly, with the businesses of the Group, as defined in the GEM Listing Rules, or has any other conflict of interests with the Group during year ended 31 October 2017.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Details of the Company's corporate governance practices are set out in the Corporate Governance Report on pages 11 to 19 of this annual report.

# Directors' Report

## SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

As at the date of this report, based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors, the Directors confirm that the Company maintained the amount of public float as required under the GEM Listing Rules.

## INDEPENDENCE OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Company has received from each of the independent non-executive Directors in writing and annual confirmation of his independence pursuant to Rule 5.09 of the GEM Listing Rules and the Company considers all the independent non-executive Directors to be independent.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

The consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2017 were audited by BDO Limited. A resolution will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to re-appoint BDO Limited as auditor of the Company.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

**Mr. WU Cheng-wei**

*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 23 January 2018

# Environmental, Social and Governance Report

The Group is committed to promoting sustainable development, which is extremely important to create long term value for the Group's shareholders, clients, employees, other stakeholders, as well as general public. The Company cares about the impact of its daily operation on environment and society, strives to set a good example for the public, while conducting business operation, it makes effort to meet the interests of all stakeholders, economy, environment, society and corporate governance and does its best to achieve a fine balance.

## ENVIRONMENT

### **A1. Policy on emission of exhaust gas and greenhouse gas, discharging pollution through water and land, producing hazardous and non-hazardous wastes**

Protecting environment is one of our key concerns; we are committed to protecting environment and focusing on environmental protection in our operation, hoping that through rigorous supervision and control to reduce our long-term negative impact on environment. The key environmental impacts from our operations mainly related to the energy consumption, sewage and waste management.

#### *A1.1. Energy Management*

The indirect greenhouse gas emission which generated from our daily electricity power consumption, is the main source of the Group's carbon footprint, we will keep monitoring and disclosing the Company's carbon footprint to find out and control the impact of our daily operation on environment. We implement the following energy-saving and energy efficiency measures at various office locations to reduce greenhouse gas emission:

- Install high-performance electrical equipment
- Select and purchase high energy efficiency products
- The Employees must turn off light and unnecessary energy device to reduce energy consumption and avoid unnecessary waste of energy
- Deploy natural light as much as possible
- Monitor and review electricity consumption

#### *A1.2 Sewage and waste Management*

In order to lighten the load of landfills, we adopt a responsible waste management policy, including wastes avoidance, reducing waste from its sources and reuse, recycling and responsible disposal of waste. Our office posts memos and notices everywhere, encouraging the employees to reduce the production of waste and we have introduced waste separation measures from the start.

To counter sewage and sludge generated from our water supply plant's operation, we have adopted several sewage and sludge reduction measures to monitor the wastewater and pollutants generated during our water supply plant's operation and take appropriate measures, so as to comply with the environmental regulations and standards of the PRC.

We have built our own waste and sludge sedimentation tanks to collect wastewater generated from during our water supply plant's operation, in which the liquid supernatant from the sedimentation tank will be reused as raw water in the operation and sediment (sludge) will be air dried in the sludge drying bed then it would be disposed of in accordance with the instructions of the relevant environmental departments.

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## **A2. Policy on effective use of resources (including energy, water and other raw materials)**

### *A2.1 Reducing electricity consumption*

Comply with the Group's policy on emission of exhaust gas and greenhouse gas, discharging pollution through water and land, producing hazardous and non-hazardous wastes to reduce electricity consumption.

### *A2.2 Paper reduction*

In order to reduce waste paper, we have developed the following measures:

- Deploy recycling bins to collect used paper products such as waste paper, poster, letter and envelope
- Place waste paper recycling bin next to printer and set aside the papers that already printed once so that you can choose whether reuse it or put it into the bin
- Saving paper by double-sided printing
- Writing on both sides of papers
- Bring your own cup and avoid using paper cup
- Reuse stationeries such as file folder and envelope
- Reuse packaging box
- Other than the waste paper that contains confidential information, waste paper should be shipped to paper mill or scrap paper company so as to be recycled into new paper

### *A2.3 Water conservation*

In order to save conservation, we have developed the following measures:

- Repair dripping faucet or hose in a timely manner
- Adopt effective water-saving production methods and instruments
- Check water consumption regularly
- Minimize water pressure

Furthermore, waste and sludge sedimentation tanks were built in our water supply plant to collect wastewater generated from during our water supply plant's operation, in which the liquid supernatant from the sedimentation tank will be reused as raw water in the operation.

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## A2.4 Green procurement

Green procurement is based on reducing environmental load. Quality, cost, delivery time are the main focuses when the Company procures goods or chooses supplier, but other than that, we give priority to environmentally friendly and energy-saving products.

- Give priority to energy-efficient products at the highest level
- Give priority to effective water-saving products
- We require the suppliers to reduce packaging material
- Send the message to suppliers that we value environmental protection, energy saving

## A3. Policy on mitigating the Group's significant impact on environment and natural resources

The Group manages and minimizes the impact it may cause environment, directly or indirectly, through the following methods.

- Make sure its business operation comply with the environmental law in Hong Kong and its operating locations
- Establish and improve environmental protection mechanism to ensure its operation does not pollute water and land
- Monitor gas emission and use of resource, establish emission reduction target
- Make sure that in our daily business operation, with all efforts, we conserve energy, water and other raw materials to reduce direct impact on environment
- Whenever the Company holds banquet, shark fin is out of question and sustainable seafood should be served. Order reasonable quantity and reduce waste
- Urge the employees to reduce paper usage and adopt other energy-saving measures
- Cooperate with government agencies and support environmental organizations' activities

## SOCIETY

### Employment and labor convention

Employee is an important asset of the Company, we care about their well-being, respect their personal traits, make sure that all employees are subject to legislative protection and have equal opportunity in their career path, also, we strive to increase their sense of belonging.

### B1. Policy on salary, dismissal, recruitment, promotion, working hours, day off, equal opportunity, diversity, anti-discrimination and other benefits

#### 1. Salary

We offer competitive pay and benefits to the employees according to their job requirement and individual performance. We will annually review the overall salary and benefits to ensure the Company's competitiveness in local market, we even refer to the relevant industries and similar organizations. We assess the achievements and contributions of the employees to appraise and reward them each year.

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## 2. Dismissal

We ensure that all employees under the relevant employment protection laws of Hong Kong and PRC, including:

- Whenever an employee offers to resign or being laid off, human resource should interview him or her before quitting to find out the reason of quitting;
- It is required to issue employment verification document to the dismissed employee;
- When the employer terminates employment contract, the dismissed employer shall be given due notice or wages in lieu of notice, and the notice should not be given during his or her annual leave and maternity leave;
- An employee cannot be dismissed when she has been confirmed pregnant or given notice of pregnancy;
- An employee cannot be dismissed when he or she takes a paid sick leave;
- An employee cannot be dismissed due to he or she joins in labor union or participates in labor union activities; and
- If an employee is injured on duty, if a compensation agreement has not yet been reached or the relevant evaluation certificate has not yet been issued, the employee cannot be dismissed.

## 3. Recruitment and promotion

In the Company, recruitment and promotion should be fair and open for all employees, and cannot be affected by age, sex, physical or mental health status, marital status, family status, race, skin colour, nationality, religion, political affiliation and sexual orientation and other factors, the employees will be recognized and rewarded by their contribution, work performance and skills, the Company will do its best to provide them with good working environment and development opportunity.

## 4. Working hours and day-off

The employees shall enjoy deserved days-off under the laws of Hong Kong or the location they work at. Hong Kong employees are entitled to enjoy the following days-off:

- Each employee can take a day off in every 7 days;
- If the day-off falls on a statutory holiday, compensatory time off shall be offered on the following day;
- Manager can ask employee to work on the day off, but employee can choose not to. If the employee agrees, a day off can be arranged in other time, but the said day off shall be planned before the scheduled day off in the same month, or within 30 days after it;
- Statutory holidays;
- Paid annual leave prescribed by employment contract;
- Sick leave;
- Employee can take maternity leave so long as complying with the continuous contract to serve the employer and giving notice of pregnancy before the leave; and
- Maternity leave cannot be substituted by wage.

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5. Policy on equal opportunity, diversity, anti-discrimination and other benefits  
Sex Discrimination Ordinance, Disability Discrimination Ordinance, Family Status Discrimination Ordinance must be complied with, equal opportunity must be provided on recruitment, training, promotion, transfer, remuneration, benefits and termination of contract. Such opportunities shall not be affected by factors such as age, gender, physical or mental health status, marital status, family status, race, skin colour, nationality, religion, political affiliation and sexual orientation.

## **B2. Policy on safe working environment and safeguarding the employees from occupational hazards**

We are committed to protecting the health and safety of the employees and the community, we require all employees to comply with all relevant occupational health and safety regulations, and do our utmost to provide them with safe and healthy working environment, as a result, we have implemented the following methods:

- Develop internal guidelines to ensure that office and work environment is in line with or higher than the requirements of relevant laws;
- Establish safety procedures for the recognized dangerous work;
- Provide necessary protective equipment and medical insurance to the employees;
- Ensure that office and working environment is healthy and safe, regularly check machinery and equipment;
- Establish emergency measures such as fire or explosion emergency plan;
- Establish mechanism to record industrial injury and analyze the cause;
- Provide and maintain an environmental, healthy and safe working condition;
- Actively promote environmental protection, health and safety awareness of the employees, and support development of environmental protection, health and safety in the industry; and
- Provide all employees with needed job information, guidance, training and supervision

## **B3. Policy on improving the employees' knowledge and skills to perform their responsibilities**

Talent development is an important part of our human resource strategy. We understand that the employees' knowledge and skills are essential to the Company's operation and business growth, good development plan lays a good foundation for the employees to face business challenge in the future, it also helps them to grasp promotion opportunities, fulfill their career aspirations. We also nurture outstanding successors for the Group's and breed academic atmosphere. The Group conducts performance evaluation annually, and based on the assessment result to provide the staff with appropriate training, and offer job, development and promotion opportunities for outstanding employees. Under the Group's Human Resource Management System requirements, HR manager is responsible for carrying out related assessment and training.

## **B4. Policy on preventing child labor or forced labor**

The Group firmly adopts a zero-tolerance policy on child labor and forced labor, such conduct is prohibited by international standard and relevant domestic legislation and shall never be tolerated in here. All of our employees are subject to the minimum working age requirement stated under relevant regulation of the PRC and Hong Kong. Effective measures are adopted to identify the real age of workers. Candidates are strictly forbidden to provide false documents on age, ensuring that our employees reach at least 16 years old at the time of joining. Such requirements regarding the prohibition on child and forced labour are also applied to our suppliers and subcontractors.

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## **B5. Policy on controlling environmental and social risk in supply chain**

We attach importance to developing and maintaining long-term relationships with our suppliers, looking forward to forming long-term partnerships with them. We will take a fair and open principle on procurement of materials and services. We will only cooperate with the suppliers that share common moral values and standards with us, the Company also supports and encourages the suppliers to promote efficient use of resources and environmental protection and fulfill corporate social responsibility:

- We advocate the principle of fair and open competition, and based on mutual trust, we develop and maintain long-term relationships with the suppliers and contractors;
- We have strict ethical standards in procurement of materials and services to ensure the quality of the finished products and maintain the continued confidence of the clients, suppliers and general public;
- We review our suppliers, assess them based on price, quality, suitability and demands, only those being rated as qualified are our approved suppliers, we only purchase from the approved suppliers;
- In an unprejudiced way, we choose appropriate, responsible and capable suppliers;
- Support and encourage the suppliers to improve their environmental products and services, and their employees' benefits and protection;
- The suppliers must comply with the relevant laws, regulations and contractual obligations; and
- We shall adopt effective monitoring and management system to detect and prevent bribery, fraud or other misconducts in procurement and bidding processes.

## **B6. Policy on health, safety, advertising, labeling, privacy and remedies of the products and services** **Health and safety of products and services**

We are committed to providing the customers with high-quality products and services and settling customer complaints effectively, continuously improving service level and ensuring customer satisfaction.

- Make sure that the products and services comply with related laws and guidelines;
- Provide the customers with accurate product information and high-quality products, and develop recovery policy and after-sale service for related products;
- If there is a problem with a product, we will take the initiative to explain the problem and find a mutually satisfactory solution for the customers;
- After handling a customer complaint, a document should be archived properly, and the relevant department shall review the complaint and develop measures to prevent the recurrence of similar complaints, so that the Company's service quality keeps improving; and
- Customer information will only be used for business purpose, not for other unrelated purposes. All employees should handle and use customer information with extreme caution, protect customer information, and comply with statutory requirements in privacy law.

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## **B7. Policy on preventing bribery, extortion, fraud and money laundering**

Ethics and integrity is the cornerstone of the Company's success, we adopts a Zero Tolerance approach to bribery, extortion, fraud and money laundering, in their daily work, the directors, management and staff must comply with related national and local government laws and regulations on prevention of bribery, extortion, fraud and money laundering. All employees not only have responsibility to understand and comply with the above regulations, but also have obligation to report violation to the fit and appropriate person. Any person, who contravenes the regulations, will be subject to disciplinary sanction. We will make every effort to protect the informer and received information. However, if an informer's intention is to harm others, they may be subject to disciplinary punishment.

### 1. Soliciting or accepting benefit

Any employee (including the directors, management and all full-time, part-time, hourly, temporary workers) cannot directly, indirectly, or in any form, solicit or accept any form of benefits or do anything that might be seen as bribe from a third party, including, but not limited to, money, gift, excessive entertainment and hospitality, subsidized travel and accommodation, loan, pledging as guarantor, extending preferential credit terms, fee, reward, position, employment, contract, service, privilege, exemption of all or part of the responsibilities that ought to be fulfilled. The employees should reject any direct or indirect interests and benefits relating to the Group's business, should such benefits being accepted, their objective attitude would hamper, or the interests of the Company would be harmed or invaded, or causing bias or misconduct.

In social events such as festivals, activities, entertainments and other daily routine, refusing to accept a modest gift may be considered impolite or lack of social grace, with that in mind, under the following principles, the employees may consider accepting benefits on a voluntary basis with clear guidelines that receiving related benefits will not affect performance and decision of the employee and the employee will not feel the need to reciprocate.

If the Company finds out any employee's inappropriate behavior of soliciting or accepting benefits, it will call the police and terminate labor relations with the employee.

### 2. Providing benefits

In any case, any employee shall not provide bribe or improper benefits to any person or organization to seek personal gain or group interests. If the Company finds out any employee has conducted bribery, it will call the police and terminate labor relations with the employee.

### 3. Extortion

Any person who seeks for benefit for his own or another person, or with intent to cause loss to another person, and makes any unwarranted demand by extortion, such conduct shall be considered as extortion. All employees shall not participate in, assist, cover up any kind of extortion, if the Company finds out any employee has conducted extortion, it will call the police and terminate labor relations with the employee.

### 4. Fraud

Any person, who uses any means of deception to benefit himself or another person, or with intent to cause loss to another person, such conduct shall be considered fraud, the common employee fraud includes embezzlement, wage fraud and stealing company assets. All employees shall not participate in, assist, cover up any fraud, if the Company finds out any employee has conducted fraud, it will call the police and terminate labor relations with the employee.

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## 5. Money Laundering

Money laundering refers to an individual or institution attempts to conceal the source of illicit money, or makes such money look legitimate in any way. The Company will not tolerate any employee conduct, support, and assist any form of money laundering. Anti-money laundering procedures include identifying clients, keeping transaction record, reporting and follow-up investigating of suspicious transaction.

### a. Identifying clients

In the development of clients, sales people must establish a high degree of awareness of anti-money laundering, through communication with prospective clients to comprehensively grasp the clients' information, running the first check on the clients. After successful client acquisition, regular contact is required to grasp the clients' updates. If an abnormal situation occurs, the sales person needs to timely communicate with the relevant departments.

### b. Keeping transaction record

Sales people and accounting personnel should keep customer identification information, including registering customer identification and related information, all sorts of records and information reflecting payment authority's customer identification process, and keep transaction records such as each transaction's information, business voucher, ledger and documents reflecting real situation of each transaction and other relevant information to ensure that each transaction is traceable.

### c. Reporting and follow-up investigating of suspicious transaction

Sales people and accounting staff, should they find out a suspicious transaction, need to report it immediately to the corporate headquarters' anti money laundering team. The team analyzes and investigates all suspicious transaction reported, if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the transaction or the customer has ties with money-laundering, terrorism and other criminal activities, the HKSAR Government JFIU should be notified.

All employees should learn the danger of money laundering, anti-money laundering regulations, the role of the employees in anti-money laundering, how to identify suspicious transactions, ways to report suspicious transaction, the consequences if one fails to comply with anti-money laundering regulations.

## Community

### **B8. Policy on finding out the needs of the community, at which the Company operates, by means of community involvement, and ensuring that its business activities will consider the interests of the community**

For the Company's long-term development, community participation is important, we are committed to promoting development and construction activities of the community, at which we operate. We benefit the community through a variety of actions, such as investment, contributing money, time, products, services, influence, management knowledge and other resources. We participate in community building through three main ways:

- The Company is willing to hire the disabled people who have completed retraining courses, and give priority to purchasing from the suppliers who hired the said disabled people, or participate in a variety of mentorship programs;
- By means of donation, we appeal to the Company's stakeholders (including the employees and customers) to donate; and
- Encourage, facilitate and support the staff to take part in volunteer services like holding Blood Donation Day.

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**TO THE MEMBERS OF ECO-TEK HOLDINGS LIMITED 環康集團有限公司**  
*(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

## OPINION

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Eco-Tek Holdings Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (together the “Group”) set out on pages 39 to 86, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 October 2017, and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 October 2017, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated 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 (“HKICPA”) and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

## BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing (“HKSA”) 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.

### **Estimation in relation to reviewing the tax affairs of certain subsidiaries of the Group**

Refer to note 4 to the consolidated financial statements and the accounting policies in note 3.14 to the consolidated financial statements

For the years ended 31 October 2017 and up to the date of these financial statements, the Inland Revenue Department (“IRD”) of Hong Kong is in the process of reviewing the tax affairs of certain subsidiaries of the Group.

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The Group has recorded income tax expenses and the related surcharge based on the management's best estimates in accordance with the latest developments of IRD's review and also taken into account the view of the Group's tax and legal advisors. Income tax expenses of HK\$775,000 has been recognised for the year ended 31 October 2017 in this respect.

It is considered to be a key audit matter because it requires the application of management's significant judgement in estimating the result of such IRD's review, and given that the magnitude of the income tax expense could be significant to the consolidated financial statements.

## **Our response:**

Our procedures in relation to management's estimated result in relation to reviewing the tax affairs of certain subsidiaries of the Group included:

- Obtaining and reviewing all communication, correspondence and other relevant documents between IRD and the Group;
- Enquiring with the management and their tax advisors to understand the latest development of IRD's review;
- Evaluating the competency, capabilities and objectivity of the management's tax and legal advisors; and
- Evaluating management's estimates based on the aforementioned and other evidences obtained.

## OTHER INFORMATION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's annual report, 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.

## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors are responsible for the preparation of 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 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 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 either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are also responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process. The Audit Committee assists the directors in discharging their responsibility in this regard.

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## 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, in accordance with the terms of our engagement, 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 HKSA's 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSA's, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism 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.
- conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting 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.

We communicate with the Audit Committee 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.

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We also provide the Audit Committee 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, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the directors, 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.

## **BDO Limited**

*Certified Public Accountants*

## **Lam Hung Yun, Andrew**

Practising Certificate Number P04092

Hong Kong, 23 January 2018

# Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 October 2017

	Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
<b>Revenue</b>	5	<b>105,454</b>	81,231
Cost of Sales		<b>(74,336)</b>	(60,291)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>31,118</b>	20,940
Other income	6	<b>1,881</b>	1,205
Selling expenses		<b>(2,269)</b>	(2,203)
Administrative expenses		<b>(22,540)</b>	(23,459)
Other operating expenses		<b>(131)</b>	(185)
<b>Profit/(loss) from operations</b>	7	<b>8,059</b>	(3,702)
Finance costs	8	<b>(511)</b>	(519)
Share of profit/(loss) of a joint venture	17	<b>18</b>	(1)
<b>Profit/(loss) before income tax</b>		<b>7,566</b>	(4,222)
Taxation	9	<b>(1,803)</b>	(11,939)
<b>Profit/(loss) for the year</b>		<b>5,763</b>	(16,161)
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>			
— Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss:			
Exchange gain/(loss) on translation of financial statements of foreign operations		<b>4,147</b>	(5,955)
Share of other comprehensive income of a joint venture	17	<b>61</b>	(234)
		<b>4,208</b>	(6,189)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>9,971</b>	(22,350)
<b>Profit/(loss) for the year attributable to:</b>			
Owners of the Company		<b>5,136</b>	(16,441)
Non-controlling interests		<b>627</b>	280
		<b>5,763</b>	(16,161)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:</b>			
Owners of the Company		<b>8,661</b>	(21,542)
Non-controlling interests		<b>1,310</b>	(808)
		<b>9,971</b>	(22,350)
<b>Earnings/(loss) per share attributable to owners of the Company</b>	11		
— Basic		<b>HK0.79 cent</b>	(HK2.53) cents
— Diluted		<b>N/A</b>	N/A

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 October 2017

	Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
<b>ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	15	79,764	82,543
Interest in leasehold land	16	4,681	4,667
Interest in a joint venture	17	3,371	3,292
Deferred tax assets	18	843	823
Pledged bank deposits	21	9,020	9,020
		<b>97,679</b>	100,345
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	19	15,150	13,272
Accounts receivable	20	28,367	17,364
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables		4,539	3,790
Tax recoverable		3,945	4,720
Cash and cash equivalents	21	18,340	16,796
		<b>70,341</b>	55,942
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accounts and bills payable	22	10,249	10,440
Accrued liabilities, receipts in advance and other payables	23	25,833	24,207
Provision for tax		327	–
		<b>36,409</b>	34,647
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>33,932</b>	21,295
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>131,611</b>	121,640
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Deferred tax liabilities	18	7,570	7,570
Loan from a shareholder	24	9,500	9,500
Loan from a minority shareholder	24	9,526	9,526
		<b>26,596</b>	26,596
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>105,015</b>	95,044

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As at 31 October 2017

	Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
<b>EQUITY</b>			
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the Company</b>			
Share capital	25	6,495	6,495
Share premium	26(a)	19,586	19,586
Capital reserve	26(a)	95	95
Exchange translation reserve	26(a)	15,460	11,935
Capital contribution reserve	26(a)	7,971	7,971
Retained profits		47,118	41,982
		<b>96,725</b>	88,064
<b>Non-controlling interests</b>	27	<b>8,290</b>	6,980
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>105,015</b>	95,044

These consolidated financial statements on pages 39 to 86 were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 23 January 2018 and are signed on its behalf by:

**Mr. LEUNG Wai Lun**  
Director

**Mr. WU Cheng-wei**  
Director

# Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 October 2017

	Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Profit/(loss) before income tax		7,566	(4,222)
Adjustments for:			
Interest income	6	(29)	(25)
Interest expense	8	511	519
Share of (profit)/loss of a joint venture		(18)	1
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	7	5,702	7,259
Amortisation of interest in leasehold land	7	119	123
Reversal of provision for slow-moving inventories	7	(326)	(38)
Impairment loss on accounts receivable	7	–	12
Exchange loss, net		329	1,210
Operating profit before working capital changes		13,854	4,839
(Increase)/decrease in inventories		(1,552)	1,788
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable		(11,003)	758
(Increase)/decrease in deposits, prepayments and other receivables		(749)	1,646
(Decrease)/increase in accounts and bills payable		(191)	861
Increase/(decrease) in accrued liabilities, receipts in advance and other payables		1,626	(1,800)
Cash generated from operations		1,985	8,092
Tax paid		(701)	(1,711)
<i>Net cash generated from operating activities</i>		1,284	6,381
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(755)	(540)
Interest received		29	25
<i>Net cash used in investing activities</i>		(726)	(515)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Interest paid		(511)	(519)
<i>Net cash used in financing activities</i>		(511)	(519)
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		47	5,347
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes		1,497	(1,370)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year</b>		16,796	12,819
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>	21	18,340	16,796

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

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	Equity attributable to owners of the Company						Non-controlling interests	Total equity	
	Share capital	Share premium	Capital reserve	Exchange translation reserve	Capital contribution reserve	Retained profits	Total		
	HK\$'000 (Note 25)	HK\$'000 (Note 26(a))	HK\$'000 (Note 26(a))	HK\$'000 (Note 26(a))	HK\$'000 (Note 26(a))	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
<b>At 1 November 2015</b>	6,495	19,586	95	17,036	7,971	58,423	109,606	7,788	117,394
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(16,441)	(16,441)	280	(16,161)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(5,101)	-	-	(5,101)	(1,088)	(6,189)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(5,101)	-	(16,441)	(21,542)	(808)	(22,350)
<b>At 31 October 2016 and 1 November 2016</b>	<b>6,495</b>	<b>19,586</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>11,935</b>	<b>7,971</b>	<b>41,982</b>	<b>88,064</b>	<b>6,980</b>	<b>95,044</b>
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	5,136	5,136	627	5,763
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	3,525	-	-	3,525	683	4,208
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	3,525	-	5,136	8,661	1,310	9,971
<b>At 31 October 2017</b>	<b>6,495</b>	<b>19,586</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>15,460</b>	<b>7,971</b>	<b>47,118</b>	<b>96,725</b>	<b>8,290</b>	<b>105,015</b>

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

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## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Eco-Tek Holdings Limited (the “Company”) is a limited liability company incorporated and domiciled in the Cayman Islands. The address of its registered office is Century Yard, Cricket Square Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Island and its principal place of business is Unit 5, 11/F, Westlands Centre, 20 Westlands Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong. The Company’s shares are listed on the Growth Enterprises Market (the “GEM”) of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”).

The Company and its subsidiaries (collectively known as the “Group”) are principally involved in the marketing, sales, servicing, research and development of environmental protection related products and services in certain major cities (including Hong Kong and Macau) of the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”) as well as operating a water supply operation in Tianjin, PRC.

On 31 December 2017, the ultimate holding company changed from Cititrust (Cayman) Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands, to Virtue Trustees (Switzerland) AG, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands.

The consolidated financial statements on pages 39 to 86 are prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) which collective term includes all applicable individual HKFRSs, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“HKASs”) and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”). The consolidated financial statements also include the applicable disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the GEM of the Stock Exchange (the “GEM Listing Rules”).

## 2. ADOPTION OF NEW OR REVISED HKFRSs

### (a) Adoption of new/revised HKFRSs

In the current year, the Group has applied, for the first time the following standards and amendments (the “new HKFRSs”) issued by the HKICPA which are relevant to and effective for the Group’s financial statements for the annual period beginning on 1 November 2016.

HKFRSs (Amendments)	Annual Improvements 2012–2014 Cycle
Amendments to HKAS 1	Disclosure Initiative
Amendments to HKAS 16 and HKAS 38	Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation
Amendments to HKAS 27	Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements
Amendments to HKFRS 10, HKFRS 12 and HKAS 28	Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception
Amendments to HKFRS 11	Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations

#### *Amendments to HKAS 1 – Disclosure Initiative*

The amendments are designed to encourage entities to use judgement in the application of HKAS 1 when considering the layout and content of their financial statements.

Included in the clarifications is that an entity’s share of other comprehensive income from equity accounted interests in associates and joint ventures is split between those items that will and will not be reclassified to profit or loss, and presented in aggregate as a single line item within those two groups.

The adoption of the amendments has no impact on these financial statements.

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## 2. ADOPTION OF NEW OR REVISED HKFRSs (Continued)

### (a) Adoption of new/ revised HKFRSs (Continued)

#### *Amendments to HKAS 16 and HKAS 38 — Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation*

The amendments to HKAS 16 prohibit the use of a revenue-based depreciation method for items of property, plant and equipment. The amendments to HKAS 38 introduce a rebuttable presumption that amortisation based on revenue is not appropriate for intangible assets. This presumption can be rebutted if either the intangible asset is expressed as a measure of revenue or revenue and the consumption of the economic benefits of the intangible asset are highly correlated. The amendments are applied prospectively.

The adoption of the amendments has no impact on these financial statements as the Group has not previously used revenue-based depreciation methods.

#### *Amendments to HKAS 27 — Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements*

The amendments allow an entity to apply the equity method in accounting for its investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates in its separate financial statements. The amendments are applied retrospectively in accordance with HKAS 8.

The adoption of the amendments has no impact on these financial statements as the Company has not elected to apply the equity method in its separate financial statements.

#### *Amendments to HKFRS 10, HKFRS 12 and HKAS 28 — Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception*

The amendments clarify that the exemption from preparing consolidated financial statements for an intermediate parent entity is available to a subsidiary of an investment entity (including investment entities that account for their subsidiaries at fair value rather than consolidating them). An investment entity parent will consolidate a subsidiary only when the subsidiary is not itself an investment entity and the subsidiary's main purpose is to provide services that relate to the investment entity's investment activities. A non-investment entity applying the equity method to an associate or joint venture that is an investment entity may retain the fair value measurements that associate or joint venture used for its subsidiaries. An investment entity that prepares financial statements in which all its subsidiaries are measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") should provide the disclosures related to investment entities as required by HKFRS 12. The amendments are applied prospectively.

The adoption of the amendments has no impact on these financial statements as the Company is neither an intermediate parent entity nor an investment entity.

#### *Amendments to HKFRS 11 — Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations*

The amendments require an entity to apply the relevant principles of HKFRS 3 Business Combinations when it acquires an interest in a joint operation that constitutes a business as defined in that standard. The principles of HKFRS 3 are also applied upon the formation of a joint operation if an existing business as defined in that standard is contributed by at least one of the parties. The amendments are applied prospectively.

The adoption of the amendments has no impact on these financial statements as the Group has not acquired or formed a joint operation.

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## 2. ADOPTION OF NEW OR REVISED HKFRSs (Continued)

### (b) New/amended HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective

The following new/revised HKFRSs, potentially relevant to the Group's financial statements, have been issued, but are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Group.

Amendments to HKAS 7	Disclosure Initiative <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 12	Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses <sup>1</sup>
Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2014–2016 Cycle	Amendments to HKFRS 12, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities <sup>1</sup>
Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2014–2016 Cycle	Amendments to HKFRS 1, First-time adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards <sup>2</sup>
Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2014–2016 Cycle	Amendments to HKAS 28, Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures <sup>2</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 2	Classification and measurement of share-based payment transactions <sup>2</sup>
HKFRS 9	Financial Instruments <sup>2</sup>
HKFRS 15	Revenue from Contracts with Customers <sup>2</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 15	Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Clarifications to HKFRS 15) <sup>2</sup>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 22	Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration <sup>2</sup>
HKFRS 16	Leases <sup>3</sup>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 23	Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments <sup>3</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017

<sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018

<sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019

<sup>4</sup> The amendments were originally intended to be effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016. The effective date has now been deferred/removed. Early application of the amendments continues to be permitted.

#### *Amendments to HKAS 7 – Disclosure Initiative*

The amendments introduce an additional disclosure that will enable users of financial statements to evaluate changes in liabilities arising from financing activities.

#### *Amendments to HKAS 12 – Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses*

The amendments relate to the recognition of deferred tax assets and clarify some of the necessary considerations, including how to account for deferred tax assets related to debt instruments measured of fair value.

#### *Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2014–2016 Cycle – Amendments to HKFRS 12, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities*

The amendments issued under the annual improvements process make small, non-urgent changes to standards where they are currently unclear. They include amendments to HKFRS 12, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities, to clarify that the disclosure requirements of HKFRS 12, other than the requirements to disclose summarised financial information, also apply to an entity's interests in other entities classified as held for sale or discontinued operations in accordance with HKFRS 5, Non-Current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations.

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## 2. ADOPTION OF NEW OR REVISED HKFRSs (Continued)

### (b) **New/amended HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective** (Continued)

*Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2014–2016 Cycle – Amendments to HKFRS 1, First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards*

The amendments issued under the annual improvements process make small, non-urgent changes to standards where they are currently unclear. They include amendments to HKFRS 1, First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, removing transition provision exemptions relating to accounting periods that had already passed and were therefore no longer applicable.

*Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2014–2016 Cycle – Amendments to HKAS 28, Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures*

The amendments issued under the annual improvements process make small, non-urgent changes to standards where they are currently unclear. They include amendments to HKAS 28, Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures, clarifying that a Venture Capital organisation's permissible election to measure its associates or joint ventures at fair value is made separately for each associate or joint venture.

*Amendments to HKFRS 2 – Classification and measurement of share-based payment transactions*

The amendments provide requirements on the accounting for the effects of vesting and non-vesting conditions on the measurement of cash-settled share-based payments; share-based payment transactions with a net settlement feature for withholding tax obligations; and a modification to the terms and conditions of a share-based payment that changes the classification of the transaction from cash-settled to equity-settled.

*HKFRS 9 – Financial Instruments*

HKFRS 9 introduces new requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets. Debt instruments that are held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets in order to collect contractual cash flows (the business model test) and that have contractual terms that give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding (the contractual cash flow characteristics test) are generally measured at amortised cost. Debt instruments that meet the contractual cash flow characteristics test are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI") if the objective of the entity's business model is both to hold and collect the contractual cash flows and to sell the financial assets. Entities may make an irrevocable election at initial recognition to measure equity instruments that are not held for trading at FVTOCI. All other debt and equity instruments are measured at FVTPL.

HKFRS 9 includes a new expected loss impairment model for all financial assets not measured at FVTPL replacing the incurred loss model in HKAS 39 and new general hedge accounting requirements to allow entities to better reflect their risk management activities in financial statements.

HKFRS 9 carries forward the recognition, classification and measurement requirements for financial liabilities from HKAS 39, except for financial liabilities designated at FVTPL, where the amount of change in fair value attributable to change in credit risk of the liability is recognised in other comprehensive income unless that would create or enlarge an accounting mismatch. In addition, HKFRS 9 retains the requirements in HKAS 39 for derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities.

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## 2. ADOPTION OF NEW OR REVISED HKFRSs (Continued)

### (b) **New/amended HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective** (Continued)

#### *HKFRS 15 — Revenue from Contracts with Customers*

The new standard establishes a single revenue recognition framework. The core principle of the framework is that an entity should recognise revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods and services. HKFRS 15 supersedes existing revenue recognition guidance including HKAS 18 Revenue, HKAS 11 Construction Contracts and related interpretations.

HKFRS 15 requires the application of a 5 steps approach to revenue recognition:

1. Identify the contract with the customer
2. Identify the performance obligations in the contract
3. Determine the transaction price
4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
5. Recognise revenue when each performance obligation is satisfied

HKFRS 15 includes specific guidance on particular revenue related topics that may change the current approach taken under HKFRS. The standard also significantly enhances the qualitative and quantitative disclosures related to revenue.

#### *Amendments to HKFRS 15 — Clarifications to HKFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers*

The amendments to HKFRS 15 included clarifications on identification of performance obligations; application of principal versus agent; licenses of intellectual property; and transition requirements.

#### *HK(IFRIC)-Int 22 — Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration*

The Interpretation provides guidance on determining the date of the transaction for determining an exchange rate to use for transactions that involve advance consideration paid or received in a foreign currency and the recognition of a non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability. The Interpretations specifies that the date of the transaction for the purpose of determining the exchange rate to use on initial recognition of the related asset, expense or income (or part thereof) is the date on which the entity initially recognises the non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability arising from the payment or receipt of advance consideration.

#### *HKFRS 16 — Leases*

HKFRS 16, which upon the effective date will supersede HKAS 17 “Leases” and related interpretations, introduces a single lessee accounting model and requires a lessee to recognise assets and liabilities for all leases with a term of more than 12 months, unless the underlying asset is of low value. Specifically, under HKFRS 16, a lessee is required to recognise a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying leased asset and a lease liability representing its obligation to make lease payments. Accordingly, a lessee should recognise depreciation of the right-of-use asset and interest on the lease liability, and also classifies cash repayments of the lease liability into a principal portion and an interest portion and presents them in the statement of cash flows. Also, the right-of-use asset and the lease liability are initially measured on a present value basis. The measurement includes non-cancellable lease payments and also includes payments to be made in optional periods if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise an option to extend the lease, or not to exercise an option to terminate the lease. This accounting treatment is significantly different from the lessee accounting for leases that are classified as operating leases under the predecessor standard, HKAS 17.

In respect of the lessor accounting, HKFRS 16 substantially carries forward the lessor accounting requirements in HKAS 17. Accordingly, a lessor continues to classify its leases as operating leases or finance leases, and to account for those two types of leases differently.

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## 2. ADOPTION OF NEW OR REVISED HKFRSs (Continued)

### (b) **New/amended HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective** (Continued)

#### *HK(IFRIC)-Int 23 – Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments*

The Interpretation supports the requirements of HKAS 12, Income Taxes, by providing guidance over how to reflect the effects of uncertainty in accounting for income taxes. Under the Interpretation, the entity shall determine whether to consider each uncertain tax treatment separately or together based on which approach better predicts the resolution of the uncertainty. The entity shall also assume the tax authority will examine amounts that it has a right to examine and have full knowledge of all related information when making those examinations. If the entity determines it is probable that the tax authority will accept an uncertain tax treatment, then the entity should measure current and deferred tax in line with its tax filings. If the entity determines it is not probable, then the uncertainty in the determination of tax is reflected using either the “most likely amount” or the “expected value” approach, whichever better predicts the resolution of the uncertainty.

#### *Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture*

The amendments clarify the extent of gains or losses to be recognised when an entity sells or contributes assets to its associate or joint venture. When the transaction involves a business the gain or loss is recognised in full, conversely when the transaction involves assets that do not constitute a business the gain or loss is recognised only to the extent of the unrelated investors’ interests in the joint venture or associate.

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of the potential impact of these new pronouncements upon application.

## 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies that have been used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are summarised below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

It should be noted that accounting estimates and assumptions are used in preparation of the consolidated financial statements. Although these estimates are based on management’s best knowledge and judgements of current events and actions, actual results may ultimately differ from those estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statement are disclosed in note 4.

### **3.1 Business combination and basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries. Inter-company transactions and balances between group companies together with unrealised profits are eliminated in full in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of impairment on the asset transferred, in which case the loss is recognised in profit or loss.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income from the dates of acquisition or up to the dates of disposal, as appropriate. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with those used by other members of the Group.

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## 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### 3.1 Business combination and basis of consolidation (Continued)

Acquisition of subsidiaries or businesses is accounted for using the acquisition method. The cost of an acquisition is measured at the aggregate of the acquisition-date fair value of assets transferred, liabilities incurred and equity interests issued by the Group, as the acquirer. The identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed are principally measured at acquisition-date fair value. The Group's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is re-measured at acquisition-date fair value and the resulting gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss. The Group may elect, on a transaction-by-transaction basis, to measure the non-controlling interests that represent present ownership interests in the subsidiary either at fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. All other non-controlling interests are measured at fair value unless another measurement basis is required by HKFRSs. Acquisition-related costs incurred are expensed unless they are incurred in issuing equity instruments in which case the costs are deducted from equity.

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the acquirer is recognised at acquisition-date fair value. Subsequent adjustments to consideration are recognised against goodwill only to the extent that they arise from new information obtained within the measurement period (a maximum of 12 months from the acquisition date) about the fair value at the acquisition date. All other subsequent adjustments to contingent consideration classified as an asset or a liability are recognised in profit or loss.

Changes in the Group's interests in subsidiaries that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions. The carrying amounts of the Group's interest and the non-controlling interest are adjusted to reflect the changes in their relative interests in the subsidiaries. Any difference between the amount by which the non-controlling interest is adjusted and the fair value of the consideration paid or received is recognised directly in equity and attributed to owners of the Company.

When the Group loses control of a subsidiary, the profit or loss on disposal is calculated as the difference between (i) the aggregate of the fair value of the consideration received and the fair value of any retained interest and (ii) the previous carrying amount of the assets (including goodwill), and liabilities of the subsidiary and any non-controlling interest. Amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to the subsidiary are accounted for in the same manner as would be required if the relevant assets or liabilities were disposed of.

Subsequent to acquisition, the carrying amount of non-controlling interests that represent present ownership interests in the subsidiary is the amount of those interests at initial recognition plus such non-controlling interest's share of subsequent changes in equity. Total comprehensive income is attributed to such non-controlling interests even if this results in those non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

### 3.2 Subsidiaries

A subsidiary is an investee over which the Company is able to exercise control. The Company controls an investee if all three of the following elements are present: power over the investee, exposure, or rights, to variable returns from the investee, and the ability to use its power to affect those variable returns. Control is reassessed whenever facts and circumstances indicate that there may be a change in any of these elements of control.

In the Company's statement of financial position, investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less any impairment loss. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable.

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## 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### 3.3 Joint arrangements

The Group is a party to a joint arrangement where there is a contractual arrangement that confers joint control over the relevant activities of the arrangement to the Group and at least one other party. Joint control is assessed under the same principles as control over subsidiaries.

The Group classifies its interests in joint arrangements as either:

- (i) Joint ventures: where the Group has rights to only the net assets of the joint arrangement; or
- (ii) Joint operations: where the Group has both the rights to assets and obligations for the liabilities of the joint arrangement.

In assessing the classification of interests in joint arrangements, the Group considers:

- (i) The structure of the joint arrangements;
- (ii) The legal form of joint arrangements structured through a separate vehicle;
- (iii) The contractual terms of the joint arrangement agreement; and
- (iv) Any other facts and circumstances (including any other contractual arrangements).

The Group accounts for its interests in joint ventures using the equity method of accounting whereby they are initially recognised at cost and thereafter, their carrying amount are adjusted for the Group's share of the post-acquisition change in the joint ventures' net assets except that losses in excess of the Group's interest in the joint venture are not recognised unless there is an obligation to make good those losses.

Any premium paid for an investment in a joint venture above the Group's share of the fair values of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired is capitalised and included in the carrying amount of the investment in joint venture. Where there is objective evidence that the investment in a joint venture has been impaired the carrying amount of the investment is tested for impairment in the same way as other non-financial assets.

The Group accounts for its interests in joint operations by recognising its share of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses in accordance with its contractually conferred rights and obligations.

### 3.4 Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs attributable directly to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which require a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets. Income earned on temporary investments of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on those assets is deducted from borrowing costs capitalised. All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

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## 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### 3.5 Revenue recognition

Revenue comprises the fair value for the sale of goods, rendering of services and the use by others of the Group's assets yielding interest, net of rebates and discounts. Provided it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue and costs, if applicable, can be measured reliably, revenue is recognised as follows:

- (i) Sales of goods are recognised upon transfer of the significant risks and rewards of ownership to customer. This is usually taken at the time when the goods are delivered and the customer has accepted the goods;
- (ii) Interest income is recognised on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest rate applicable;
- (iii) Revenue arising from water supply is recognised based on water supplied as recorded by meters read; and
- (iv) Agency service income is recognised when the services are rendered.

### 3.6 Property, plant and equipment

#### (i) Measurement bases

Property, plant and equipment are stated at acquisition cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. The cost of an asset comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to the working condition and location for its intended use. Subsequent expenditure relating to property, plant and equipment is added to the carrying amount of the assets if it can be demonstrated that such expenditure has resulted in an increase in the future economic benefits expected to be obtained from the use of the assets.

Construction in progress is stated at cost less impairment losses. Cost comprises direct costs of construction as well as borrowing costs capitalised during the periods of construction and installation. Capitalisation of these costs ceases and the construction in progress is transferred to the appropriate class of property, plant and equipment when substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the assets for their intended use are completed. No depreciation is provided for in respect of construction in progress until it is completed and ready for its intended use.

An asset is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if its carrying amount is higher than the asset's estimated recoverable amount.

The gain or loss arising on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is the difference between the net sales proceeds and its carrying amount, and is recognised in the profit or loss on disposal.

#### (ii) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of property, plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method, at the following rates per annum:

Motor vehicles	20%
Office equipment	20%
Plant and machinery	5% to 20%
Furniture and fixtures	20%
Buildings and structure	The shorter of the lease terms and 3.33%

The assets' estimated useful lives, estimated residual values and depreciation method are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

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## 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### 3.7 Impairment of non-financial assets

Property, plant and equipment, interest in leasehold land, investments in subsidiaries and interest in a joint venture are subject to impairment testing. These assets are tested for impairment whenever there are indications that the asset's carrying amount may not be recoverable.

For the purposes of assessing impairment, where an asset does not generate cash inflows largely independent from other assets, the recoverable amount is determined for the smallest group of assets that generate cash inflows independently (i.e. a cash-generating unit). As a result, some assets are tested individually for impairment and some are tested at cash-generating unit level.

An impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of fair value, reflecting market conditions 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 assessment of time value of money and the risk specific to the asset.

Impairment losses recognised for cash-generating units are charged pro rata to the assets in the cash generating unit, except that the carrying value of an asset will not be reduced below its individual fair value less cost of disposal, or value in use, if determinable.

An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a favourable change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount and only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

### 3.8 Leasing

#### (i) *Operating lease*

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

The Group as lessee

The total rentals payable under the operating leases are recognised in the profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Lease incentives received are recognised as an integrated part of the total rental expense, over the term of the lease.

#### (ii) *Interest in leasehold land*

Interest in leasehold land is up-front payments to acquire long term interests for the usage of land. They are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses. Amortisation is calculated on the straight-line basis to write off the up-front payments over the lease terms.

### 3.9 Employee benefits

#### (i) *Short-term employee benefits*

Short-term employee benefits are employee benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before twelve months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Short-term employee benefits are recognised in the year when the employees render the related service.

#### (ii) *Paid leave carried forward*

The Group provides paid annual leave to its employees under their employment contracts on a calendar year basis. Under certain circumstances, such leave which remains untaken as at the reporting date is permitted to be carried forward and utilised by the respective employees in the following year. An accrual is made at the reporting date for the expected future cost of such paid leave earned during the year by the employees and carried forward.

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## 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### 3.9 Employee benefits (Continued)

#### (iii) Pension scheme

The Group operates a defined contribution Mandatory Provident Fund retirement benefits scheme (the "MPF Scheme") under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance, for all of its employees in Hong Kong. Contributions are made based on a percentage of the employees' basic salaries and are charged to the profit or loss as they become payable in accordance with the rule 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.

The employees of the Group's subsidiaries which operate in the PRC except Macau and Hong Kong are required to participate in a central pension scheme operated by the local municipal government. The Group is required to contribute certain percentage of their respective payroll costs to the central pension scheme. The contributions are charged to the profit or loss as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the central pension scheme.

#### (iv) Share-based employee compensation

The Group operates equity-settled share-based compensation plans for remuneration of its employees.

All employee services received in exchange for the grant of any share-based compensation are measured at their fair values. These are indirectly determined by reference to the share options awarded. The value is appraised at the grant date and excludes the impact of any non-market vesting conditions.

All share-based compensation is ultimately recognised as an expense in profit or loss unless it qualifies for recognition as asset, with a corresponding credit to equity (share option reserve). If vesting periods or other vesting conditions apply, the expense is recognised over the vesting period, based on the best available estimate of the number of share options expected to vest. Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options that are expected to become exercisable. Estimates are subsequently revised, if there is any indication that the number of share options expected to vest differs from previous estimates. No adjustment to expense recognised in prior periods is made if fewer share options ultimately are exercised than originally estimated.

At the time when the share options are exercised, the amount previously recognised in share option reserve will be transferred to share premium. When the share options are forfeited or are still not exercised at the expiry date, the amount previously recognised in share option reserve will be transferred to retained profits.

### 3.10 Inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out basis. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and applicable selling expenses.

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## 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### 3.11 Financial assets

The Group's accounting policies for financial assets are set out below.

The Group's financial assets include accounts receivable, deposits and other receivables, pledged bank deposits and cash and cash equivalents. The Group's financial assets are classified as loans and receivables. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition depending on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired and where allowed and appropriate, re-evaluates this designation at every reporting date.

All financial assets are recognised when, and only when, the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are recognised initially, at fair value, plus, directly attributable transaction costs.

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Loans and receivables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. Amortised cost is calculated taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and includes fees that are an integral part of the effective interest rate and transaction cost.

Derecognition of financial assets occurs when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments expire or are transferred and substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred.

At each reporting date, financial assets are reviewed to determine whether there is objective evidence of impairment.

Objective evidence of impairment of individual financial assets includes observable data that comes to the attention of the Group about one or more of the following loss events:

- significant financial difficulty of the debtor;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- granting concession to a debtor because of debtor's financial difficulty; and
- it becoming probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.

Loss events in respect of a group of financial assets include observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from the group of financial assets. Such observable data includes but not limited to adverse changes in the payment status of debtors in the group and, national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on the assets in the group.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on loans and receivables has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate (i.e. the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition). The amount of the loss is recognised in profit or loss of the period in which the impairment occurs.

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## 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### 3.11 Financial assets (Continued)

If, in subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed to the extent that it does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset exceeding what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised at the date the impairment is reversed. The amount of the reversal is recognised in profit or loss of the period in which the reversal occurs.

Financial assets other than accounts receivable and other receivables that are stated at amortised cost, impairment losses are written off against the corresponding assets directly. Where the recovery of accounts receivable and other receivables is considered doubtful but not remote, the impairment losses for doubtful receivables are recorded using an allowance account. When the Group is satisfied that recovery of accounts receivable and other receivables is remote, the amount considered irrecoverable is written off against accounts receivable directly and any amounts held in the allowance account in respect of that receivable are reversed. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously charged to the allowance account are reversed against the allowance account. Other changes in the allowance account and subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off directly are recognised in profit or loss.

### 3.12 Financial liabilities

The Group's financial liabilities include accounts and bills payable, accrued liabilities, other payables and loans from a minority shareholder and a shareholder.

Financial liabilities are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All interest related charges are recognised in accordance with the Group's accounting policy for borrowing costs.

Financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Financial liabilities are subsequently stated at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

Loan from a minority shareholder is recognised initially at fair value. The difference between the nominal loan amount and the fair value represents deemed contribution from a minority shareholder and is recorded as a component of equity in the Group's financial statements. Subsequently, loan from a minority shareholder is measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation specified in the relevant contract is discharged, cancelled or expires. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid or payable is recognised in profit or loss.

### 3.13 Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised for liabilities of uncertain timing or amount when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation arising as a result of a past event, which will probably result in an outflow of economic benefits that can be reasonably estimated.

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 economic benefits is remote. Possible obligations, the existence of which 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.

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## 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### 3.14 Income tax

Income tax comprises current tax and deferred tax.

Current income tax assets and/or liabilities comprise those obligations to, or claims from, tax authorities relating to the current or prior reporting period, that are unpaid at the reporting date. They are calculated according to the tax rates and tax laws applicable to the fiscal periods to which they relate, based on the taxable profit for the year. All changes to current tax assets or liabilities are recognised as a component of tax expense in profit or loss.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and when they relate to income tax levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Deferred tax is calculated using the liability method on temporary differences at the reporting date between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, tax losses available to be carried forward as well as other unused tax credits, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit, including existing taxable temporary differences, will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unused tax credits can be utilised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither taxable nor accounting profit or loss.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and interest in a joint venture, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax is calculated, without discounting, at tax rates that are expected to apply in the period the liability is settled or the asset realised, provided they are enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Changes in deferred tax assets or liabilities are recognised in the profit or loss, or in equity if they relate to items that are charged or credited directly to equity.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Income taxes are recognised in profit or loss except when they relate to items recognised in other comprehensive income in which case the taxes are also recognised in other comprehensive income or when they relate to items recognised directly in equity in which case the taxes are also recognised directly in equity.

### 3.15 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

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## 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### 3.16 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Share capital is determined using the nominal value of shares that have been issued.

Any transaction costs associated with the issuing of shares are deducted from the equity (net of any related income tax benefits) to the extent they are incremental costs directly attributable to the equity transaction.

### 3.17 Related parties

- (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 key management personnel of the Group or the Company's parent.
- (b) An entity is related to the Group if any of the following conditions apply:
- (i) The entity and the Group are members of the same group (which means that each parent, 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.
  - (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 the employees of the Group or an entity 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 key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent 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 the group's parent.

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:

- (i) that person's children and spouse or domestic partner;
- (ii) children of that person's spouse or domestic partner; and
- (iii) dependents of that person or that person's spouse or domestic partner.

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## 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### 3.18 Foreign currencies

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong Dollars (HK\$), which is the same as the functional currency of the Company and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand (HK\$'000) except when otherwise indicated.

In the individual financial statements of the consolidated entities, foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency of the individual entity using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each of the reporting date, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at that date. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the reporting date retranslation of monetary assets and liabilities are recognised in the profit or loss.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

In the consolidated financial statements, all individual financial statements of foreign operations, originally presented in a currency different from the Group's presentation currency, have been converted into Hong Kong dollars. Assets and liabilities have been translated into Hong Kong dollars at the closing rate at the reporting date. Income and expenses have been converted into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates, or at the average rates over the reporting period provided that the exchange rates do not fluctuate significantly. Any differences arising from this procedure have been recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated separately in the translation reserve in equity.

### 3.19 Segment reporting

The Group identifies operating segments and prepares segment information based on the regular internal financial information reported to the executive directors for their decisions about resources allocation to the Group's business components and for their review of the performance of those components. The business components in the internal financial information reported to the executive directors are determined following the Group's major product and service lines.

The measurement policies the Group uses for reporting segment results under HKFRS 8 are the same as those used in its consolidated financial statements prepared under HKFRSs, except that:

- share of profit or loss of a joint venture accounted for using the equity method;
- finance costs; and
- corporate income and expenses which are not directly attributable to the business activities of any operating segment

are not included in arriving at the operating results of the operating segment.

Segment assets include all assets except interest in a joint venture and tax recoverable. In addition, corporate assets which are not directly attributable to the business activities of any operating segment are not allocated to a segment, which primarily applies to the Group's headquarter.

Segment liabilities include all liabilities except deferred tax liabilities, loans from a shareholder and a minority shareholder. In addition, corporate liabilities which are not directly attributable to the business activities of any operating segment and are not allocated to a segment.

No asymmetrical allocations have been applied to reportable segments.

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## 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Estimates and judgement are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The directors make judgements, estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

### **Depreciation**

The Group depreciates the property, plant and equipment on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives, starting from the date on which the assets are placed into productive use. The estimated useful lives reflect the directors' estimate of the periods that the Group intends to derive future economic benefits from the use of the Group's property, plant and equipment.

### **Impairment of non-financial assets**

The Group assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the Group that may lead to impairment of its non-financial assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the non-financial asset is determined at the higher of value-in-use and fair value less costs of disposal. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions about the future events, which are subject to uncertainty and might materially differ from the actual results. In making these key estimates and judgements, the directors take into consideration assumptions that are mainly based on market condition existing at the reporting dates and appropriate market and discount rates. These estimates are regularly compared to actual market and actual transactions entered into by the Group.

### **Impairment of receivables**

The Group's management determines impairment of receivables on a regular basis. This estimate is based on the credit history of its customers and current market conditions. Management reassesses the impairment of receivables at the reporting date.

### **Net realisable value of inventories**

Net realisable value of inventories is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less estimated selling expenses. These estimates are based on the current market condition and the historical experience of selling products of similar nature. It could change significantly as a result of competitors' actions in response to severe industry cycles. Management will reassess the estimates at the reporting date.

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## 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Continued)

### Estimate of current tax and deferred tax

The Group is subject to taxation in various jurisdictions. Significant judgement is required in determining the amount of the provision and the payment of taxation and any related surcharges in accordance with the tax laws of the respective jurisdictions. Where the final tax outcome might be different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the income tax and deferred tax provisions in periods in which such determination are made.

For the years ended 31 October 2017 and up to the date of these financial statements, the Inland Revenue Department ("IRD") of Hong Kong is in the process of reviewing the tax affairs of certain subsidiaries of the Group and has issued additional estimated assessments on these subsidiaries up to the year of assessments 2012/13. The Group currently has paid cash for the purchase of tax reserve certificates amounting to HK\$24,852,000 (2016: HK\$24,852,000) in aggregate in respect of these additional estimated assessments. In determining the amount recoverable in respect of these tax reserve certificates purchased, the directors of the Company have considered the latest communications between IRD and the Group and also taken into account the view of the tax and legal advisors of the Group. In particular, the directors have also taken into account of the new development of the review case as notified by IRD in July 2016. As at 31 October 2017, HK\$3,945,000 (2016: HK\$4,720,000) has been recognised as tax recoverable in the financial statements.

After taking into account the up-to-date developments of IRD's review, the directors of the Company are of the opinion that the Group's taxation charges and related tax recoverable and other provisions as at 31 October 2017 are adequate and fairly presented. If the final outcome of IRD's review is different from the directors' expectation, further provision for tax and any related surcharges may be required and the amount recognised as tax recoverable may not be realised. The directors have been closely monitoring the status of IRD's review and will revise their expectations when preparing future financial statements in the future periods if deem necessary and appropriate.

## 5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING

Revenue, which is also the Group's turnover, recognised during the year comprised the followings:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Sales of goods	85,123	61,439
Supply of water	20,331	19,792
	<b>105,454</b>	81,231

The chief operating decision-maker is identified as executive directors. The executive directors have identified the Group's three services lines as reportable segments as follows:

General environmental protection related products and services	:	Sale of particulate removal devices and related ancillary services in the PRC
Industrial environmental products	:	Sale of hydraulic components and other related accessories
Water supply plant	:	Supply of processed water in the PRC

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## 5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING (Continued)

These operating segments are monitored and strategic decisions are made on the basis of adjusted segment operating results.

	General environmental protection related products and services		Industrial environmental products		Water supply plant		Total	
	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Revenue from external customers	1,138	1,014	83,985	60,425	20,331	19,792	105,454	81,231
<b>Reportable segment revenue</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>83,985</b>	<b>60,425</b>	<b>20,331</b>	<b>19,792</b>	<b>105,454</b>	<b>81,231</b>
<b>Reportable segment profit</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>22,808</b>	<b>13,670</b>	<b>5,689</b>	<b>4,842</b>	<b>28,849</b>	<b>18,739</b>
<b>Other segment information</b>								
Interest income	2	1	5	4	22	20	29	25
Depreciation and amortisation	(25)	(110)	(183)	(202)	(5,613)	(7,070)	(5,821)	(7,382)
Reversal of provision for slow-moving inventories	-	-	326	38	-	-	326	38
Impairment loss on accounts receivable	-	(12)	-	-	-	-	-	(12)
Additions to non-current assets	5	6	112	2	638	532	755	540
<b>Reportable segment assets</b>	<b>12,022</b>	<b>11,646</b>	<b>43,432</b>	<b>38,452</b>	<b>104,048</b>	<b>96,884</b>	<b>159,502</b>	<b>146,982</b>
<b>Reportable segment liabilities</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>21,772</b>	<b>20,387</b>	<b>7,616</b>	<b>7,150</b>	<b>30,659</b>	<b>28,852</b>

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## 5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING (Continued)

The totals presented for the Group's operating segments reconcile to the Group's key financial figures as presented in the consolidated financial statements as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Reportable segment revenue	<b>105,454</b>	81,231
Group revenue	<b>105,454</b>	81,231
Reportable segment profit	<b>28,849</b>	18,739
Other corporate expenses	<b>(20,790)</b>	(22,441)
Finance costs	<b>(511)</b>	(519)
Share of profit/(loss) of a joint venture	<b>18</b>	(1)
Profit/(loss) before income tax	<b>7,566</b>	(4,222)
Reportable segment assets	<b>159,502</b>	146,982
Interest in a joint venture	<b>3,371</b>	3,292
Tax recoverable	<b>3,945</b>	4,720
Other corporate assets	<b>1,202</b>	1,293
Group assets	<b>168,020</b>	156,287
Reportable segment liabilities	<b>30,659</b>	28,852
Deferred tax liabilities	<b>7,570</b>	7,570
Loan from a shareholder	<b>9,500</b>	9,500
Loan from a minority shareholder	<b>9,526</b>	9,526
Other corporate liabilities	<b>5,750</b>	5,795
Group liabilities	<b>63,005</b>	61,243

Other corporate expenses mainly included staff cost, directors' emoluments and office rental expenses for administration purpose.

Other corporate liabilities mainly include accrued directors' emolument, accrued staff cost and accrued auditor's remuneration.

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## 5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING (Continued)

The Group's revenues from external customers and its non-current assets (other than financial instruments and deferred tax assets) are divided into the following geographical areas:

	Revenue from external customers		Non-current assets	
	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Hong Kong (domicile)	9,751	7,115	2,591	2,720
PRC	89,488	72,616	80,746	83,386
Other	6,215	1,500	4,479	4,396
	<b>105,454</b>	81,231	<b>87,816</b>	90,502

The executive directors determine the Group is domiciled in Hong Kong, which is the location of the Group's principal office.

The geographical location of revenue is based on the location of customers. The geographical location of non-current assets is based on the physical location of the assets.

Revenue derived from the largest customer of the Group's industrial environmental products segment amounted to approximately HK\$11,030,000 or 10% (2016: HK\$9,388,000 or 12%) of the Group's total revenue for the year ended 31 October 2017.

## 6. OTHER INCOME

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Government subsidies ( <i>note a</i> )	267	189
Bank interest income	29	25
Surcharge income ( <i>note b</i> )	–	792
Agency income ( <i>note c</i> )	1,330	107
Sundry income	255	92
	<b>1,881</b>	1,205

Notes:

- (a) Government subsidies represented the subsidies received from the local PRC government in support of the business operation. There was no condition to be fulfilled by the Group in relation to the subsidies.
- (b) Surcharge income represented late payment charges awarded by the PRC courts due to late settlement of outstanding balances.
- (c) Agency income represented agency fee charged to independent service providers for subcontracting the installation service of water meters for the Group's customers.

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## 7. PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS

Profit/(loss) from operations is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Auditor's remuneration		
— Provision for the year	680	680
Amortisation of interest in leasehold land	119	123
Cost of inventories recognised as expense*, including	74,336	60,291
— Reversal of provision for slow-moving inventories	(326)	(38)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	5,702	7,259
Exchange (gain)/loss, net	(6)	3,324
Operating lease charges in respect of land and buildings	2,060	1,914
Impairment loss on accounts receivable	—	12
Staff costs (including directors' emoluments)		
— Wages, salaries and benefits in kind	12,873	12,937
— Pension scheme contributions	157	178
	<b>13,030</b>	13,115

\* Costs of inventories includes a total amount of approximately HK\$4,420,000 (2016: HK\$8,365,000), relating to depreciation, reversal of provision for slow-moving inventories and exchange (gain)/loss for which are also included in the respective total amounts disclosed separately above.

## 8. FINANCE COSTS

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Interest charges on other loans:		
— Loan from a shareholder ( <i>note 24</i> )	511	500
— Loan from a third party	—	19
	<b>511</b>	519

## 9. TAXATION

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
<b>Provision in respect of current year</b>		
— Hong Kong	775	—
— PRC	1,028	—
<b>Under-provision in respect of prior years</b>		
— Hong Kong	—	11,939
	<b>1,803</b>	11,939

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## 9. TAXATION (Continued)

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided for at 16.5% (2016: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the year.

The subsidiaries of the Company established in the PRC are subject to the PRC enterprise income tax. PRC enterprise income tax has been provided at the rate of 25% (2016: 25%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in the PRC for the year.

A subsidiary of the Group established and operating in Macau was exempted from Macau complementary profits tax for the years ended 31 October 2017 and 2016 according to the relevant laws and regulations in Macau.

A reconciliation of the tax expense applicable to profit/(loss) before income tax using the statutory rates for the jurisdictions in which the Company and its subsidiaries are domiciled to the tax expense at the effective tax rates are as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Profit/(loss) before income tax	7,566	(4,222)
Tax at the domestic rates applicable to profit/(loss) in the jurisdictions concerned	1,697	(828)
Tax effect of non-taxable revenue for tax purpose	(313)	(1,908)
Tax effect of non-deductible expenses for tax purpose	1,010	2,323
Utilisation of unrecognised tax losses	(1,526)	(479)
Tax effect of tax losses not recognised	935	892
Under-provision in respect of prior years	-	11,939
	<b>1,803</b>	11,939

## 10. DIVIDENDS

The directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend for the year ended 31 October 2017 (2016: Nil).

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## 11. EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE

The basic earnings/(loss) per share for the year is calculated based on the following data:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Profit/(loss) for the year attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of calculating basic earnings/(loss) per share	<b>5,136</b>	(16,441)
	Number of shares	
	2017 '000	2016 '000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic earnings/(loss) per share	<b>649,540</b>	649,540

No diluted earnings/(loss) per share is calculated for the years ended 31 October 2017 and 2016 as there was no potential ordinary shares in existence.

## 12. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

The remunerations of each director for the year are as follows:

	Fees HK\$'000	Salaries HK\$'000	Pension scheme contributions HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<b>2017</b>				
<i>Executive directors:</i>				
Mr. KWOK Tsun Kee*	-	-	-	-
Mr. LEUNG Wai Lun	120	-	-	120
Mr. WU Cheng-wei	140	-	-	140
<i>Non-executive directors:</i>				
Dr. LUI Sun Wing	100	-	-	100
Ms. HUI Wai Man Shirley <sup>#</sup>	100	-	-	100
<i>Independent non-executive directors:</i>				
Ms. CHAN Siu Ping Rosa	50	-	-	50
Professor NI Jun	50	-	-	50
Mr. CHAU Kam Wing Donald	100	-	-	100
	<b>660</b>	-	-	<b>660</b>

\* Resigned on 18 November 2016

<sup>#</sup> Retired on 27 April 2017

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## 12. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS (Continued)

	Fees HK\$'000	Salaries HK\$'000	Pension scheme contributions HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<b>2016</b>				
<i>Executive directors:</i>				
Mr. KWOK Tsun Kee*	100	–	–	100
Mr. LEUNG Wai Lun	120	–	–	120
Mr. WU Cheng-wei <sup>^</sup>	59	–	–	59
<i>Non-executive directors:</i>				
Dr. LUI Sun Wing	100	–	–	100
Ms. HUI Wai Man Shirley	200	–	–	200
<i>Independent non-executive directors:</i>				
Ms. CHAN Siu Ping Rosa	50	–	–	50
Professor NI Jun	50	–	–	50
Mr. CHAU Kam Wing Donald	100	–	–	100
	779	–	–	779

\* Resigned on 18 November 2016

<sup>^</sup> Appointed as non-executive director on 21 December 2015 and re-designated as executive director on 12 September 2016

During the year, no emoluments were paid by the Group to the directors as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office (2016: Nil). None of the directors has waived or agreed to waive any emoluments during the year (2016: Nil).

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## 13. FIVE HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS

No director (2016: Nil) was included in the five highest paid individuals of the Group during the year. The details of the directors' remuneration are set out in note 12 above. Details of the remuneration of the remaining five (2016: five) non-director, highest paid individuals of the Group for the year are as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind	3,596	3,471
Pension scheme contributions	87	85
	<b>3,683</b>	3,556

The emoluments of three non-director highest paid individuals fell within the band of HK\$1 to HK\$500,000 (2016: three); the emolument of one non-director highest paid individual fell within the band of HK\$500,001 to HK\$1,000,000 (2016: one), and the emolument of one non-director highest paid individual fell within the band of HK\$1,500,001 to HK\$2,000,000 (2016: one).

During the year, no emolument was paid by the Group to any of the remaining non-director highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office (2016: Nil).

The emolument of four non-director senior management fell within the band of HK\$1 to HK\$500,000 (2016: Nil) and the emolument of one non-director senior management fell within the band of HK\$500,001 to HK\$1,000,000 (2016: one).

## 14. SHARE OPTION SCHEME

### The 2011 Share Option Scheme (the "2011 Scheme")

On 3 March 2011, the 2011 Scheme was approved by shareholders of the Company. The purpose of the 2011 Scheme is to enable the Company to grant options to selected persons as incentives or rewards for their contribution to the Group. The board of directors may, at its discretion, grants options to any of its employee or consultant or any directors of the Company or its subsidiaries, including executive, non-executive and independent non-executive directors to subscribe for shares of the Company. The total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the 2011 Scheme and other schemes by the Company must not exceed 30% of the shares in issue from time to time. A non-refundable nominal consideration of HK\$1.00 is payable by the grantee upon acceptance of an option. The subscription price for shares under the 2011 Scheme may be determined by the board of directors at its absolute discretion but in any event will not be less than the higher of: (i) the closing price of the shares as stated in the daily quotation sheet of the Stock Exchange on the date of grant of the option, which must be a business day; and (ii) the average of the closing prices of the shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheets for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant of the relevant option.

Any share options granted to a substantial shareholder or an independent non-executive director of the Company, or any of their associates, in excess of 0.1% of the shares of the Company in issue at any time or with an aggregate value based on the closing price of the shares of the Company at the date of grant in excess of HK\$5,000,000, within any 12-month period, are subject to shareholders' approval in advance in a general meeting.

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## 14. SHARE OPTION SCHEME (Continued)

### The 2011 Share Option Scheme (the “2011 Scheme”) (Continued)

The share options granted may be exercised at any time or times after the date on which the option is deemed to be granted and accepted and expiring on a date to be determined and notified by the board of directors to each grantee, but in any event no later than 10 years from the date of the grant of the share options. The 2011 Scheme remains in force for a period of 10 years with effect from 3 March 2011.

The options under the 2011 Scheme will be vested according to the terms and conditions determined by the board of directors either generally or on a case by case basis and will be stated in the offer letters to each grantee. All share options will be settled in equity. The Group has no legal or constructive obligation to repurchase or settle the options other than by issuing the Company’s ordinary shares.

The Company did not grant any share options of the 2011 Scheme for the year ended 31 October 2017 (2016: Nil).

## 15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Motor vehicles HK\$'000	Office equipment HK\$'000	Plant and machinery HK\$'000	Furniture and fixtures HK\$'000	Buildings and structure HK\$'000	Construction in progress HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<b>At 1 November 2015</b>							
Cost	2,383	1,503	37,721	855	110,274	546	153,282
Accumulated depreciation	(1,453)	(1,327)	(28,499)	(840)	(26,466)	–	(58,585)
<b>Net carrying amount</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>9,222</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>83,808</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>94,697</b>
<b>Year ended 31 October 2016</b>							
Opening net carrying amount	930	176	9,222	15	83,808	546	94,697
Additions	–	76	51	2	–	411	540
Transfer	–	–	–	–	957	(957)	–
Depreciation	(375)	(56)	(3,383)	(2)	(3,443)	–	(7,259)
Translation differences	(19)	(10)	(480)	–	(4,926)	–	(5,435)
<b>Closing net carrying amount</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>5,410</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>76,396</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>82,543</b>
<b>At 31 October 2016</b>							
Cost	2,359	1,568	37,179	857	106,190	–	148,153
Accumulated depreciation	(1,823)	(1,382)	(31,769)	(842)	(29,794)	–	(65,610)
<b>Net carrying amount</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>5,410</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>76,396</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>82,543</b>
<b>Year ended 31 October 2017</b>							
Opening net carrying amount	<b>536</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>5,410</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>76,396</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>82,543</b>
Additions	<b>182</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>755</b>
Depreciation	<b>(256)</b>	<b>(50)</b>	<b>(2,060)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3,334)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(5,702)</b>
Translation differences	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,168</b>
<b>Closing net carrying amount</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>4,249</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>74,837</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>79,764</b>
<b>At 31 October 2017</b>							
Cost	<b>2,553</b>	<b>1,627</b>	<b>38,138</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>108,064</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>151,239</b>
Accumulated depreciation	<b>(2,082)</b>	<b>(1,433)</b>	<b>(33,889)</b>	<b>(844)</b>	<b>(33,227)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(71,475)</b>
<b>Net carrying amount</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>4,249</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>74,837</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>79,764</b>

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## 16. INTEREST IN LEASEHOLD LAND

The Group's interest in leasehold land represents prepaid operating lease payment and its net book amount is analysed as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Net carrying amount at the beginning of the year	4,667	5,105
Amortisation charge for the year	(119)	(123)
Translation differences	133	(315)
Net carrying amount at the end of the year	4,681	4,667

## 17. INTEREST IN A JOINT VENTURE

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Unlisted investment, at cost	2,385	2,385
Share of post-acquisition reserves	986	907
	3,371	3,292

As at 31 October 2017, the Group has interest in the following joint venture:

Company name	Place of incorporation/ establishment and kind of legal entity	Paid-up capital	Percentage of equity attributable to the Group	Principal activities and place of operation
Jiangsu Kangyuan Environmental Protection Technology Co. Limited# (江蘇康源環保科技有限公司) ("Jiangsu Kangyuan")	PRC, limited liability company	RMB5,000,000	50%	Provision of environmental protection related solutions in the PRC

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The contractual arrangement provides the Group with only the rights to the net assets of the joint arrangement, with the rights to the assets and obligation for the liabilities of the joint arrangement resting primarily with Jiangsu Kangyuan. Under HKFRS 11, this joint arrangement is classified as a joint venture and has been accounted for in the consolidated financial statements using equity method.

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## 17. INTEREST IN A JOINT VENTURE (Continued)

Summarised financial information in relation to the joint venture extracted from its unaudited management accounts for the years ended 31 October 2017 and 2016 is presented below:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
<b>As at 31 October</b>		
Current assets	17,932	17,115
Non-current assets	253	30
Current liabilities	(11,443)	(10,560)
Net assets	6,742	6,585
Reconciliation to the Group's interest in Jiangsu Kangyuan:		
Proportion of the Group's ownership interest	50%	50%
Carrying amount of the Group's investment in Jiangsu Kangyuan	3,371	3,292
<i>Includes in the net assets are:</i>		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,037	27
Current financial liabilities (excluding trade and other payable)	6,732	5,415
<b>Year ended 31 October</b>		
Revenue	10,900	13,535
Profit/(loss) for the year	36	(2)
Other comprehensive income for the year	122	(468)
Total comprehensive income for the year	158	(470)
Reconciliation to the Group's share of results of Jiangsu Kangyuan:		
Proportion of the Group's share ownership interest	50%	50%
Group's share of profit/(loss) of the joint venture	18	(1)
Group's share of other comprehensive income for the year	61	(234)
Share of total comprehensive income of the joint venture	79	(235)

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## 18. DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred taxation is calculated on temporary differences under the liability method using the applicable tax rates at reporting date.

The movement in deferred tax assets/(liabilities) arising from temporary differences are as follows:

	Provision for slow- moving inventories HK\$'000	Accelerated tax depreciation HK\$'000	Tax losses HK\$'000	Capital contribution from a minority shareholder HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<b>At 1 November 2015</b>	794	(147)	74	(7,423)	(6,702)
Translation differences	(45)	–	–	–	(45)
<b>At 31 October and 1 November 2016</b>	749	(147)	74	(7,423)	(6,747)
Translation differences	20	–	–	–	20
<b>At 31 October 2017</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>(147)</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>(7,423)</b>	<b>(6,727)</b>

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent the realisation of related tax benefits through the future taxable profits is probable. As at 31 October 2017, the Group has tax losses arising in Hong Kong of approximately HK\$20,608,000 (2016: HK\$15,068,000) that are available indefinitely for offsetting against future taxable profits of the companies in which the losses arose. As at 31 October 2017, the tax losses arising in the PRC amounted to HK\$2,600,000 (2016: HK\$8,620,000) which are available for offsetting against future taxable profits of the companies and will expire at various dates for a maximum period of five years from the reporting date. Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these losses as they have arisen in subsidiaries that have been loss-making for some time.

At 31 October 2017, deferred tax liabilities of approximately HK\$7,423,000 (2016: HK\$7,423,000) have been established for the taxation that would be payable in relation to the capital contribution made by a minority shareholder in previous year.

As at 31 October 2017 and 2016, the aggregate amount of temporary differences associated with the PRC's subsidiaries' undistributed retained profits for which deferred tax liabilities have not been recognised are approximately RMB13,905,000 and RMB8,874,000 respectively. No deferred tax liabilities have been recognised in respect of these temporary differences because the Group is in a position to control the dividend policies of these subsidiaries and it is probable that such differences will not be reversed in the foreseeable future.

The following is the analysis of the deferred taxation balances for financial reporting purposes:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Deferred tax assets	843	823
Deferred tax liabilities	(7,570)	(7,570)
	<b>(6,727)</b>	<b>(6,747)</b>

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## 19. INVENTORIES

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Merchandise	26,128	24,576
Less: Provision for slow-moving inventories	(10,978)	(11,304)
	<b>15,150</b>	13,272

## 20. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Accounts receivable	28,473	17,476
Less: Provision for impairment loss	(106)	(112)
	<b>28,367</b>	17,364

Accounts receivable are non-interest bearing and they are recognised at their original invoice amounts which represent their fair values at initial recognition.

The Group has a policy of allowing an average credit period of 60 to 120 days to its trade customers. An ageing analysis of accounts receivable as at the reporting date, based on invoice date, is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Outstanding balances with ages:		
Within 90 days	25,432	13,201
91–180 days	1,154	2,858
181–365 days	1,770	1,171
Over 365 days	117	246
	<b>28,473</b>	17,476

Impairment loss in respect of accounts receivable are recorded using an allowance account unless the Group is satisfied that recovery of the amount is remote, in which case the impairment loss is written off against accounts receivable directly. At 31 October 2017, the Group has determined that accounts receivable of HK\$106,000 (2016: HK\$112,000) were individually impaired. The impaired accounts receivable are due from Customers experiencing financial difficulties that were in default or delinquency of payments.

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## 20. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (Continued)

The movements in the impairment for accounts receivable during the year are as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
At the beginning of the year	112	100
Impairment loss for the year	-	12
Translation differences	(6)	-
At the end of the year	<b>106</b>	112

The ageing analysis of the Group's accounts receivable as at the reporting date but not impaired, based on due date, is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Not more than 90 days past due	2,953	4,408
91 to 180 days past due	711	1,185
181 to 365 days past due	932	71
Over 365 days past due	849	91
Neither past due nor impaired	<b>5,445</b> <b>22,922</b>	5,755 11,609
	<b>28,367</b>	17,364

Accounts receivable that were neither past due nor impaired related to a number of customers for whom there was no recent history of default. Accounts receivable that were past due but not impaired related to a number of customers that had a good track record of credit with the Group. Based on past credit history, the management believes that no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of these balances as there has not been a significant change in credit quality and the balances are still considered to be fully recoverable. The Group did not hold any collateral in respect of accounts receivable past due but not impaired.

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## 21. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND PLEDGED BANK DEPOSITS

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Cash at bank and in hand	27,360	25,816
Less: pledged bank deposits for banking facilities (note 28(a))	(9,020)	(9,020)
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>18,340</b>	16,796
Pledged bank deposits analysed for reporting purposes as non-current	<b>9,020</b>	9,020

The Group had cash and bank balances denominated in RMB of approximately HK\$15,392,000 (2016: HK\$9,807,000) and the remittance of these funds out of the PRC was subject to the exchange control restrictions imposed by the PRC government.

The effective interest rate of pledged bank deposits was 0.01% (2016: 0.01%) per annum as at 31 October 2017. These deposits had no maturity date and were pledged to bank to secure the Group's banking facilities (note 28(a)). The pledge will not be released within twelve months from the reporting date.

## 22. ACCOUNTS AND BILLS PAYABLE

The credit terms granted by suppliers are generally for a period of 60 to 180 days. The ageing analysis of accounts and bills payable as at the reporting date, based on invoice date, is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Outstanding balances with ages:		
Within 90 days	9,933	10,128
91–180 days	40	41
Over 180 days	276	271
	<b>10,249</b>	10,440

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## 23. ACCRUED LIABILITIES, RECEIPTS IN ADVANCE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Accrued liabilities	5,319	4,446
Receipts in advance	5,353	4,854
Other payables	15,161	14,907
	<b>25,833</b>	24,207

Other payables mainly included construction costs payable related to property, plant and equipment and other taxes liabilities.

## 24. LOANS FROM A SHAREHOLDER AND A MINORITY SHAREHOLDER

The balances were regarded as amounts due to related parties, of which:

- loan from a shareholder represented amount due to a substantial shareholder of the Company who has control over the Group.
- loan from a minority shareholder represented amount due to a minority shareholder of a subsidiary who has significant influence over the subsidiary.

The loans were unsecured and interest-free except for loan from a shareholder of HK\$9,500,000 which was interest bearing at 5.25% per annum (2016: 5.25% per annum).

They were not repayable within twelve months from the reporting dates as at 31 October 2017 and 2016 respectively.

The directors of the Company consider that the fair values of the loans are not materially different from their carrying amounts.

## 25. SHARE CAPITAL

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Authorised: 5,000,000,000 (2016: 5,000,000,000) ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	50,000	50,000
Issued and fully paid: 649,540,000 (2016: 649,540,000) ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	6,495	6,495

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## 26. RESERVES

### (a) Group

The amounts of the Group's reserves and the movements therein for the current year are presented in the consolidated statement of changes in equity of the consolidated financial statements.

Share premium of the Group represents the excess of the proceeds received over the nominal value of the Company's shares issued, less amounts of the capitalisation issue and share issue expenses.

Capital reserve of the Group represents the difference between the aggregate nominal value of share capital of the subsidiaries acquired by the Company and the nominal value of share capital of the Company issued as consideration in exchange therefor.

Exchange translation reserve comprises all foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations. The reserve is dealt with in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 3.

Capital contribution reserve of the Group represents the contribution made by a minority shareholder shared by the Group.

### (b) Company

	Share premium HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<b>At 1 November 2015</b>	30,537	(9,300)	21,237
Loss for the year	–	(1,853)	(1,853)
<b>At 31 October 2016 and 1 November 2016</b>	30,537	(11,153)	19,384
Loss for the year	–	(1,828)	(1,828)
<b>At 31 October 2017</b>	<b>30,537</b>	<b>(12,981)</b>	<b>17,556</b>

Share premium of the Company includes: (i) the excess of the proceeds received over the nominal value of the shares of the Company issued at a premium; and (ii) the excess of the consolidated net assets of the subsidiaries acquired pursuant to the group reorganisation over the nominal value of the Company's shares issued in exchange therefor. Under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands, share premium is distributable to the shareholders of the Company, provided that immediately following the date on which the dividend is proposed to be distributed, the Company will be in a position to pay off its debts as and when they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

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## 27. NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS

Tianjin Asian Way Estate Development Co., Ltd (“Tianjin Asian Way”), an 80% owned subsidiary of the Company, has material non-controlling interests (“NCI”). The NCI of all other subsidiaries that are not 100% owned by the Group are considered to be immaterial.

Summarised financial information in relation to Tianjin Asian Way before intra-group eliminations is prepared below:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
As at 31 October		
Non-current assets	79,634	82,332
Current assets	20,051	10,209
Current liabilities	(57,635)	(57,168)
Net assets	42,050	35,373
Accumulated non-controlling interests	8,410	7,075
	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
<b>For the year ended 31 October</b>		
Revenue	20,331	19,792
Profit for the year	3,260	1,680
Total comprehensive income	6,677	(3,761)
Profit allocated to NCI	652	336
<b>For the year ended 31 October</b>		
Net cash generated from operating activities	5,809	1,029
Net cash used in investing activities	(616)	(514)
Net cash inflow	5,193	515

## 28. BANKING FACILITIES

The Group's banking facilities were granted for the purposes of general working capital, trade finance and treasury requirements as at 31 October 2017 and 2016, which were secured by the following:

- (a) bank deposits of the Group amounting to approximately HK\$9,020,000 (2016: HK\$9,020,000) (note 21); and
- (b) corporate guarantees executed by the Company.

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## 29. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of land and buildings of the Group are payable as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Within one year	1,794	1,723
In the second to fifth years, inclusive	1,979	911
	<b>3,773</b>	2,634

The Group leases a number of properties under operating leases. The leases run for an initial period of one to five years (2016: one to three years), without any option to renew the lease terms at the expiry date and do not include contingent rentals.

## 30. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The Group had the following capital commitments at the end of each of the reporting period:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Contracted, but not provided for, in respect of:		
– construction of chlorine tank and related facilities	–	267
	–	267

## 31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) In addition to the transactions and balances disclosed elsewhere in these consolidated financial statements, the Group had the following transactions with related parties during the year:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Interest expenses	511	500

Interest expenses were paid to a shareholder in accordance with the terms as set out in note 24.

(b) Included in staff costs is key management personnel compensation (including directors' remuneration) which comprises the following categories:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind	4,996	4,147
Pension scheme contributions	76	70
	<b>5,072</b>	4,217

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## 32. RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Group is exposed to a variety of financial risks which results from both its operating and investing activities. The Group does not have written risk management policies and guidelines. However, the board of directors meets periodically to analyse and formulate strategies to manage the Group's exposure to market risks, including changes in interest rates and currency exchange rates. Generally, the Group introduces conservative strategies on its risk management. The Group's exposure to market risk is kept to minimum level. The Group has not used any derivatives or other instruments for hedging purposes. The Group does not issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. The most significant financial risks to which the Group is exposed to are described below.

### (a) Credit risk

All the Group's cash and bank balances are deposited with major banks located in Hong Kong, Macau and the PRC.

In order to minimise the credit risk, management of the Group has implemented internal control procedures for determination of credit limits, credit approvals and other monitoring procedures to ensure that follow up action is taken to recover overdue debts. In addition, the Group reviews the recoverable amount of trade debt on a collective basis at each reporting date to ensure that adequate impairment losses are made for irrecoverable amounts. In this regard, the directors of the Company consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

The Group's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. The default risk of the industry and country in which customers operate also has an influence on credit risk but to a lesser extent. At the end of reporting period, the Group has certain concentration of credit risk as 13% (2016: 14%) and 48% (2016: 45%) of the total accounts receivable were due from the Group's largest customer and the five largest customers respectively, which are privately owned enterprises located in the PRC and arising in the industrial environmental products segment.

The Group's concentration of credit risk by geographical location is mainly in the PRC, which accounted for over 84% (2016: 89%) of the total trade receivables as at 31 October 2017.

### (b) Foreign currency risk

The Group's purchases are mainly denominated in Sterling Pounds ("GBP"), Japanese Yen ("JPY"), Euro ("EUR") and US Dollars ("USD"). The sales of the Group are predominantly in RMB and HK\$. The management monitors foreign exchange exposure and will hedge significant foreign currency exposure should the need arises.

The carrying amounts of foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities of the Group at the reporting date that are considered significant by management are as follows:

	Assets		Liabilities	
	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
JPY	1,925	407	4,667	6,998
EUR	822	1,336	426	372
GBP	448	681	912	21
USD	4,223	6,550	2,036	1,378

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## 32. RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (Continued)

### (c) Foreign currency sensitivity analysis

Since Hong Kong Dollars are pegged to USD, there is no significant exposure expected on USD transactions and balances whilst the currency peg remains in place.

The following table details the Group's sensitivity to a 5% increase in the functional currencies of the relevant group entities against the relevant foreign currencies. 5% is the sensitivity rate used when reporting foreign currency risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and adjusts their translation at the year-end for a 5% increase in foreign currency rates. A number below indicates an increase/(a decrease) in profit for the year and retained profits (2016: (a decrease)/an increase in loss for the year and an increase/(a decrease) in retained profits) where the functional currencies of the relevant group entities strengthen against the relevant foreign currencies. For a 5% weakening of the functional currencies of the relevant group entities against the relevant foreign currencies, there would be (a decrease)/an increase in the profit for the year and retained profits (2016: (a decrease)/an increase in loss for the year and an increase/(a decrease) in retained profits). There is no impact on other components of equity in response to the general change in foreign exchange rates.

	2017 HK\$'000			2016 HK\$'000		
	EUR	JPY	GBP	EUR	JPY	GBP
Increase in foreign exchange rate	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Effect on profit/(loss) for the year	20	(138)	(23)	(48)	330	(33)
Effect on retained profits	20	(138)	(23)	48	(330)	33

### (d) Interest rate risk

The Group's interest rate risk arises primarily from bank balance and loan from a shareholder. Exposure to floating interest rate presents when there are unexpected adverse interest rate movements. The Group's policy is to manage its interest rate risk, working within an agreed framework, to ensure that there are no undue exposures to significant interest rate movements and rates are approximately fixed when necessary. The directors considered that the Group's cash flow interest rate risk is minimal.

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### (e) Liquidity risk

The Group's policy is to regularly monitor current and expected liquidity requirements in the short and long terms. The liquidity of the Group is primarily dependent on its ability to maintain adequate cash inflow from operations to meet its debt obligations.

The following table summarises the remaining contractual maturities at the reporting date of the Group's financial liabilities, which are based on contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than 3 months or on demand HK\$'000	Over 1 year HK\$'000	Total contractual undiscounted cash flows HK\$'000	Carrying amount HK\$'000
<b>As at 31 October 2017</b>				
Accounts and bills payable	10,249	–	10,249	10,249
Accrued liabilities and other payables	20,480	–	20,480	20,480
Loan from a shareholder	–	10,611	10,611	9,500
Loan from a minority shareholder	–	9,526	9,526	9,526
	<b>30,729</b>	<b>20,137</b>	<b>50,866</b>	<b>49,755</b>
	Less than 3 months or on demand HK\$'000	Over 1 year HK\$'000	Total contractual undiscounted cash flows HK\$'000	Carrying amount HK\$'000
<b>As at 31 October 2016</b>				
Accounts and bills payable	10,440	–	10,440	10,440
Accrued liabilities and other payables	19,353	–	19,353	19,353
Loan from a shareholder	–	11,194	11,194	9,500
Loan from a minority shareholder	–	9,526	9,526	9,526
	29,793	20,720	50,513	48,819

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### (f) Summary of financial assets and liabilities by category

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities as recognised at 31 October 2017 and 2016 may be categorised as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Loans and receivables (including bank balances and cash)	<b>59,399</b>	46,718
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	<b>49,755</b>	48,819

## 33. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Group's capital management objectives are to ensure the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide an adequate return to members by pricing goods and services commensurately with the level of risk.

The Group actively and regularly reviews and manages its capital structure to ensure optimal capital structure and equity holder returns, taking into consideration the future capital requirements of the Group and capital efficiency, prevailing and projected profitability, projected operating cash flows, projected capital expenditures and projected strategic investment opportunities. The Group currently does not adopt any formal dividend policy.

The Group sets the amount of equity capital in proportion to its overall financial structure. The Group manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to equity holders, return capital to equity holders, issue new shares, or sell assets to reduce debt.

The capital-to-overall financing ratio at the reporting date was as follows.

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Capital		
– Total equity	<b>105,015</b>	95,044
Overall financing		
– Loan from a shareholder	<b>9,500</b>	9,500
– Loan from a minority shareholder	<b>9,526</b>	9,526
	<b>19,026</b>	19,026
<b>Capital-to-overall financing ratio</b>	<b>5.52 times</b>	5.00 times

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## 34. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY

<i>Notes</i>	<b>2017</b> <b>HK\$'000</b>	2016 HK\$'000
<b>ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Investments in subsidiaries	<b>10,957</b>	10,957
<b>Current assets</b>		
Prepayments and other receivables	<b>149</b>	119
Amounts due from subsidiaries	<b>43,933</b>	43,779
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>7</b>	31
	<b>44,089</b>	43,929
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accrued liabilities and other payables	<b>628</b>	674
Amounts due to subsidiaries	<b>30,367</b>	28,333
	<b>30,995</b>	29,007
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>13,094</b>	14,922
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>24,051</b>	25,879
<b>EQUITY</b>		
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the Company</b>		
Share capital	25	6,495
Share premium	26(b)	30,537
Accumulated losses	26(b)	(12,981)
	<b>24,051</b>	25,879

## 35. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

Particulars of the subsidiaries of the Company as at 31 October 2017 are as follows:

Company name	Place of incorporation/ establishment and kind of legal entity	Issued/ paid-up capital	Percentage of equity attributable to the Group	Principal activities and place of operation
<b>Directly held</b>				
Eco-Tek (BVI) Investment Holdings Limited	British Virgin Islands ("BVI"), limited liability company	30,000 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	100%	Investment holding in Hong Kong
<b>Indirectly held</b>				
Asian Way International Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	HK\$10,000	80%	Investment holding in Hong Kong

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## 35. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Company name	Place of incorporation/ establishment and kind of legal entity	Issued/ paid-up capital	Percentage of equity attributable to the Group	Principal activities and place of operation
<b>Indirectly held</b> (Continued)				
Eco-Tek Company Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	HK\$100,000	100%	Marketing, sales, servicing, research and development of environmental protection related products and services in Hong Kong
Eco-Tek Technology Limited	BVI, limited liability company	101 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	100%	Holding of intellectual properties in Hong Kong
East Miles International Limited	BVI, limited liability company	1 ordinary share of US\$1	100%	Investment holding in Hong Kong
Elegant Well Investment Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	HK\$2	100%	Investment holding in Hong Kong
Ningbo Tokawa Precision Hydraulic Equipment Co. Ltd <sup>#</sup>	PRC, limited liability company	US\$100,000	100%	Marketing and sales of industrial environmental products in the PRC
Tianjin Asian Way <sup>#</sup>	PRC, limited liability company	US\$7,000,000	80%	Operation of a water supply plant in the PRC
Tokawa Precision (Overseas) Co. Limited	BVI, limited liability company	1 ordinary share of US\$1	100%	Investment holding
Tokawa Precision Co. Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	HK\$10,000	100%	Marketing and sales of industrial environmental products in Hong Kong
Tokawa Precision (Overseas) Company Limited – Macao Commercial Offshore	Macau, limited liability company	MOP100,000	100%	Marketing and sales of environmental protection related products in Macau
Well Spread Investment Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	HK\$2	100%	Investment holding in Hong Kong
Dongguan MegaTek Machinery Company Limited <sup>#^</sup> (東莞英達朗機械有限公司)	PRC, limited liability company	HK\$4,820,000	100%	Marketing and sales of industrial environmental products in the PRC
Well Merit Enterprise Limited	Hong Kong, Limited liability company	HK\$100	100%	Investment holding in Hong Kong

<sup>#</sup> These companies are registered as wholly foreign owned enterprise under the law of PRC.

<sup>^</sup> English translation only

# Summary of Financial Information

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The following is a summary of the consolidated results and of the assets and liabilities of the Group prepared on the basis set out in notes 1 and 2 below:

## RESULTS

	2017 HK\$'000	Year ended 31 October			
		2016 HK\$'000	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>105,454</b>	81,231	84,324	96,073	110,835
Cost of sales	<b>(74,336)</b>	(60,291)	(53,725)	(70,080)	(79,853)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>31,118</b>	20,940	30,599	25,993	30,982
Other income	<b>1,881</b>	1,205	621	798	1,893
Selling expenses	<b>(2,269)</b>	(2,203)	(2,184)	(2,250)	(2,864)
Administrative expenses	<b>(22,540)</b>	(23,459)	(23,529)	(21,810)	(19,695)
Other operating expenses	<b>(131)</b>	(185)	(415)	(7,455)	(4,834)
<b>Profit/(loss) from operations</b>	<b>8,059</b>	(3,702)	5,092	(4,724)	5,482
Finance costs	<b>(511)</b>	(519)	(500)	(373)	(174)
Share of profit/(loss) of a joint venture	<b>18</b>	(1)	270	129	182
<b>Profit/(loss) before income tax</b>	<b>7,566</b>	(4,222)	4,862	(4,968)	5,490
Taxation	<b>(1,803)</b>	(11,939)	(854)	(9,541)	(451)
<b>Profit/(loss) after income tax from continuing operations</b>	<b>5,763</b>	(16,161)	4,008	(14,509)	5,039
<b>Profit/(loss) for the year from discontinued operations</b>	<b>-</b>	-	-	(1,652)	(31,468)
<b>Profit/(Loss) for the year</b>	<b>5,763</b>	(16,161)	4,008	(16,161)	(26,429)

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	Year ended 31 October				
	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000
<b>ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>					
Non-current assets	<b>97,679</b>	100,345	113,217	122,948	130,481
Current assets	<b>70,341</b>	55,942	67,865	71,280	71,666
Current liabilities	<b>36,409</b>	34,647	37,092	50,890	52,192
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>33,932</b>	21,295	30,773	20,390	19,474
Non-current liabilities	<b>26,596</b>	26,596	26,596	26,596	16,949
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>105,015</b>	95,044	117,394	116,742	133,006

Notes:

1. The consolidated results of the Group for the years ended 31 October 2013, 2014 and 2015 are as set out in the annual reports of the Company for those years. The consolidated results of the Group for the years ended 31 October 2016 and 2017 are as set out on page 39 of the audited consolidated financial statements.
2. The consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 October 2013, 2014 and 2015 are as set out in the annual reports of the Company for those years. The consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 October 2016 and 2017 are as set out on pages 40 to 41 of the audited consolidated financial statements.