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INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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The board (the “**Board**”) of Directors of the Company is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2025 (the “**Reporting Period**”) together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2024 as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 September 2025

		Six months ended 30 September	
		2025	2024
	<i>Notes</i>	CNY'000	CNY'000
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue	3	26,363	28,232
Cost of sales		(16,000)	(18,099)
Gross profit		10,363	10,133
Other income, other gains/(loss), net	4	1,526	1,215
Selling and distribution expenses		(2,253)	(1,596)
Administrative and other expenses		(13,712)	(12,611)
Finance costs	5	(322)	(286)
Loss before tax		(4,398)	(3,145)
Income tax expense	6	(136)	(102)
Loss for the period	7	(4,534)	(3,247)
Other comprehensive loss for the period			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations		(246)	(410)
Total comprehensive loss for the period		(4,780)	(3,657)
Loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company		(4,534)	(3,247)
Total comprehensive loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company		(4,780)	(3,657)
Loss per share (CNY):			
Basic and diluted	9	(2.85) cents	(2.04) cents

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2025

		30 September 2025 <i>CNY'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 March 2025 <i>CNY'000</i> (Audited)
	Notes		
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	40,525	39,491
Right-of-use assets		3,077	2,516
Investment property	11	1,866	1,904
Intangible assets	12	4,840	4,877
Deferred tax assets		723	908
Restricted bank balances	14	20,601	14,499
		<u>71,632</u>	<u>64,195</u>
Current assets			
Inventories		7,486	8,357
Trade, guarantee service fee, loan and loan interest, bills and other receivables	13	57,263	45,535
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	15	2,684	2,287
Pledged bank deposit	14	–	20,000
Bank balances and cash	14	12,368	5,961
		<u>79,801</u>	<u>82,140</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	16	32,075	22,314
Lease liabilities		800	–
Income tax payables		–	976
		<u>32,875</u>	<u>23,290</u>
Net current assets		<u>46,926</u>	<u>58,850</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>118,558</u>	<u>123,045</u>

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONT'D)

As at 30 September 2025

		30 September 2025 <i>CNY'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 March 2025 <i>CNY'000</i> (Audited)
	<i>Notes</i>		
Non-current liabilities			
Asset retirement obligations		11,033	10,732
Deferred income		135	143
		<u>11,168</u>	<u>10,875</u>
Net assets		<u>107,390</u>	<u>112,170</u>
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	17	13,261	13,261
Reserves		94,129	98,909
		<u>107,390</u>	<u>112,170</u>
Total equity		<u>107,390</u>	<u>112,170</u>

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 September 2025

1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands under the Companies Law, Chapter 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability on 15 July 2015 and its shares were listed on the GEM of the Stock Exchange on 29 December 2015. P.B. Asia Holdings Limited held 34,235,118 Shares, representing approximately 21.52% of the total number of issued Shares and Bonus Eventus Securities Limited held 40,690,572 Shares, representing approximately 29.34% of the total number of issued Shares. P.B. Asia Holdings Limited and Bonus Eventus Securities Limited are owned and indirectly owned as to 50% by Dr. CHAN Man Fung and 50% by Mr. PUI Wai Lun. In addition, Dr. CHAN Man Fung directly holds 6,682,000 Shares, representing approximately 4.2% of the total number of issued Shares.

The address of the registered office of the Company is 71 Fort Street, P.O. Box 500, George Town, Grand Cayman, KY1-1106, Cayman Islands and the address of the principal place of business of the Company is Room 1601, 16/F., Park Commercial Centre, 180 Tung Lo Wan Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

The Company is an investment holding Company. The Company and its subsidiaries (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “**Group**”) are principally engaged in bentonite mining, production and sales of drilling mud and pelletising clay, financial services business, rental business and wholesales of personal care products.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the Reporting Period have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“**IASB**”) and the applicable disclosure requirements of the GEM Listing Rules. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2025 are consistent with those adopted in the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The following standards and amendments have been adopted by the Group for the first time for the financial year beginning on 1 April 2025:

Amendments to IAS 21	Lack of Exchangeability
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The adoption of these new and amended standards does not have significant impact on the condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group.

The adoption of such new or revised standards, amendments to standards and interpretations does not have material impact on the consolidated accounts and does not result in substantial changes to the Group’s accounting policies.

The Group has not early applied the new and revised IFRS Accounting Standards that have been issued but are not yet effective.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2025 of the Group are presented in Chinese Yuan (“**CNY**”), which is also the functional currency of the Company. CNY is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the principal subsidiary of the Company operates (the functional currency of the principal subsidiary).

3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Operating segments are identified on the basis of internal reports which provides information about components of the Group. Information are reported to and reviewed by the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

For management purpose, the Group has three reportable and operating segments: (i) bentonite mining, production and sales of drilling mud and pelletising clay, (ii) financial services business and (iii) property investment.

Revenue represents the sales of drilling mud and pelletising clay, wholesales of personal care products, wealth management service income, loan interest income, financial guarantee fee income and rental income.

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2025	2024
	CNY'000	CNY'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Drilling mud	8,038	8,739
Pelletising clay	9,632	10,829
Wholesales of personal care products	210	–
Total revenue of sales of goods	17,880	19,568
Wealth management services income	7,562	7,285
Loan interest income	608	766
Financial guarantee fee income	266	566
Total revenue of financial services	8,436	8,617
Rental income	47	47
Total rental income	47	47
Total revenue	26,363	28,232

Geographical information

The following table provides an analysis of the Group's revenue from external customers based on geographical location of the customers:

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2025	2024
	CNY'000	CNY'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Hong Kong	8,427	8,098
PRC excluding Hong Kong	17,936	20,134
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Total revenue	26,363	28,232
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4. OTHER INCOME, OTHER GAINS/(LOSS), NET

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2025	2024
	CNY'000	CNY'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Other income		
Bank interest income	487	633
Government grants	350	8
Release of government grant for property, plant and equipment	8	13
Sundry (expenses)/income	(164)	544
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	681	1,198
Other gains/(loss), net		
Fair value gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")	426	17
Loss on disposal/written off of property, plant and equipment	(15)	—
Net reversal of expected credit loss on trade, guarantee service fee, loan and loan interest receivables and other receivables	434	—
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	1,526	1,215
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5. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2025	2024
	CNY'000	CNY'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interest expenses on lease liability	21	—
Unwinding of discount on provision for dismantlement	301	286
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	322	286
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6. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2025	2024
	CNY'000	CNY'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Current tax:		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax (“EIT”)	–	(150)
Hong Kong Profits Tax	–	–
Deferred taxation:		
Current period	(136)	48
	<u>(136)</u>	<u>(102)</u>

Notes:

- (a) Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands, the Group is not subject to any income tax in the Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands.
- (b) No provision for profits tax in Hong Kong has been made as the Group has no assessable income for profit tax in Hong Kong during the period ended 30 September 2025 and 2024.
- (c) Under the Law of the PRC on EIT (“EIT Law”) and implementation regulation of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the subsidiaries established in the PRC other than Wuhu Feishang Non-metal Material Co., Limited* (蕪湖飛尚非金屬材料有限公司) is 25% for both periods.
- (d) Wuhu Feishang Non-metal Material Co., Limited* (蕪湖飛尚非金屬材料有限公司) was recognised as a High Technology Enterprise and subject to EIT law at 15% for both periods.

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7. LOSS FOR THE PERIOD

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2025	2024
	CNY'000	CNY'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Loss for the period has been arrived at after charging:		
Amortisation of intangible asset	37	36
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	20	20
Amount of inventories recognised as an expenses	10,943	12,725
Exchange loss, net	40	19
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	443	628
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	611	–
Amortisation of land-use right	46	46

8. DIVIDEND

No dividend was paid, declared or proposed during the Reporting Period, nor has any dividend been proposed since the end of the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2024: nil).

9. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted loss per share attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the following:

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2025	2024
	CNY'000	CNY'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Loss		
Loss for the purpose of basic and diluted loss per share	<u>(4,534)</u>	<u>(3,247)</u>
	Six months ended 30 September	
	2025	2024
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic and diluted loss per share ('000 shares)	<u>159,114</u>	<u>159,114</u>
Basic and diluted loss per share (CNY)	<u>(2.85) cents</u>	<u>(2.04) cents</u>

Note:

The dilutive loss per share is equal to the basic loss per share as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares outstanding for both periods.

10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the Reporting Period, the Group spent approximately CNY1,453,000 (six months ended 30 September 2024: approximately CNY9,241,000) on acquisition of property, plant and equipment.

During the Reporting Period, the Group has disposed certain property, plant and equipment with cost values of approximately CNY145,000 (six months ended 30 September 2024: CNY6,000) and net carrying value of CNY15,000 (six months ended 30 September 2024: nil) for no cash proceeds (six months ended 30 September 2024: nil), resulting in a loss on disposal of approximately CNY15,000 (six months ended 30 September 2024: nil).

11. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	As at 30 September 2025 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2025 CNY'000 (Audited)
Fair value at the beginning of period/year	1,904	2,426
Net loss from fair value adjustment	–	(547)
Exchange adjustments	(38)	25
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Fair value at the end of period/year	<u>1,866</u>	<u>1,904</u>

12. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

During the six months ended 30 September 2025, the Group did not spend any expenditure (six months ended 30 September 2024: nil) in relation to the mining site.

13. TRADE, GUARANTEE SERVICE FEE, LOAN AND LOAN INTEREST, BILLS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	As at 30 September 2025 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2025 CNY'000 (Audited)
Trade receivables – goods	9,024	5,466
Trade receivables – wealth management services	2,945	1,372
Less: loss allowance	(180)	(182)
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	11,789	6,656
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Loan and loan interest receivables	11,049	12,341
Less: loss allowance	(1,321)	(1,701)
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	9,728	10,640
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Bill receivables	5,332	15,646
Prepayments and deposits (note a)	28,923	9,105
Other receivables	1,492	3,583
Less: loss allowances	(1)	(95)
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	57,263	45,535
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As at 30 September 2025 and 31 March 2025, trade receivables from contracts with customers amounted to approximately CNY11,789,000 and approximately CNY6,656,000 respectively.

The Group offers revolving credit to one of its customer amounted approximately CNY400,000 as at 30 September 2025 (31 March 2025: one customer amounted approximately CNY400,000). This revolving credit provides for a predetermined credit limit that may be outstanding at any one time based on their background, credit history, length of business relationship and historical transaction amounts. The Group generally evaluates the credit limits granted to the customer annually upon renewal of the relevant sales agreements and upon special request from the customers. The Group held charges on such customers' vehicles as collaterals over the balance of approximately CNY400,000 as at 30 September 2025 (31 March 2025: approximately CNY400,000). Such collateral is not transferable and rentable and can be realised by the Group at first priority upon the liquidation or deregistration of such customer. For the remaining balances of approximately CNY21,117,000 as at 30 September 2025 (31 March 2025: approximately CNY16,900,000), the Group does not hold any collateral over these amounts.

The Group allows credit period ranging from 5 days upon receipt of invoice to three months from the receipt of goods by or invoices to its trade customers. The following is an ageing analysis of trade receivables, net of allowance for impairment of trade receivables, presented based on the invoice date, which approximates the respective revenue recognition dates, at the end of the Reporting Period.

	As at 30 September 2025 <i>CNY'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2025 <i>CNY'000</i> (Audited)
Within 30 days	10,825	3,161
31 to 60 days	13	1,479
61 to 90 days	8	702
Over 90 days	943	1,314
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Total	11,789	6,656
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As at 30 September 2025 and 31 March 2025, all of the bills receivables were aged within 180 days.

The following is ageing analysis on loan and loan interest receivables based on their respective contractual maturity date.

	As at 30 September 2025 <i>CNY'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2025 <i>CNY'000</i> (Audited)
Within 30 days	9,568	7,266
31 to 60 days	5	–
61 to 90 days	135	–
Over 90 days	20	3,374
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Total	9,728	10,640
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note a:

Include in prepayments and deposits were refundable trade deposits paid to suppliers for the Group's business strategy to secure the cost level and quantity supply of production materials of bentonite mining business of approximately CNY19,853,000 (31 March 2025: Nil).

14. RESTRICTED BANK BALANCES, PLEDGED BANK DEPOSIT AND BANK BALANCES AND CASH

Restricted bank balances

Restricted bank balances represent restricted cash set aside by the Group in banks placed for the settlement of asset retirement obligations for future environmental rehabilitation. The restricted bank balances carried at prevailing market rates ranging from 0.05% to 1.60% per annum (31 March 2025: 0.10% to 1.95% per annum) during the Reporting Period.

Pledged bank deposit

Pledged bank deposit represented deposit pledged to banks to secure general banking facilities granted to an independent third party. During the Reporting Period, the bank deposit of CNY20,000,000 was released upon the expiry of the relevant banking facilities (31 March 2025: the bank deposit of CNY20,000,000 has been pledged to secure short-term bank borrowing of the independent third party and was therefore classified as current asset). As at 31 March 2025, the pledged bank deposit carry interest rates at 1.95% per annum.

Bank balances and cash

Bank balances and cash include the following for the purposes of the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows:

	As at 30 September 2025 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2025 CNY'000 (Audited)
Cash at bank and in hand	11,690	5,283
Short-term bank deposits	678	678
Bank balances and cash shown in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position	12,368	5,961
Less: Bank deposits with a maturity of more than three months	(678)	(678)
Cash and cash equivalents shown in the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows (<i>Note</i>)	11,690	5,283

Note:

Bank balances and bank deposits carried at prevailing market rates ranging from 0.05% to 1.60% per annum during the Reporting Period (31 March 2025: 0.10% to 1.60% per annum).

15. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	As at 30 September 2025 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2025 CNY'000 (Audited)
Equity securities listed in Hong Kong, at fair value	1,684	1,287
Unlisted equity interest (<i>Note</i>)	1,000	1,000
	<u>2,684</u>	<u>2,287</u>

The above equity investments were classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss as the Group has not elected to recognise the fair value gain or loss through other comprehensive income.

Note: The balance as at 30 September 2025 represented 1% (31 March 2025: 1%) unlisted equity interest of a private company incorporated in PRC.

No change in the fair value of the financial asset at FVTPL was recognised in profit or loss in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the six months ended 30 September 2025 and six months ended 30 September 2024.

As at 30 September 2025 and 31 March 2025					
	Valuation technique	Significant unobservable inputs	Input values	CNY'000	Sensitivity analysis
Unlisted equity interest	Market approach	Recent transaction prices	N/A	1,000	N/A

16. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As at 30 September 2025 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2025 CNY'000 (Audited)
Trade payables (<i>Note a</i>)	9,777	4,964
Other payables and accruals	22,056	17,226
Contract liabilities (<i>Note b</i>)	242	124
	<u>32,075</u>	<u>22,314</u>

(a) Trade payables

The following is an ageing analysis of trade payables presented based on invoice date at the end of the Reporting Period.

	As at 30 September 2025 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2025 CNY'000 (Audited)
Within 30 days	5,380	2,037
31 to 60 days	3,466	455
61 to 90 days	88	1,283
91 to 365 days	843	951
Over 365 days	–	238
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Total	9,777	4,964

The average credit period granted is 30 days.

(b) Contract liabilities

The Group has recognised the following revenue-related to contract liabilities:

	As at 30 September 2025 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2025 CNY'000 (Audited)
Contract liabilities arising from:		
Sales of goods	242	124

The deposit of the Group received on sales of drilling mud and pelletising clay remains as a contract liability until the date the goods are delivered to customers.

Movements in contract liabilities:

	As at 30 September 2025 CNY'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2025 CNY'000 (Audited)
Balance as at 1 April 2025/2024	124	126
Decrease in contract liabilities as a result of recognising revenue during the reporting period/year that was included in the contract liabilities at the beginning of the reporting period/year	(124)	(126)
Increase in contract liabilities as a result of receipt in advance of sales of drilling mud and pelletising clay not yet delivered at the end of reporting period/year	242	124
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As at 30 September 2025/31 March 2025	242	124

17. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	Share capital (Equivalent to)	
		HK\$'000	CNY'000
Ordinary share of HK\$0.1 each			
Authorised			
As at 1 April 2024, 31 March 2025 and 30 September 2025	1,000,000,000	100,000	
Issued and fully paid			
As at 1 April 2024, 31 March 2025 and 30 September 2025	159,114,400	15,911	13,261

18. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS

Equity-settled share option scheme of the Company

The Company's share option scheme (the "**Scheme**"), was adopted pursuant to written resolution of the Company passed on 12 December 2015 for the primary purpose of providing incentives to directors and eligible employees, and will expire on 28 December 2025. Under the Scheme, the board of directors of the Company may grant options to eligible employees, including directors of the Company and its subsidiaries, to subscribe for shares in the Company.

No share options have been granted, exercised, expired, lapsed, cancelled and outstanding during the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2024: nil).

19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

During the year ended 31 March 2025, Wuhu Feishang Non-metal Material Co., Limited* (蕪湖飛尚非金屬材料有限公司) entered into the back-to-back guarantee agreement (the "**Back-to-back Guarantee Agreement**"), pursuant to which Wuhu Feishang Non-metal Material Co., Limited* (蕪湖飛尚非金屬材料有限公司) has agreed to provide financial guarantee to the Wuhu Haiyuan Copper Industrial Co., Limited* (蕪湖海源銅業有限責任公司), a company established in the PRC and an independent third party (the "**Borrower**"). As at 31 March 2025, deposit in the sum of CNY20 million for was pledged procuring the Borrower to obtain the loan of CNY19 million provided by the bank. In return, Wuhu Feishang Non-metal Material Co., Limited* (蕪湖飛尚非金屬材料有限公司) receive a guarantee fee of 6% of the amount of deposit pledged by Wuhu Feishang Non-metal Material Co., Limited* (蕪湖飛尚非金屬材料有限公司). The fair value of the financial guarantee issued at initial recognition was immaterial.

During the Reporting Period, the Back-to-back Guarantee Agreement was expired.

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW

Bentonite Mining

China's economy has continued to grow in the second and third quarters of 2025, although the growth rate remains moderate. In response to new economic challenges, the government has implemented timely macroeconomic control measures, which appear to be gradually taking effect. However, global market volatility has also impacted China's macroeconomy, particularly in commodities. During the Reporting Period, underlying factors have remained stable, with supply exceeding demand. As a result, revenue from our bentonite product experienced a moderate decline, decreasing from approximately CNY19.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY17.7 million in the current reporting period.

Financial Services

Beyond the production and sale of bentonite products in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"), the Group operates a diversified financial services business in Hong Kong through its wholly-owned subsidiaries – P.B. Wealth Management Limited ("**P.B. WM**") and P.B. Credit Limited ("**P.B. Credit**") as well as generating financial guarantee fee income through Wuhu Feishang Non-metal Material Co., Limited* (蕪湖飛尚非金屬材料有限公司) ("**Wuhu Subsidiary**"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company in the PRC. The financial services of the Group include the wealth management services, money lending business and financial guarantee services.

P.B. WM is a licensed insurance intermediary under the Insurance Ordinance (Cap. 41 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and registered as an MPF Corporate Intermediary with the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority. P.B. Credit holds a valid money lender license under the Money Lenders Ordinance. Together, these entities deliver wealth management services and money lending facilities.

Wealth Management Services

The insurance brokerage business in Hong Kong continued its robust recovery in 2025, driven by strong demand for protection and wealth management solutions. In the first half of 2025, the Hong Kong insurance industry reported a significant increase in total gross premiums, reaching approximately HK\$423.4 billion. The long-term business sector remained a key driver, with total revenue premiums of in-force business rising by 33.7% to HK\$365 billion, while new office premiums for long-term business surged by 50% to HK\$173.7 billion. This growth was fueled by a sustained appetite for savings and annuity products, particularly among high-net-worth individuals and visitors from Mainland China. The general insurance sector also performed well, with gross premiums recording HK\$58.4 billion. In conclusion, while the industry outlook remains positive, the Group will continue to focus on regulatory compliance, and leverage digital advancements to capture emerging opportunities in the premium market segment.

For the six months ended 30 September 2025, our Group's wealth management and insurance brokerage services underwent a strategic transformation aimed at long-term efficiency and higher service quality. The revenue from general insurance demonstrated exceptional performance, increasing from approximately HK\$0.9 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately HK\$2.3 million for the Reporting Period, representing a surge of approximately 158.9%. This growth highlights our success in diversifying product offerings and capturing broader client needs.

The value of new business for the Reporting Period was approximately HK\$1.6 million, compared to approximately HK\$2.7 million in the same period last year. This adjustment reflects our deliberate initiative to streamline our organization and optimize our sales force structure. Consequently, the number of technical representatives was consolidated from 46 to 33. This streamlining is part of a broader strategy to shift our focus towards high-net-worth clients, serviced by a leaner, more professional team. Despite these structural changes, the persistency rate of insurance policies remained robust at 99.2% for the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2024: 99.9%), underscoring the enduring trust and satisfaction of our clients. Looking ahead, we are actively advancing our digital transformation to enhance operational efficiency and provide superior, personalized wealth management solutions.

Key performance indicator of wealth management services

		Six months ended 30 September		
		2025	2024	Change
Value of new business (<i>Note</i>)	<i>HK\$'000</i>	1,603	2,712	(40.9)%
Revenue of general insurance	<i>HK\$'000</i>	2,299	888	158.9%
Persistency Rate of insurance policy	<i>Percentage</i>	99.2	99.9	(0.7)%
Technical Representatives (TR)	<i>Number of TR</i>	33	46	(28.3)%

Note:

The value of new business is defined as the annualised first year commission, which is the basic commission paid to TR, generated from the insurance policy issued during the Reporting Period.

Money Lending Business

The money lending market in Hong Kong faces a complex landscape of challenges and opportunities in 2025, shaped by interest rate fluctuations, the pace of economic recovery, and evolving demand from small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Lending activity remains heavily dependent on broader indicators such as consumer confidence and business investment appetite.

According to a press release from a reputable credit agency in September 2025, while inquiries for personal loans rose by 2.1% in the first quarter of 2025, actual loan issuance volume saw a more modest increase of 1.2%. Similarly, the *Half-Yearly Monetary and Financial Stability Report* (September 2025) issued by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority indicated that total loans and advances from authorised institutions (“AIs”) grew marginally by 2.5% in the first half of the year.

* *For identification purpose only*

Regarding asset quality, the gross classified loan ratio for AIs climbed to 1.97% as of the end of June 2025, up from 1.89% a year prior, signaling a potential rise in defaults. This trend suggests that despite persistent market demand, lending institutions have adopted a more prudent approach to assessing new customers in response to heightened credit risks. Looking ahead, Hong Kong's lending market will continue to be influenced by global economic conditions, interest rate trajectories, and the economic recovery in mainland China. Consequently, the Group must closely monitor these factors to recalibrate its credit strategies and sustain stable business growth.

During the Reporting Period, loan interest income decreased to approximately CNY0.6 million, down from approximately CNY0.8 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024. This decline was attributable to a cautious money lending strategy, which resulted in a lower volume of loans being approved and granted. As at 30 September 2025, the total principal amount and accrued interest decreased to approximately CNY11.0 million (31 March 2025: approximately CNY12.3 million).

Financial Guarantee Services

The Group generated financial guarantee fee income through Wuhu Subsidiary, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company in the PRC. Wuhu Subsidiary has been providing financial guarantee services to a borrower since 2018. The financial guarantee fee income was approximately CNY266,000 during the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2024: approximately CNY566,000). The Back-to-back Guarantee Agreement expired in July 2025. The cessation of financial guarantee services aligns with the Group's prudent risk management policy to reduce exposure to uncertain market condition.

Property Investment

The Group holds the property for investment purpose and has leased out the property for generating stable rental income and gaining from long-term capital appreciation. The rental income derived from the investment property is approximately CNY47,000 during the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2024: approximately CNY47,000).

Wholesales Business of Greater Health Personal Care Products

Since the last financial year ended 31 March 2025, the Group has expanded into the wholesale of greater health products, focusing on premium, internationally sourced personal care items. This sector addresses growing consumer demand for high-quality, natural, and wellness-oriented solutions. Supported by rising global health consciousness, the new business leverages robust market trends to offer a diverse portfolio – ranging from skincare to aromatherapy – to both retail and professional clients. By prioritising innovative, eco-friendly products, the Group capitalises on evolving preferences for sustainability while diversifying its revenue streams. Moving forward, the Group aims to strengthen supplier partnerships and enrich its product offerings to consolidate its presence in the Greater China region and beyond.

Mine Property Summary

The Group holds the mining rights to Huanghu Bentonite Mine. The following table sets out certain information of the mine and details of the mining licence.

Location	Huanghu Bentonite Mine Fanchang county, Wuhu city, Anhui province
Equity Interest held by the Group	100%
Date of initial commercial production	Commercial production of pelletising clay in 2004 and drilling mud in 2010
Permitted mining right area	2.1311 km ²
Mining method	Open-pit
Mining depth/elevation limit	From 57 mASL to -23 mASL
Permitted annual production capacity	230,000 m ³ (equivalent to approximately 400,000 tonnes)
Validity period of current licence	11 March 2025 to 10 March 2026
Reserve data (as of 31 December 2020) (<i>Note 1</i>)	Dry
Proved reserve (<i>metric tonnes</i>)	1,743,000
Probable reserve (<i>metric tonnes</i>)	4,539,000
Total (<i>metric tonnes</i>)	6,282,000
Reserve data (as of 30 September 2025) (<i>Note 2</i>)	Dry
Proved reserve (<i>metric tonnes</i>)	1,108,000
Probable reserve (<i>metric tonnes</i>)	4,539,000
Total (<i>metric tonnes</i>)	5,647,000
Average quality of bentonite	
Active montmorillonite	47.0%
Colloid index	61.1 ml/15g
Swelling capacity	8.7 ml/g
Capital expenditure for the Reporting Period	CNY4,552,000
Output for the Reporting Period (<i>metric tonnes</i>)	31,000

Notes:

- (1) The reserve data as of 31 December 2020 is extracted from the independent technical report dated 29 March 2021 (the “**SRK report**”) prepared by SRK Consulting (Hong Kong) Limited under the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves prepared by the Joint Ore Reserves Committee of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.
- (2) The reserve data as of 30 September 2025 has been substantiated by the Group’s internal expert by adjusting those reserve extracted by the Group’s mining activities from January 2021 to September 2025 from the proved reserve figure as of 31 December 2020. All assumptions and technical parameters set out in the SRK report have not been materially changed and are continued to apply to the reserve data as of 30 September 2025.
- (3) There is no exploration activity carried out by the Group during the Reporting Period.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

Breakdown of the Group's Revenue

	For the six months ended 30 September			
	2025		2024	
	<i>CNY'000</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>CNY'000</i>	<i>%</i>
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
Drilling mud	8,038	30.5	8,739	31.0
Pelletising clay	9,632	36.5	10,829	38.3
Total revenue of bentonite mining	17,670	67.0	19,568	69.3
Wealth management services income	7,562	28.7	7,285	25.8
Loan interest income	608	2.3	766	2.7
Financial guarantee fee income	266	1.0	566	2.0
Total revenue of financial services	8,436	32.0	8,617	30.5
Rental income	47	0.2	47	0.2
Wholesales of personal care products	210	0.8	–	–
Total revenue	26,363	100.0	28,232	100.0

The overall revenue decreased by approximately 6.6% from approximately CNY28.2 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY26.4 million for the Reporting Period. The decrease in revenue was due to (i) decrease of revenue of financial services and (ii) decrease of revenue of bentonite mining.

Revenue of Bentonite Mining

Breakdown of the Group's Sales Volume and Average Selling Price by Bentonite Products

	For the six months ended 30 September			
	2025		2024	
	Sales	Average	Sales	Average
	volume	selling price	volume	selling price
	(tonnes)	(CNY/tonne)	(tonnes)	(CNY/tonne)
Drilling mud	18,741	428.9	19,970	437.6
Pelletising clay	16,000	602.0	19,159	565.2

The revenue of bentonite products decreased approximately 9.7% from approximately CNY19.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY17.7 million during the Reporting Period. The decrease in revenue was mainly due to the downturn of the iron and steel industry, the market demand for bentonite products continued to slacken.

Revenue of Financial Services

The revenue of financial services decreased by approximately 2.1% from approximately CNY8.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY8.4 million for the Reporting Period. The decrease in revenue of financial services for the Reporting Period was mainly due to combined effect of (i) the decrease of approximately 53% in financial guarantee fee income, (ii) decrease of approximately 20.6% in loan interest income and (iii) increase of approximately 3.8% in wealth management services income comparing to the corresponding period in 2024.

The decrease of financial guarantee fee income was due to the Group's strategic decision to cease providing financial guarantee services through Wuhu Subsidiary during the Reporting Period. The decrease of loan interest income was mainly attributable to the reduction of loan portfolios size and the Group's continued cautious money lending strategy, which resulted in lower amount of loans being approved and granted during the Reporting Period when compared with the corresponding period in 2024. This prudent approach was adopted in response to the challenging lending market environment characterized by high interest rates and elevated credit risks.

Revenue of Wholesales of Personal Care Products

During the six months ended 30 September 2025, the wholesales business of greater health personal care products, generating revenue of approximately CNY210,000. This represents a new business sector for the Group, contributing approximately 0.8% of total revenue for the Reporting Period. In comparison, this business sector did not exist during the six months ended 30 September 2024.

Cost of Sales

Breakdown of the Group's Cost of Sales

Cost Items	For the six months ended 30 September			
	2025		2024	
	CNY'000 (Unaudited)	%	CNY'000 (Unaudited)	%
Extraction costs	1,688	10.6	609	3.4
Processing costs				
– Air-drying costs	822	5.1	1,349	7.4
– Consumables, materials and supplies	3,252	20.3	2,888	16.0
– Depreciation and amortisation	497	3.1	701	3.9
– Staff costs	2,002	12.4	2,494	13.8
– Transportation costs	971	6.1	1,710	9.4
– Utility costs	1,404	8.8	1,627	9.0
– Others	830	5.2	1,347	7.4
Sales tax and surcharges	658	4.1	611	3.4
Total cost of bentonite mining	12,124	75.7	13,336	73.7
Commission expense of wealth management services	3,707	23.2	4,763	26.3
Total cost of financial services	3,707	23.2	4,763	26.3
Wholesales of personal care products	169	1.1	–	–
Total cost of wholesales of personal care products	169	1.1	–	–
Total cost	16,000	100.0	18,099	100.0

The overall cost of sales decreased by approximately 11.6% from approximately CNY18.1 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY16.0 million for the Reporting Period. The decrease in cost of sales was contributed by (i) decrease of commission expenses of wealth management services and (ii) decrease of cost of bentonite mining business.

Cost of Sales of Bentonite Mining

Breakdown of the Group's Cost of Sales of Bentonite Mining by Bentonite Products

For the six months ended 30 September						
		2025			2024	
	<i>CNY/tonne</i>	<i>CNY'000</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>CNY/tonne</i>	<i>CNY'000</i>	<i>%</i>
		(Unaudited)			(Unaudited)	
Drilling mud	326.8	6,125	50.5	361.4	7,218	54.1
Pelletising clay	374.9	5,999	49.5	319.3	6,118	45.9
		<u>12,124</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>13,336</u>	<u>100.0</u>

The total cost of sales of bentonite mining decreased by approximately 9.1% from CNY13.3 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY12.1 million for the Reporting Period. This reduction was primarily due to the decline in output.

The cost of sales for drilling mud decreased by approximately 15.1% from approximately CNY7.2 million for the six month ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY6.1 million for the Reporting Period. This reduction was primarily attributable to two factors: 1) approximately 6.2% decline in sales volume; and 2) approximately 9.6% decrease in the unit cost of sales compared to the same period in the previous year.

The cost of sales for pelletising clay has a slight decrease from approximately CNY6.1 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY6.0 million for the Reporting Period. This reduction was primarily attributable to two factors: 1) The sales volume declined by approximately 16.5%; and 2) the unit price of cost of sales increased by approximately 17.4% compared to the same period of previous year.

Cost of Financial Services

The commission expense of wealth management services decreased by approximately 22.2% from approximately CNY4.8 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY3.7 million for the Reporting Period. The decrease in the commission expense of wealth management services were primarily attributable to the growth of the general insurance business written under the Company's own account, which carries a relatively low commission cost compared with traditional agency-sourced business. At the same time, the Group successfully streamlined its agency structure and headcount, which further reduced commission and related distribution expenses.

Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin

Breakdown of the Group's Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin

	For the six months ended 30 September			
	2025		2024	
	Gross profit	Gross profit	Gross profit	Gross profit
	margin	margin	margin	margin
	CNY'000	%	CNY'000	%
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
Drilling mud	1,913	23.8	1,521	17.4
Pelletising clay	3,633	37.7	4,711	43.5
Bentonite Mining	5,546	31.4	6,232	31.8
Wealth management services	3,855	51.0	2,522	34.6
Loan interest income	608	100.0	766	100.0
Financial guarantee fee income	266	100.0	566	100.0
Financial services	4,729	56.1	3,854	44.7
Rental income	47	100.0	47	100.0
Wholesales of personal care products	41	19.5	–	–
Total	10,363	39.3	10,133	35.9

The overall gross profit increased by approximately 2.3% from approximately CNY10.1 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY10.4 million for the Reporting Period, and the overall gross profit margin increased from approximately 35.9% for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately 39.3% for the Reporting Period. The increased in overall gross profit margin was mainly contributed by the increase in gross profit margin of financial services business.

Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin of Bentonite Mining

Gross profit for the sale of drilling mud increased by approximately 25.8% from approximately CNY1.5 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY1.9 million for the Reporting Period, with the gross profit margin for the sale of drilling mud increasing from approximately 17.4% for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately 23.8% for the Reporting Period. The decline in unit price was lower than that in sales volume, leading to an increase in both gross profit and gross profit margin.

Gross profit for the sale of pelletising clay decreased by approximately 22.9% from approximately CNY4.7 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY3.6 million for the Reporting Period, with the gross profit margin for the sale of pelletising clay decreased from approximately 43.5% for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately 37.7% for the Reporting Period. The decrease in gross profit and gross profit margin for pelletising clay was attributed to the decreased sales revenue and increased unit cost of sales.

Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin of Financial Services

The increase of gross profit of financial services was mainly contributed by the increase of gross profit of wealth management services; and net off by (i) the decrease of loan interest income; and (ii) decrease in financial guarantee services fee income. Gross profit for the wealth management services increased by approximately 52.9% from approximately CNY2.5 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY3.9 million for the Reporting Period, while the gross profit margin of wealth management services increased from approximately 34.6% for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately 51.0% for the Reporting Period. The growth in gross profit and gross profit margin of wealth management services were primarily attributable to the strong performance of the general insurance business written under the Company's own account, which carries a relatively low commission payout compared with traditional agency-sourced business. As the contribution of this higher-margin general insurance revenue increased, overall gross profit expanded disproportionately to revenue growth. At the same time, the Group successfully streamlined its agency structure and headcount, which further reduced commission and related distribution expenses.

Other Income, Other Gains/(Loss), Net

Other income, other gains/(loss), net increased by approximately 25.6% from approximately CNY1.2 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY1.5 million for the Reporting Period.

The increase was primarily due to (i) significant increase in government grants from negligible amount to approximately CNY0.4 million as the Group's PRC subsidiaries received government subsidies to support business operations, (ii) net reversal of expected credit loss of approximately CNY0.4 million due to improved credit assessment and successful collection of previously impaired balances, and (iii) increase in fair value gain on financial assets at FVTPL from negligible amount to approximately CNY0.4 million.

These increases were partially offset by (i) decrease in bank interest income from approximately CNY0.6 million to approximately CNY0.5 million and (ii) decrease in sundry income of approximately CNY0.5 million in the prior period to sundry expenses of approximately CNY0.2 million for the Reporting Period.

Selling and Distribution Expenses

Selling and distribution expenses increased by approximately 41.2% from approximately CNY1.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY2.3 million for the Reporting Period. This was primarily attributable to the longer-distance delivery and additional logistics handling, resulting in higher transportation and related distribution costs.

Administrative and Other Expenses

The administrative and other expenses increased by approximately 8.7% from approximately CNY12.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY13.7 million for the Reporting Period. The increase was due to the increase of administration fee to support the insurance business platform of wealth management services.

Finance Costs

The finance costs increased by approximately 12.6% from approximately CNY286,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY322,000 for the Reporting Period. The increase was mainly due to the increase in unwinding of discount on provision for dismantlement and lease interest expenses.

Income Tax Expense

The income tax expenses increased from approximately CNY102,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2024 to approximately CNY136,000 for the Reporting Period. The increase was due to the combined effect of decrease in PRC enterprise income tax expenses and increase of income tax expenses derived from decrease of deferred tax assets.

Loss for the Period

Due to the combined effect of the aforesaid factors, the loss for the period attributable to the owners of the Company for the Reporting Period was approximately CNY4.5 million, an increase of approximately CNY1.3 million from the loss for the period of approximately CNY3.2 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES REVIEW

Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 30 September 2025, the Group had net current assets of approximately CNY46.9 million (31 March 2025: approximately CNY58.9 million).

As at 30 September 2025, the Group had cash and cash equivalents of approximately CNY12.4 million (31 March 2025: approximately CNY6.0 million) which was mainly dominated in CNY.

Charges on the Group's Assets

As at 31 March 2025, the Group has pledged its bank deposit CNY20.0 million to secure the general banking facilities granted to an independent third party with principal amount of CNY19.0 million. Details of the pledge are as set out in note 14 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

As at 30 September 2025, there was no charges on the Group's assets.

Capital Commitments

As at 30 September 2025, the Group had capital commitments of approximately CNY8.3 million in respect of property, plant and equipment (31 March 2025: CNY8.4 million).

Capital Structure

There was no change to the Group's capital structure for the Reporting Period (31 March 2025: nil).

Gearing Ratio

As at 30 September 2025, the gearing ratio was nil (31 March 2025: nil) as the Group was not in need of any material debt financing during the reporting period.

Currency Exposure and Management

Since the majority of the Group's business activities are transacted in CNY, the Directors consider that the Group's risk in foreign exchange is insignificant.

Contingent Liabilities

As at 30 September 2025, the Group did not have any contingent liabilities (31 March 2025: Details of the contingent liabilities are as set out in note 19 to the condensed consolidated financial statements).

Significant Investments Held

The Group had no significant investment held during the Reporting Period (31 March 2025: nil).

Future Plans for Material Investments or Capital Assets and their Expected Sources of Funding

Save as disclosed in this announcement, the Group did not have other plan for material investments or acquisition of material capital assets during the Reporting Period.

Material Acquisitions and Disposals of Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures

The Group did not have any material acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures during the Reporting Period (31 March 2025: nil).

Employees and Remuneration Policy

As at 30 September 2025, the Group employed 112 full time employees (as at 30 September 2024: 122) for its principal activities. Employees' costs (including Directors' emoluments) amounted to approximately CNY4.3 million for the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2024: approximately CNY10.4 million). The Group recognises the importance of retaining high calibre and competent staff and continues to provide remuneration packages to employees with reference to the performance of the Group, the performance of individuals and prevailing market rates. Other

various benefits, such as medical and retirement benefits, are also provided. In addition, share options may be granted to eligible employees of the Group in accordance with the terms of the share option scheme adopted by the Company.

OUTLOOK

In 2025, China's economy continues to transition from property-driven growth to more balanced and slower expansion, with policy support mainly directed at infrastructure renewal, affordable housing and industrial upgrading rather than large-scale real estate expansion. Steel demand in China is expected to remain soft and may decline modestly as housing construction normalises. Against this backdrop, the Group expects demand for bentonite products to remain under pressure, but believes that its focus on product quality, cost discipline and higher-value applications can help sustain a relatively stable gross margin despite market volatility.

In Hong Kong, the insurance industry entered 2025 on a strong footing, with the Insurance Authority reporting robust year-on-year growth in total gross premiums for both long-term and general business in the first half of the year, supported by returning Mainland visitors and continued demand for protection and savings products. At the same time, the full implementation of the Hong Kong Risk-based Capital (HKRBC) regime is reshaping capital management, product design and reporting, with regulators emphasising solvency strength, risk governance and transparency. Within this evolving landscape, the Group plans to further expand its wealth management and insurance brokerage franchise by prioritising higher-margin general insurance business written on the Group's own account, focusing on high-net-worth and quality corporate clients, and leveraging digital tools to enhance customer experience, operational efficiency and regulatory compliance.

The money lending market in Hong Kong is likely to remain cautious in the near term, as interest rates stay elevated by historical standards and authorities consult on measures to tighten supervision of licensed money lenders and strengthen consumer protection. In view of these conditions, the Group will maintain a prudent and selective lending strategy, concentrating on borrowers with solid credit profiles, strengthening post-lending monitoring and preserving ample liquidity and capital buffers rather than pursuing aggressive balance-sheet growth. This disciplined approach is expected to safeguard asset quality and position the Group to capture opportunities when credit conditions normalise.

For the wholesales business of greater health and personal care products, market fundamentals remain favourable. China's cosmetics and personal care market is projected to continue expanding through 2025, driven by rising health awareness, premiumisation, ageing demographics and growing demand for scientifically validated, natural-ingredient and wellness-oriented products. The Group intends to capitalise on these trends by enlarging its portfolio of premium and eco-friendly brands, deepening cooperation with suppliers and distribution partners in the Greater China region, and exploring cross-border and e-commerce channels to reach both professional and retail customers. Over the medium term, management believes that this sector can evolve into a meaningful contributor to revenue diversification and earnings growth for the Group.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY OR ITS ASSOCIATED CORPORATIONS

As at 30 September 2025, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company in the shares (the “**Share(s)**”), underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Future Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (“**SFO**”) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which any such Director or chief executive of the Company were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required to be recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 352 of the SFO, or which were otherwise required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standard of dealings by the Directors as referred to in Rule 5.46 of the GEM Listing Rules, were set out below:

Interests and short positions in shares of the Company

Names of Directors	Long/Short position	Capacity	Number of Shares	Notes	Approximate percentage of the issued Shares
					%
CHAN Man Fung	Long Position	Interests of a controlled corporation	46,690,572	1	29.34
	Long Position	Interests of a controlled corporation	34,235,118	2	21.52
	Long Position	Beneficial owner	6,682,000		4.20
			87,607,690		55.06
PUI Wai Lun	Long Position	Interests of a controlled corporation	46,690,572	1	29.34
	Long Position	Interests of a controlled corporation	34,235,118	2	21.52
			80,925,690		50.86

Notes:

- 46,690,572 Shares are held by Bonus Eventus Securities Limited which is wholly owned by Value Dynasty Limited, which is in turn wholly owned by P.B. Financial Group Limited. P.B. Financial Group Limited is owned as to 50% by Dr. CHAN Man Fung and 50% by Mr. PUI Wai Lun. By virtue of the SFO, Dr. CHAN Man Fung and Mr. PUI Wai Lun are deemed to be interested in these 46,690,572 Shares.

2. 34,235,118 Shares are held by P.B. Asia Holdings Limited which is owned as to 50% by Dr. CHAN Man Fung and 50% by Mr. PUI Wai Lun. By virtue of the SFO, Dr. CHAN Man Fung and Mr. PUI Wai Lun are deemed to be interested in these 34,235,118 Shares.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2025, none of the Directors or chief executives of the Company had any interests or short positions in the Shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required to be recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 352 of the SFO, or which were otherwise required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standard of dealings by Directors as referred to in Rule 5.46 of the GEM Listing Rules.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY

As at 30 September 2025, so far as was known to the Directors, the following persons/entities (other than the Directors or chief executives of the Company) had, or were deemed to have, interests and short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares 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 required to be recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO:

Interests and short positions in shares of the Company

Name of substantial shareholders	Long/Short position	Capacity	Number of Shares	Approximate percentage of the issued Shares	
				Notes	%
Bonus Eventus Securities Limited	Long Position	Beneficial owner	46,690,572	1	29.34
Value Dynasty Limited	Long Position	Interests of a controlled corporation	46,690,572	1	29.34
P.B. Asia Holdings Limited	Long Position	Beneficial owner	34,235,118		21.52
Mr. ZHANG Qiang	Long Position	Beneficial owner	27,500,000	2	17.28
Ms. WANG Jie	Long Position	Interest of spouse	27,500,000	2	17.28
P.B. Capital Advanced Fund SPC– P.B. Capital Advance Fund 1 Segregated Portfolio	Long Position	Beneficial owner	11,176,200		7.02

Notes:

1. 46,690,572 Shares are held by Bonus Eventus Securities Limited which is wholly owned by Value Dynasty Limited, which is in turn wholly owned by P.B. Financial Group Limited.

2. Ms. WANG Jie is the spouse of Mr. ZHANG Qiang. By virtue of the SFO, Ms. WANG Jie is deemed to be interested in these 27,500,000 Shares in which Mr. ZHANG Qiang is interested.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2025, no other persons or corporations (other than the Directors and chief executives of the Company) had, or were deemed to have, interests or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares 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 required to be recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESS

During the Reporting Period, none of the Directors and controlling shareholders of the Company or their respective close associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) had any interest in a business that competes or may compete with the business of the Group and any other conflicts of interests which such person had or may have with the Group.

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

There was no purchase, sale or redemption by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, any of the Company's listed securities (including sale of treasury shares (within the meaning of the GEM Listing Rules), if any) during the Reporting Period. As at 30 September 2025, the Company did not hold any such treasury shares.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Company has adopted the code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code as contained in Appendix C1 to the GEM Listing Rules (the "**CG Code**") as its own code of corporate governance.

During the Reporting Period and up to the date of this announcement, the Company has complied with all the code provisions set forth in the CG Code, except for the following deviation from the CG Code which is explained below:

Pursuant to the code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code, it is stated that the roles of the chairman and the chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. PUI Wai Lun has performed both of the roles as the co-chairman of the Board (the "**Co-chairman**") and the chief executive officer of the Company (the "**Chief Executive Officer**") which deviates from the code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code.

Currently, Mr. PUI Wai Lun and Dr. CHAN Man Fung are Co-chairmen and responsible for the management of the Board and ensuring that all major and appropriate issues are discussed by the Board in a timely and constructive manner. In addition, Mr. PUI Wai Lun is the Chief Executive Officer, taking care of the day-to-day management of the Group's business and implementing the Group's policies, strategic plans and business goals formulated by the Board since 27 September 2024. Although Mr. PUI Wai Lun is both a Co-chairman and the Chief Executive Officer, the power of chairman has been shared by the other Co-chairmen, Dr. CHAN Man Fung, who would also exercise his power and authorities as a Co-chairman in managing the affairs of the Board and the

Company. Besides, with three independent non-executive Directors out of a total of six Directors in the Board, there are sufficient independent voice within the Board to protect the interests of the Company and the shareholders of the Company as a whole.

The Board considers that the balance of power and authority for the present arrangement has not been impaired and this structure enables the Company to make and implement decisions promptly and effectively. The Board shall review the structure from time to time to ensure that the structure facilitates the execution of the Group's business strategies and maximizes effectiveness of its operation.

CODE OF CONDUCT REGARDING SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS AND RELEVANT EMPLOYEES

The Company has adopted Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors in respect of the shares of the Company (the “**Code of Conduct**”). The Company has made specific enquiry to all Directors, and all Directors have confirmed that they have fully complied with the required standard of dealings set out in the Code of Conduct throughout the Reporting Period.

The Company also has written guidelines regarding securities transactions on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings as set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules for relevant employees of the Group and any individuals who may have access to inside information in relation to the securities of the Company.

REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audit committee of the Company has reviewed the accounting principles and standards adopted by the Group and has reviewed the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2025 and this announcement.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2024: nil).

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There have been no material events undertaken by the Company or the Group occurring after the Reporting Period and up to the date of this announcement.

PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT

This announcement is published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.thepbg.com.

The printed version of the Interim Report 2025 will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Company who has chosen to receive printed version and will be available for viewing on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and of the Company at www.thepbg.com in due course in the manner as required by the GEM Listing Rules.

APPRECIATION

The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to the staff and management team of the Group for their hard work and dedication during the Reporting Period. The Board would also like to express its sincere gratitude to all the shareholders of the Company for their continuous support.

By order of the Board
P.B. Group Limited
CHAN Man Fung
Executive Director and Co-chairman

Hong Kong, 28 November 2025

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises (i) three executive Directors, namely Dr. CHAN Man Fung (Co-chairman), Mr. PUI Wai Lun (Co-chairman and Chief Executive Officer) and Ms. ZONG Yan; and (ii) three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. LAW Ping Keung, Mr. CHOW Chi Hang Tony and Dr. KWOK Hiu Fung.