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	SOC	IAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORTING GUIDE				

1. About the Report

GDH Guangnan (Holdings) Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively as the "Group" or "We") are pleased to present the Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") Report (the "Report") for the period between 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 (the "Year" or "Year 2020"). The ESG Report summarises the Group's effort and achievements in sustainable development over the previous year, as well as the executed ESG strategies, policies, measures and performance.

1.1 SCOPE OF THE REPORT

The Report covers the Group's (i) manufacturing and sales of tinplates and related products ("tinplating business") in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC" or "Mainland"), including GDH Zhongyue (Zhongshan) Tinplate Industry Co., Ltd. ("GDH Zhongyue") in Zhongshan City of Guangdong Province and GDH Zhongyue Posco (Qinhuangdao) Tinplate Industrial Co., Ltd. ("GDH Zhongyue Posco") in Qinhuangdao City of Hebei Province; and (ii) distribution and sales of fresh and live foodstuffs ("fresh and live foodstuffs business") in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("Hong Kong") and the Mainland¹, including two fresh meat processing workshops in Fanling and San Po Kong², a workplace within the slaughterhouse in Sheung Shui, two offices in Wai Chai³ and the office of GDH Guangnan Hong (Guangdong) Company Limited ("GDH Foodstuffs") located in Zhongshan City of Guangdong Province. The Report describes the management's approaches, policies, measures and performance in environmental and social aspects of the aforementioned two businesses during the Year. The Report does not cover the property leasing business as its revenue only accounts for 0.76% of the Group's consolidated revenue. Environmental data summary of tinplating business and fresh and live foodstuffs business during the Year is disclosed in Appendix I: Environmental Performance Data Summary of the Report.

1.2 REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The Report was prepared in accordance with the requirement of the ESG Reporting Guide set out in Appendix 27 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("HKEX"). As for the disclosure requirements and content of the ESG Reporting Guide, please refer to Appendix II: Content Index of "Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide" of the Report.

1.3 REPORTING PRINCIPLES

- Materiality The Group has developed the content of this report based on the results of stakeholder communication and materiality assessment. Details are set out in 2.1 Communication with Stakeholders and 2.2 Materiality Assessment of this Report. Material ESG issues that are of stakeholders' concern have been covered in this Report.
- Quantitative Environmental and social key performance indicators have been disclosed in this Report. The criteria, methodology and reference materials used to calculate the key performance indicators are set out in this Report to provide stakeholders with a comprehensive understanding of the Group's ESG performance.
- Consistency To improve the comparability of ESG performance, the Group uses consistent reporting and calculation methods as far as reasonably practicable, and details significant data changes in the corresponding chapters.
- ¹ The Group expended its reporting scope to the fresh and live foodstuffs business in the Mainland starting from the Year.
- ² The Group expanded the size of its fresh meat processing workshop in San Po Kong in April during the Year and has included the performance of the additional portion in the Report.
- ³ The Group converted the document storage room in Wan Chai to office use during the Year.

2. ESG Governance

To effectively apply the sustainable development strategies of the Group and bring long-term returns to stakeholders and business development of the Group, the Group's Board of Directors (the "Board") bear the responsibility of ESG management. The Board is responsible for overseeing the drafting and compilation processes of the Report, and reviewing the content of the Report to ensure the quality of the Report. To effectively manage stakeholders' expectations, the Board is responsible for regularly reviewing stakeholder communication channels to ensure the effective communication between the Group and its stakeholders.

In order to manage the risks associated with sustainability and ESG matters, the Group has conducted a materiality assessment during the Year to effectively identify potential and significant ESG issues for the business and its stakeholders. The Board is also involved as one of the internal stakeholders in the materiality assessment to advise on the ESG governance of the Group.

2.1 COMMUNICATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Corporate sustainable development is inseparable from stakeholders' opinions. Therefore, while endeavouring business development, we keep close contact with different stakeholders. We actively communicate with stakeholders to understand their expectations and requirements so as to formulate the best sustainable development policies and carry out appropriate enhancements. Opinions from stakeholders are also beneficial to us in evaluating and identifying ESG-related risks, as well as ensuring the proper and effective operation of related risk management and internal control systems. Below are the expectations and requirements of the stakeholders for us and our corresponding means of communication and response.

Stakeholders	Expectations and Requirements	Means of Communication and Response
Government and Regulators	 Compliance with national policies, laws and regulations Supporting local economic growth Production safety 	Regular information reportingInspections and examinations
Shareholders/ Investors	 Returns Compliant operation Raising company value	 General meetings Announcements and circulars Email, telephone communication and company website
Business Partners/ Suppliers	 Operating with integrity Performance of contracts Maintaining a stable and good relationship 	Business communicationsExchanges and discussionsEngagement and cooperation
Customers	 Products and services of high quality Health and safety Performance of contracts Operating with integrity 	 Customer service centre and hotlines Customer feedback surveys Communicating conference with customers Calling for feedback
Environment	Compliant emissionsEnergy conservation and emission reduction	 Communicating with local environmental department Submitting reports
Industry	Industry standards formulation	• Site visits and inspections
Employees	 Protection of rights Occupational health and safety Remunerations and benefits Career development 	Employee communication meetingsEmployee trainingEmployee activities
Community and the Public	Improving community environment	Company websiteAnnouncements

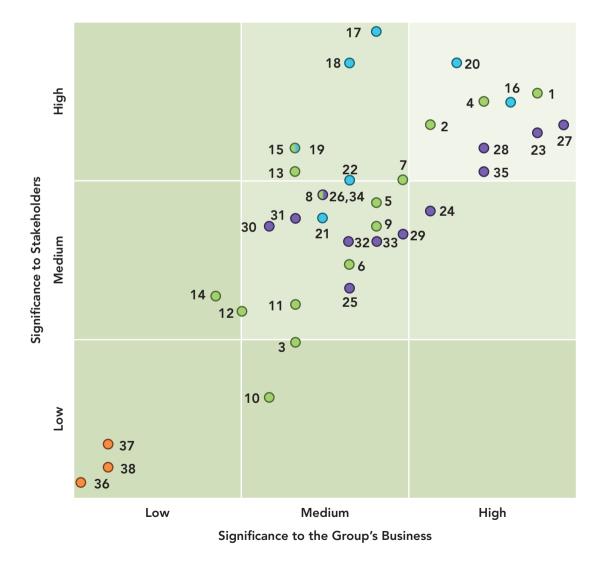
2. ESG Governance (continued)

2.2 MATERIALITY ASSESSMENT

The Group identifies ESG-related material topics through a materiality assessment. It is crucial for the Group to ensure that its business objectives and developing directions meet the expectations and requirements of the stakeholders.

The materiality assessment has been conducted based on the following three main phases:

- i. Identifying potential material topics in respect of the Group's ESG performance that might affect its business or stakeholders according to the Group's industry and business nature;
- ii. Inviting internal and external stakeholders to complete questionnaires to understand stakeholders' concerns on ESG-related topics and their expectations on the Group's responses to and disclosure of ESG issues;
- iii. Prioritising ESG-related topics based on a total of 60 valid questionnaires retrieved to draw a materiality matrix.



2. ESG Governance (continued)

Environment	Labour Practices	Operation Practices	Community Investment
 Environmental Compliance Air Pollutant Management Fleet Emissions Management Wastewater Management Waste Wanagement Noise Management Greenhouse Gas Emission Waste Management Energy Consumption Use of Water Resources Green Office Green Energy Project Green Energy Project Use of Raw Materials and Packaging Materials Ecological Protection Responding to Climate Change Prevention and Handling of Environmental Incidents 	 Employment Compliance Remuneration and Benefits Working Hours and Rest Period Diversity and Equal Opportunity Occupational Health and Safety Training and Development Prevention of Child Labour and Forced Labour 	 23. Operational Compliance 24. Managing Environmental Risks of Supply Chain 25. Managing Social Risks of Supply Chain 26. Procurement Practices 27. Quality Management 28. Customer Health and Safety 29. Responsible Sales and Marketing 30. Customer Service Management 31. Intellectual Property Protection 32. Research and Development 33. Information Security 34. Customer Privacy Protection 35. Anti-corruption 	 36. Charity 37. Promotion of Community Development 38. Poverty Alleviation

2. ESG Governance (continued)

With reference to the above materiality assessment process, the Group has identified 9 material ESG topics, and is going to respond in corresponding sections.

Mat	erial Topics	Cor	responding Sections
1.	Environmental Compliance	3.	Environmental Protection
2.	Air Pollutant Management	3.	Environmental Protection 3.1 Management of Emissions
4.	Wastewater Management	3.	Environmental Protection 3.1 Management of Emissions
16.	Employment Compliance	4.	Employment and Labour Practices
20.	Occupational Health and Safety	4.	Employment and Labour Practices 4.5 Health and Safety
23.	Operational Compliance	5.	Operating Practices
27.	Quality Management	5.	Operating Practices 5.1 Supply Chain Management 5.2 Product Quality and Safety
28.	Customer Health and Safety	5.	Operating Practices 5.2 Product Quality and Safety 5.3 Customer Services
35.	Anti-corruption	5.	Operating Practices 5.5 Anti-corruption

3. Environmental Protection

3.1 MANAGEMENT OF EMISSIONS

i. Policies on Management of Emissions

Tinplating Business

The Group follows the environmental strategy of "Win the trust of Society with Clean and Environmental Protection" and implements the goals of "energy conservation, consumption reduction, pollution reduction and efficiency enhancement" in the tinplating business. We strictly abide by the laws and regulations relating to environmental protection, including but not limited to the Environmental Protection Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Atmospheric Pollution, and formulated environmental protection management systems. GDH Zhongyue and GDH Zhongyue Posco have obtained valid pollutant discharge permits in accordance with the requirements in "Measures for Pollutant Discharge Permitting Administration (For Trial Implementation)" and regularly submitted environmental information to relevant environmental protection departments. At the same time, GDH Zhongyue and GDH Zhongyue Posco have established comprehensive environmental management systems and obtained ISO 14001:2015 environmental management system certificates.

With an aim to establish an environmentally friendly culture and integrate environmental protection concepts into daily operations, GDH Zhongyue and GDH Zhongyue Posco have established a dedicated Environmental Protection Management Committee. The Environmental Protection Committee is responsible for organising, supervising and implementing environmental protection work; paying attention to changes and development in environmental protection laws and regulations and to formulate and update internal rules and regulations; strictly implementing relevant environmental protection. In addition, the factories of tinplating business have placed environmental monitoring points in the plants to monitor the wastewater, exhaust gas and noise in each production workshop and discharge outlet, thereby applying informational management of emissions and establishing environmental information records. Statistical analysis on the data records will be carried out and the analysis results will be used as the basis for future management and staff training. The Environmental Protection Committee shall promote relevant management work to all levels within the tinplating business, so that all employees can collaboratively implement source emission reduction and actively control, reduce and avoid the generation of pollutants.

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In an attempt to timely and effectively tackle sudden environmental pollution incidents and minimise the impact of the incident on the environment, the Group formulated emergency plans for handling environmental incidents and related hidden danger inspection and treatment in accordance with the Emergency Response Law of the People's Republic of China, Administrative Measures for the Recording of Emergency Preparedness for Environmental Emergencies of Enterprises and Institutions and other relevant laws and regulations. In response to the potential points of possible environmental incidents in various production steps, we have formulated corresponding early warning, treatment, investigation and rectification measures to ensure that emergency work can be started and operated in a rapid, efficient and orderly manner during environmental incidents. To effectively identify and control potential environmental dangers, we have established a Three-Level (company level, department level and team level) Potential Safety Hazard Checking and Control Responsibility System, where the Environmental Protection Committee organises and leads the environmental protection management task force of each plant to carry out the inspection of potential hazards. Furthermore, the Group has installed different monitoring equipment to monitor the environmental conditions of the plant and set up anti-leakage pools where hazardous chemicals are stored so as to reduce possible serious pollution, subsequently reducing the risk of environmental emergencies. We have prepared emergency supplies with inspection, protection and communication functions to deal with environmental emergencies. During the Year, The Group held a number of environmental pollution incident drills, including passivated liquid leakage emergency drill, natural gas leakage emergency drill and sulfuric acid leakage emergency drill, etc. Such emergency drills aim to equip plant employees with the knowledge and practical experience in handling environmental pollution incidents, minimising environmental impact.

Employees form an important part of emissions management. To improve environmental management and employees' awareness of environmental responsibility, the Group has a reward and punishment system, which rewards employees who have proposed effective improvements in emissions treatment, and holds and punishes employees accountable for negligent duties to improve employees' enthusiasm for environmental pollution prevention. At the same time, the Group values employees' knowledge of environmental protection. Therefore, during the Year, the Group provided training to factory employees about requirements of environmental protection regulations, identification of environmental factors and investigation of environmental emergency hazards to ensure environmental compliance and to enhance source emission reduction.

During the Year, the Group continued to strictly adhere to the laws and regulations of the Mainland related to tinplating business, and was not informed of any emission-related violations.

Fresh and Live Foodstuffs Business

The Group's fresh and live foodstuffs business, which includes the operation of livestock distribution, distribution of live pigs and foodstuffs trading in Hong Kong, does not involve production and breeding processes in its business nature. Therefore, the fresh and live foodstuffs business does not produce emissions that have significant impact on the environment. The Group operates fresh and live foodstuffs business in strict compliance with laws and regulations related to environmental protection, including but not limited to the Water Pollution Control Ordinance and Waste Disposal Ordinance in Hong Kong. The business also strictly complies with the regulations of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and slaughterhouses in Hong Kong, which strictly monitor and require the appropriate treatment of emission under the regulations.

During the Year, the Group continued to strictly abide by the environmental laws and regulations related to fresh and live foodstuffs business in Hong Kong, and was not informed of any emission-related violations.

ii. Management of Wastewater

Tinplating Business

In addition to complying with the Water Pollution Prevention and Control Law of the People's Republic of China, the Group operates tinplating business in accordance with various national industrial wastewater discharge standards, including, but not limited to the Emission Standard of Pollutants for Electroplating, Integrated Wastewater Discharge Standard, Discharge Standard of Water Pollutants for Iron and Steel Industry and other relevant standards. The Group rigorously implements internal wastewater treatment procedures and sets up appropriate treatment equipment to ensure that discharged industrial wastewater meets the standards. Sewage treatment facilities are installed in the factories of the tinplating business, which treats the industrial wastewater through procedures including chemical neutralisation, hydrolysis and acidification, physical and chemical precipitation, filtration and sterilisation, until it reaches the legal standard before discharging. In the meantime, the sludge generated from sewage treatment is dehydrated and sent to the hazardous waste disposal unit for treatment. For industrial wastewater that requires special treatment, such as concentrated oily wastewater, waste emulsions, waste thinner and other hazardous liquid waste, we carry out part of the processing procedures at the plant's sewage treatment facility and production department to reduce its impact on the environment, after which it is properly stored in a leak-proof container. After completing the declaration of the government discharge information management platform, we will entrust a qualified recycler for subsequent processing.

The Group regularly carries out local government inspections and engages third-party agencies to conduct wastewater inspections to ensure compliant emissions. The Group tests the chemical oxygen demand ("COD") level and pH value of the wastewater produced by the tinplating business on a weekly basis. The Group entrusts a company that holds a local environmental certification on a quarterly basis to conduct wastewater testing, mainly including the pH value, COD, ammonia nitrogen, total amount of phosphorus, nitrogen, and chromium, etc. The relevant test results reach the standards required by regulations. The local environmental protection department also monitor the pollutants amount in sewage in real time through the online sewage monitoring facility, and carry out irregular discharge inspection of the plant every year to monitor the wastewater discharge of the tinplating business. Furthermore, the Group strictly implements the "Guidelines for Environmental Suspension Operations" at all production workshops and sewage treatment stations to prevent environmental pollution incidents caused by excessive discharge of wastewater due to operational errors or emergencies.

The Group's hazardous liquid waste and non-hazardous wastewater discharges of the tinplating business are shown in the table below.

Wastewater/Liquid Waste	Unit	2020	2019
Hazardous liquid waste			
Total	tonnes	607	560 ⁴
Intensity	tonnes/thousand tonnes of	1.89	2.01
-	production volume		
Non-hazardous wastewater			
Total	tonnes	376,567	400,550
Intensity	tonnes/thousand tonnes of	1,168.90	1,436.31
-	production volume		

⁴ During the Year, the Group reviewed the data collection work for hazardous liquid waste and restated the data.

Fresh and Live Foodstuffs Business

The non-hazardous wastewater generated in the operation of the fresh and live foodstuffs business is mainly from the sewage of cleaning the livestock in the slaughterhouse, the cleansing sewage from the fresh meat processing workshops and the fresh meat stalls, and the domestic sewage from the office. The sewage produced by cleansing pigpens and live pigs in the fresh and live foodstuffs business does not contain substances that causes a significant impact on the environment. All sewage is discharged to sewage canals of each cleansing pen in accordance with the management procedures of the slaughterhouse. The sewage collected by the slaughterhouse will then be reused after filtration and disinfection. Since the slaughterhouse was sub-leased to other operators at the same time, the water and drainage data records related to our fresh and live foodstuffs business are not able to be collected, hence the relevant data are not disclosed in the Report. The Group's fresh meat processing workshops are mainly responsible for the meat cutting process, and the wastewater is mainly cleansing sewage, which will be discharged into the municipal sewage system for treatment. Most of our fresh meat stalls in the supermarket are equipped with grease traps, and environmentally friendly detergents are used to clean the grease traps to reduce the environmental pollution caused by the detergents. The domestic sewage generated by the office is discharged to the municipal sewage system through the pipeline of the building for further processing. Besides, the fresh and live foodstuffs business has not produced any hazardous wastewater that has a significant impact on the environment.

iii. Management of Exhaust Gas and Greenhouse Gases Emission

Tinplating Business

The exhaust gas and greenhouse gas generated by the Group's business are mainly from the production process of tinplate and daily use of vehicles. For exhaust gas produced, the Group complies with laws and regulations, including, but not limited to the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Atmospheric Pollution and the requirements of Emission Standard of Pollutants for Electroplating, Emission Standard of Air Pollutants for Industrial Furnace and Kiln, Emission Control Standard of Volatile Organic Compounds for Industrial Enterprises and other relevant industry standards, while strictly implementing internal environmental protection management systems and exhaust emission requirements. The Group has set up gas collection hoods in the production workshops to collect exhaust gas, including organic exhaust gas, oil mist exhaust gas and chromic acid mist. We treat the collected exhaust gas, such as lye spray absorption, vacuum oil mist separation or scrubbing, and ensure that it is emitted at high altitudes in compliance with relevant emission standards. For example, GDH Zhongyue has built an acid regeneration facility during the Year, aiming to reduce the emission concentration of acidic gaseous waste and achieve relevant emission compliance targets. Personnel from the environmental protection department of the Group is responsible for monitoring the emission of various types of exhaust gas in the plant, and installing appropriate exhaust gas treatment facilities at the exhaust outlets to reduce the impact on the environment. The use of hydrogen and nitrogen is required in the production of tinplate. Since the related gases will not be directly burned, no exhaust gas or greenhouse gas that has significant impact on the environment will be produced.

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Driven by our dedication to implementing the source emission reduction policy, we provide employees with the "Guidelines for the Use of Exhaust Gas Treatment Devices" to guide employees in the correct operation of exhaust gas equipment to prevent leakage or excessive emissions of exhaust gas due to operational errors. Through internal management system, and by providing employees with environmental protection related training, maintenance of production equipment and environmental protection facilities, etc., we are able to manage and reduce the generation and emission of exhaust gas and greenhouse gas. In addition, to reduce exhaust gas emitted from the use of automobiles, the Group encourages employees to use public transportation and the Group's vehicles are required to use unleaded gasoline whenever possible to reduce air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions.

Fresh and Live Foodstuffs Business

The Group's fresh and live foodstuffs business does not involve industrial production activities and therefore no air pollutants that significantly impact the environment will be generated. The fresh and live foodstuffs business only produces a small amount of exhaust gas, which resulted from logistics vehicles; and the greenhouse gas mainly comes from electricity use in offices, slaughterhouse and fresh meat processing workshops. To properly manage exhaust emissions from vehicles, we regularly inspect and maintain vehicles, and require drivers to switch off the engines of idling vehicles. Moreover, we encourage employees to use public transportation as much as possible and replace unnecessary business trips with telephone or video conferences, so as to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in daily operations.

The overall exhaust gas and greenhouse gas emissions of the Group in the tinplating business as well as fresh and live foodstuffs business are as follows:

Exhaust Gas and Greenhouse Gases	Unit	2020	2019
Exhaust Gas			
Nitrogen oxides	tonnes	18.78	12.87
Sulphur oxides	tonnes	0.26	0.28
Particulates	tonnes	0.57	0.655
Greenhouse Gases			
Total greenhouse gas emissions	tonnes CO2e	87,818	77,922
Intensity of greenhouse gas emissions	tonnes CO2e/million	34.87	33.18
	HKD of revenue		
Scope 1 – Direct greenhouse gas emissions	tonnes CO2e	11,248	9,049
Scope 2 – Energy indirect greenhouse	tonnes CO2e	76,570	68,873 ⁶
gas emissions			

⁵ During the Year, the Group reviewed the data collection for particulates and restated the data.

⁶ During the Year, the Group reviewed the data collection for Scope 2 Energy Indirect Greenhouse Gas Emissions and restated the data.

iv. Management of Disposal of Solid Wastes

Tinplating Business

The Group strictly complies with the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Environmental Pollution by Solid Wastes, other relevant laws and regulations and local regulations for the storage of solid waste and has formulated internal rules and regulations for waste to classify, manage and monitor waste disposal processes. The waste generated from the production of tinplate can be divided into hazardous waste (such as oily sludge, chromium-containing sludge, waste paint, waste oil residue, etc.), non-recyclable waste (such as domestic garbage, dust, etc.) and recyclable waste (such as waste paper, scrap, iron, packaging waste, etc.). We strictly regulate the treatment and classification of various types of hazardous and non-hazardous waste, and centrally store them for further disposal in accordance with laws and regulations. The Group immediately reports the hazardous waste transfer related to the tinplating business to relevant government departments in accordance with the national requirements for hazardous waste transfer and entrusts a qualified recycling company to dispose of it. The Group regularly sends non-recyclable waste to local environmental and hygiene department for disposal whereas recyclable waste is sold to recyclers with professional recycling technologies to improve the resource reuse rate and reduce waste.

The Group is committed to reducing the amount of waste through environmental improvement projects. GDH Zhongyue Posco has installed a low temperature sludge dryer. The sludge generated from the surface treatment process at the plant was dehydrated to reduce its amount and the water contained in sludge was effectively reduced from 80% to below 30%. The total amount of sludge was reduced by about 70%, thereby effectively reduce the amount of hazardous waste.

Fresh and Live Foodstuffs Business

The non-hazardous waste generated by the Group's fresh and live foodstuffs business is mainly organic waste generated by slaughtering livestock in slaughterhouse and processing fresh meat, and domestic waste from daily operations. We sell organic waste such as lard, pig head, and pig offal to collectors or recyclers to reduce the amount of non-hazardous waste disposal and its impact on the environment as a result thereof. Domestic waste produced from daily operation will be collected and tackled by property management companies. Only a small amount of hazardous waste from daily office operations, such as replacing ink cartridges, is produced when operating the fresh and live foodstuffs business.

The Group's hazardous and non-hazardous waste generated from tinplating business and fresh and live foodstuffs business are as follows:

Wastewater	Unit	2020	2019
Hazardous waste			
Total generated	tonnes	1,002	1,178
Intensity	tonnes/million HKD of revenue	0.40	0.50
Non-hazardous waste ⁷			
Total generated	tonnes	13,772	18,937
Intensity	tonnes/million HKD of revenue	5.47	8.06

v. Management of Noise

Tinplating Business

The Group strictly abides by relevant laws and regulations such as Law of the People's Republic of China on Prevention and Control of Pollution from Environmental Noise and Emission Standard for Industrial Enterprises Noise at Boundary to manage the noise from the tinplating business. Noise is mainly generated during the operation of tinplate production equipment and its auxiliary facilities. The tinplate production plants are in semi-closed style and installed with acoustic doors and windows. The Group has taken various noise reduction measures such as acoustical isolation and noise reduction according to the characteristics of noise from the production equipment. On top of adopting noise reduction design and equipment, the Group has put effort in operation, including requiring employees to follow the management system to operate production equipment, prohibiting unauthorised start up and shut down of the production equipment, regularly repairing and maintaining the production equipment and selecting environmental-friendly and low-noise models when purchasing new equipment, to reduce noise generated during operation. During the Year, the Group commissioned qualified testing companies to conduct quarterly noise tests in the nearby environment and all test results meet emission standards.

Fresh and Live Foodstuffs Business

The noise of the fresh and live foodstuffs business is mainly the noise of livestock in slaughterhouse. Livestock are placed indoors after entering the slaughterhouse to reduce the impact of livestock noise on the surrounding environment. We provide earplugs for employees to block the livestock noise to protect employees from occupational injuries.

⁷ After the collection and analysis of the amount of non-hazardous waste generated by the Group, general waste only accounts for a small portion of the total amount of non-hazardous waste generated. Therefore, only non-hazardous waste from the production process is included in the total non-hazardous waste generated by the Group.

3.2 MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES UTILISATION

We endeavour to establish the idea of conservation and promote a culture of conservation within the enterprise by implementing various energy-saving and consumption-reducing measures in the process of production and office operations, so as to actively enhance the efficiency of resource use.

i. Conservation of Energy

Direct Energy Consumption

The direct energy consumption of the Group's tinplating business is mainly from production process, daily office operations and vehicle use, including fuels such as gasoline, diesel, natural gas and ethanol fuel; while the direct energy consumption of the fresh and live foodstuffs business is mainly from vehicle fuel. Compared to tinplating business, the energy consumption ratio of fresh and live foodstuffs business is relatively small. Therefore, other energy-saving systems, apart from fleet management, mainly target at the tinplating business.

The Group actively looks to create a "low-carbon, low-consumption" operating environment. Therefore, it has formulated approaches and management policies on energy use reduction and improvement of energy efficiency and monitors energy use. For example, the Group manages fuel use effectively through centralised procurement of stationary fuels. Drivers are required to plan traveling routes in advance and choose the shortest route before driving the vehicles. The Group also regularly arranges repair and maintenance of vehicles to improve energy efficiency. For the use of natural gas, the equipment maintenance department will regularly check and maintain gas transmission pipelines to avoid gas leakage, which causes waste, safety and environmental problems. For the use of steam, departments that use steam are responsible for inspecting and maintaining steam pipelines and measuring instruments, enduring reasonable use of steam according to the consumption plans, as well as recycling the heat residue and condensed water.

Regarding tinplating business, the Group continues to abide by the Energy Conservation Law of the People's Republic of China and other laws and regulations related to energy conservation. The Group also formulates policies on electricity consumption and energy conservation. GDH Zhongyue and GDH Zhongyue Posco have both established energy management systems and obtained ISO 50001:2011 and ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management System certifications, which meet international standards. We are actively improving the production efficiency of workshops of the tinplating business by arranging production rationally to reduce electricity consumption. In addition, we adopted an environmentally friendly furnace treatment device in metal printing of the tinplating business. By recycling the heat in the metal printing and burning it with natural gas in the environmentally friendly furnace, we make good use of thermal energy and effectively reduce the use of natural gas and greenhouse gas emissions.

Indirect Energy Consumption

The indirect energy consumption of the Group mainly consists of electricity and steam. Electricity is mainly used for operations of office and tinplating plant, while steam is used for the production process of the tinplating business. To ensure the enhancement of production quality, energy efficiency and environmental protection efficiency, the Group is committed to investing in scientific research and innovating tinplating production technology. When purchasing new equipment, the Group gives priority to equipment with greater energy efficiency or with an energy efficiency label and regularly repairs and maintains production equipment and electrical equipment to reduce wastage of energy. With an aim to effectively control electricity consumption of the tinplating business, we are in line with the national energy saving direction and have also set clear energy saving targets and indicators for the plants to limit electricity consumption.

Energy saving and consumption reduction are consistently the Group's energy use approaches. Therefore, the Group has implemented energy saving measures in the offices of fresh and live foodstuffs business and tinplating business, encouraging staff to develop better electricity consumption habits and teaching them about resource conservation techniques. The Group has also incorporated electricity saving habits into its daily office operations. Energy-saving measures adopted by the Group include regulating the air-conditioning temperature of the office according to seasonal changes and setting the temperature to no less than 26° C. Employees must turn off unused lights, air-conditioners, computers and other electrical equipment after work. Employees are encouraged to use natural light as much as possible during daily operations. Electrical appliances are regularly cleaned and maintained to keep high efficiency.

The overall direct and indirect energy consumptions of the Group's tinplating business and fresh and live foodstuffs business are as follows:

Energy Consumption	Unit	2020	2019
Direct energy consumption			
Natural gas	ten thousand cubic metres	493	414
Diesel	kg	162,680	4,229
Gasoline	kg	23,902	25,581
Ethanol fuel ⁸	kg	4,312	5,137
Indirect energy consumptio	n		
Electricity	MWh	95,064	83,415 ⁹
Steam	tonnes	67,081	62,819

³ The amount of ethanol fuel used is from GDH Zhongyue Posco.

⁹ During the Year, the Group reviewed the process of electricity data collection and restated the data.

ii. Conservation of Water

Tinplating Business

The water used by the Group includes tap water and natural water and is mainly used in production processes and daily office operations. In addition to tap water and natural water, the tinplating business also uses tower water, pure water and soft water throughout the electroplating production process. During the Year, we did not encounter any problems in sourcing water. The Group recognises that the use of water is critical in the production and daily needs and pays attention to the use of water resources and established different policies and systems to regulate water consumption in different businesses. As the production of tinplate and other steel products is water-intensive industry, the Group has implemented water conservation measures at different locations with water consumptions and drainage outlets. Employees at wastewater treatment facilities conduct monthly monitoring, including collecting and analysing the flow rate of the water consumption points at the industrial park, and identifying departments or workshops with larger water consumption. Targeted corrective plans will be formulated to prevent unnecessary use of water. Appropriate water consumption, such as reminding employees to tightly turn off the taps to avoid wasting water and formulating a reasonable production plan to prevent idling water valves, are adopted to strive for integrating water conservation into daily work. The equipment maintenance department regularly checks and repairs water consuming facilities to prevent water leakage.

Due to the production needs of the tinplating business, the Group needs to convert raw water into pure water and soft water through a water production process. Hence, the Group attaches great importance to the reuse of water resources. GDH Zhongyue and GDH Zhongyue Posco have installed wastewater reuse devices to adopt multiple treatments, such as filtering, drug using, nanofiltration, to the concentrated water produced from the water production process and chromium-containing wastewater produced during the production process, and reuse to the production process, thereby improving water resource utilisation. During the Year, GDH Zhongyue and GDH Zhongyue Posco have reused a total of 201,316 cubic metres of water resources to the production process, which helped reduce the use of raw water. In addition, the Group puts great emphasis on scientific research. Our scientific research department specialises in transforming production equipment, optimising production processes and improving wastewater recycling technology solutions, so as to improve wastewater reuse rate.

Fresh and Live Foodstuffs Business

The water used by the Group's fresh and live foodstuffs business is from municipal water supply and it is mainly used for cleaning livestock and daily life. The slaughterhouse uses water card, which is a stored-value card, to manage water consumption. Employees must remove the water card immediately after completing their work. We closely monitor water consumption, encourage employees to use water reasonably, and reduce waste. During the Year, the Group did not encounter any problems in sourcing water for our fresh food business.

The overall water consumption of tinplating business and fresh and live foodstuffs business of the Group is as follows:

Water Consumption	Unit	2020	2019
Total	cubic metres	1,120,807	856,398
Intensity	cubic metres/million HKD of revenue	445.00	364.67

iii. Conservation of Other Resources

The Group promotes the concept of paperless office and encourages its employees to distribute documents electronically, so as to reduce paper used for photocopying, faxing or printing. To make good use of paper, we encourage employees to use double-sided and format reduced printing, set the printer to duplex printing as the default setting, reuse envelopes and packaging materials, and reduce the font size and line spacing as far as possible. In addition, the Group selects green suppliers to supply environmental-friendly paper and lighter paper. The Group will continue to actively promote the aforesaid measures and continually provide employees with different environmental protection training in order to reduce resource consumption.

The overall paper consumption of tinplating business and fresh and live foodstuffs business of the Group is as follows:

Paper Consumption	Unit	2020	2019
Total	kg	6,914	7,935
Intensity	kg/million HKD of revenue	2.75	3.38

In addition to reducing the use of paper, we have also taken measures to reduce the use of packaging materials. The Group's packaging materials are mainly used for packaging tinplate products and packaging fresh food in supermarkets. Regarding tinplating business, GDH Zhongyue manages the inventory and the usage of packaging materials via an online platform of warehouse management, while GDH Zhongyue Posco has recorded the use of packaging materials to effectively understand the monthly usage and facilitate the calculation of usage density to avoid waste. In the field of fresh and live foodstuffs business, we encourage employees in charge of packaging to reduce the disposal of plastic boxes. If the plastic boxes are not broken, they are cleaned and dried for reusing, so as to minimise the impact on the environment due to disposal as much as possible.

The overall packaging materials used by the Group in the tinplating business and fresh and live foodstuffs business are as follows:

Use of Packaging Material	Unit	2020	2019
Total	tonnes	5,099	4,685
Intensity	tonnes/million HKD of revenue	2.02	2.00

3.3 THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

In view of increasingly stringent environmental protection policies and requirements in the Mainland, the Group has been optimising its internal management systems and enhancing the environmental protection equipment, and carried out various environmental improvement projects to eliminate the environmental impact of the business. GDH Zhongyue is a Hong Kong-Guangdong Cleaner Production Partner (Manufacturing), jointly recognised by the Department of Industry and Information Technology of Guangdong Province of the PRC and the Environment Bureau of the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and is committed to implementing cleaner production.

The Group will continue to pay attention to and care for the natural environment, continuously improve the management of emissions and use of resources, and strictly abides by and implements various laws and regulations related to environmental protection. We constantly improve production models and equipment, increase the utilisation rate of various resources, and strive to eliminate all hidden hazards that may cause an adverse impact on the environment, the Group or its stakeholders. In the meantime, we continue to encourage employees to develop good habits of thrift through various policies and training activities. The Group integrates environmental protection work into all operating levels within the Group, passes environmental protection information to all stakeholders, and strives to build a good operating environment of making good use and saving natural resources, and then makes contribution to the sustainable development of the planet and climate change.



3.4 DEALING WITH CLIMATE CHANGE

In recent years, climate change has attracted much attention from the international community, and extreme weather events caused by climate change have also negatively affected enterprises. As a responsible corporate citizen, the Group attaches great importance to climate change-related events. During the Year, the Group carried out climate change risk assessment to identify potential risks and impacts led by climate-related risks. For example, in face of worsening extreme weather events as well as extreme changes in rainfall and weather patterns, our production costs and capacity may be negatively affected. The market trend to replace existing products and services with low-carbon commodities may also increase our operating costs.

To deal with climate change, in addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the Group has formulated emergency plans for possible extreme weather incidents at different operating locations and makes early preparations to reduce the risk of loss due to extreme weather. For example, in terms of preventing typhoons and floods, we have established emergency plans to prevent typhoons, floods, and natural disasters so as to minimise their impact on business operations. In the emergency plan, we clearly set out the emergency treatment process under different typhoon warning signals, including designating the chief commander, adjusting the duty, arranging the corresponding defense work of various departments, and evacuating employees to safe places, in order to respond effectively and orderly to various possible situations, reduce economic loss and casualty, and minimise the impact of climate change. We have also strengthened our staff's ability to respond to natural disasters through training and emergency drills. For example, during the Year, GDH Zhongyue conducted training on typhoon and flood prevention reaction planning, education on the levels of typhoon and flood disasters, and the corresponding prevention work and safety precautions. We also held emergency drills on typhoon and flood prevention to simulate the corresponding work under different levels of disasters.

4. Employment and Labour Practices

The Group considers employees as its most valuable asset in the process of business development. Support from the employees is also the foundation to the Group's continual success. A comprehensive human resource management mechanism is established. We strive to work under the principle of people-oriented in many aspects such as recruitment and retaining of talents, remuneration of employees, training and development as well as occupational health and safety to push forward the sustainable development of human resources, expanding to the sustainable development of corporate. The Group constantly followed the national and local laws and regulation on employment, health and safety and labour standards, including but not limited to the Labour Law of the People's Republic of China, Labour Contract Law of the People's Republic of China, Production Safety Law of the People's Republic of China, Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Treatment of Occupational Diseases, Employment Ordinance and Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance of Hong Kong. The Group has not been informed of any violations of regulations regarding employment, health and safety and labour standards in the Year. The Group strives to create a harmonious, comfortable and safe working environment with pragmatic, conscientious, united and progressive attitudes. Meanwhile, a fair and just competition mechanism has been established internally to create better promotion opportunities for the employees. With regular training, employees are able to unleash their potential on personal and professional aspect, laying the foundation for their future career development. Embracing the idea of work-life balance, we have organised multiple recreational activities to enrich the lives of employees and to enhance team cohesiveness.

As at the Year end of business, the Group had a total of 1,071 full-time employees. The number of employees and the turnover rate broken down by different categories are as follows:

	Number of	
Employment	Employees	Turnover rate (%)
Total	1,071	12
By Gender		
Male	853	12
Female	218	12
By Age Group		
Below 30 years old	167	9
30 to 50 years old	742	12
50 years old and above	162	15
By Region		
Mainland China	881	11
Hong Kong	190	17

4.1 TALENT SELECTION

The Group believes a sound human resources management is essential to the stable and sustainable corporate development. Based on such idea, we have established a thorough system in the talent selection process, recruiting talents from various channels. We uphold a fair and just principle to provide equal opportunities to existing employees and external candidates. At the same time, appropriate candidates will be selected based on their experience, character, knowledge, abilities and suitability for the job, and their ethnic group, gender, age, nationality, religion, marital status will be disregarded. Apart from the recruitment, we also provide a working environment with equal opportunities, fairness, diversities and anti-discrimination in different employment aspects, including but not limited to promotion, performance appraisal, training, personal development and termination.

4.2 LABOUR STANDARDS

The Group cherishes and protects human rights as well as labour rights. Child labour or forced labour is strictly prohibited. We review the identification documents of employees before they commence duty to ensure that they have reached the legal working age, so as to avoid recruiting any child labour by mistake. At commencement of work, employees are required to sign employment contract which explicitly stated out information such as job description, salary, working hours and venue, to prevent any forms of forced labour. In case of misemployment of child labor or forced labor, the Group will immediately stop the work of the relevant personnel, and investigate the incident to prevent any recurrence. Moreover, the working hours of employees are in compliance with relevant local laws and regulations and employees' consent is required upon any arrangements of necessary overtime working. They are compensated in accordance with the laws and regulations to avoid forced overtime working.

During the Year, the Group continued to strictly abide by the laws and regulations related to the prohibition of child labour and forced labour, including but not limited to the Labour Law of the People's Republic of China, Provisions on the Prohibition of Using Child Labour, and the Employment Ordinance and Employment of Children Regulations of Hong Kong. No incident concerning the employment of child labour under the legal working age or forced labour was informed.

4.3 COMPENSATION AND WELFARE

With the aim to attract and retain outstanding talents for ensuring the stability of business operations and meeting the needs of business development, the Group provides employees with competitive remunerations and benefits. We rigorously ensure that our employees' salaries comply with the statutory salary standards of the locations where we operate. We regularly review the salary levels of employees at all levels and understand the salary situation in the industry's labour market, and strive to establish a fair, reasonable and highly competitive salary system. In addition to the salary determined based on factors such as job requirements, knowledge and skills, experience and education, we will also adjust employee compensation in a timely manner based on the results of the business performance and performance evaluation of employees. If overtime working is required, the department which is going to work overtime needs to obtain management approval first. Payment of overtime working will be settled on time as required. After the employee tender his resignation, we will arrange an interview to understand employees' reasons for departure, thereby improving the operation of the Group, and the outstanding wages will be paid on time.

The Group places great emphasis on protecting the rights of employees, hence the Group strictly abides to relevant laws and regulations at operation locations, and provides all employees with relevant benefits, such as providing high-temperature subsidies, buying social insurance and paying for housing provident funds for employees in the Mainland. Besides, we provide other benefits for employees, including working meals, festive foods, holiday gifts, fruits, etc. In addition to statutory holidays, employees also enjoy paid annual leaves, wedding leave, maternity leave, and compassionate leave. In an attempt to improve team collaboration, working efficiency and team cohesion, and to encourage a culture of work-life balance, we held a number of after-work activities in the Year, such as badminton matches, basketball matches, sports days, fishing competitions, skills competitions and spring festival activities to enrich employees' after-work life.



Badminton match



Skill competition



Basketball match



Spring festival activity

4.4 DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

The continuous improvement of employees is the key element to long-term development of the Group. Hence, the Group has initiated a sound, fair and objective performance assessment system to encourage employees to work actively, as well as improving their performance, ability and management skills. Self-assessment and peer assessment are integrated in the performance assessment of employees. The assessment criteria include employees' capability, attitude, communication skills, and their performance such as code of conduct, discipline as well as honesty and integrity. The management keeps close contact with the employees during the performance assessment for providing recognition for their performance and making suggestion regarding their deficiency. The results of the performance assessment will be used as an important reference for rank evaluation, job rotation, position transfer, promotion and training, etc., as well as linked up with employees' year-end performance salary, so as to motivate employees for continuous improvement. In view of the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, the Group mainly conducted training in the form of video and webcast conferences during the Year to reduce the transmission risk caused by social gatherings.

To align the staff career planning with the long-term corporate development, the Group formulated a training management system to create an excellent, well-trained and responsible team. The human resources department combines the human resource needs of each department to prepare a comprehensive training plan every year to improve employees' knowledge and management skills, enhance employees' ability to perform their duties, improve work performance and increase work efficiency. New employees are required to participate in pre-employment training and pass the assessment before commencement of employment. The training content includes corporate culture, work processes, company organisational structure, management system and five systems (quality, environmental, occupational health and safety, food safety and energy management systems). On-the-job training for employees is conducted in the form of internal and external training, and is implemented at three levels (company level, department level, and team level). In terms of internal training, in addition to the training provided by internal trainers, the Group also has a mentor policy that senior employees impart their skills and experience to junior employees. After the training is completed, the Group evaluates the implementation and effectiveness of the training by means of examinations, questionnaires and ability tests to further improve the training content. In addition, the Group encourages employees to actively participate in external training. After the employees' voluntary application or the training recommended by the department is approved by the company, the Group will provide subsidies for the training expenses. For example, employees from the finance department of the fresh and live foodstuffs business received a number of external financial and accounting training through subsidies during the Year to enhance their professional competence. Employees can apply to the Group to participate in self-study programs during their employment. Employees who have obtained a diploma, degree certificate or professional qualification certificate are reimbursed a certain percentage of their tuition fees.

During the Year, in addition to pre-employment training for new employees, we have also organised training courses in different areas, such as training related to the Civil Code of the People's Republic of China and Six Sigma. In accordance with local labour regulations, we have designed special job training programmes, such as certification training for radiation staff, for employees who require specialised skills or employees who engaged in on-site management, in order to enhance the knowledge and skills of professionals and ensure that technical personnel are certified.

During the Year, the Group's training situation is as follows:

	Percentage of trained	Average training
Training	employees (%)	hours (hours)
Total	80	144
By Gender		
Male	87	150
Female	56	120
By level		
Senior	44	8
Intermediate	81	24
Junior	81	154

4.5 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Group considered the health and safety of its employees as its top priority, and adhered firmly to the management direction of "Winning Employees' Trust by Health and Safety". At the same time, we adhere to the principle of "peopleoriented", and strengthen the occupational health and safety awareness of "Safety First, Precaution Crucial". To prevent and avoid employees from occupational hazards and production safety accidents, and to comply with national laws and regulations on production safety, we have established a comprehensive set of safety management systems, formulated different rules and regulations for production safety, inspection safety, fire safety, hidden danger management and emergencies, and provided employees with working safety guidelines at the same time to reduce the risks of hidden safety hazards. The Group has clearly defined the safety responsibilities of different positions, including the leadership, management and front-line employees, in the production safety responsibility system. Through clear division of labour in the organisational structure of production safety, the Group effectively implements and carries out the duty for production safety. In addition, GDH Zhongyue and GDH Zhongyue Posco have obtained ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Health and Safety Management System Certifications. During the Year, GDH Zhongyue commissioned a third-party assessment company to assess the current status of occupational hazards and analyse the safety level of the plants, the implementation of safety regulations and identify potential safety hazards, so as to maintain a safe workplace.

Training is the key to ensure a safe workplace and occupational health. The Group regularly organises production safety education and training for employees. Take tinplating business as an example, new employees must receive training on regulations and systems and a three-level safety training (i.e. three-level refers to department level, team level and production position level), and pass the exam upon the commencement of work. The Group has organized various safety trainings during the Year to ensure all employees receive regular education and training on safety awareness, such as training on occupational health and safety knowledge, training on laws and regulations of production safety, training on safety operation regulations, and training on fire safety, etc., so that the employees can constantly understand production safety approaches and raise the awareness of occupational health and safety and continual improvement. The Group also provides training to employees who are required to carry out high-risk tasks to enhance their safety awareness. For example, during the Year, GDH Zhongyue Posco provided training on radiation related knowledge, laws and compliance, and management system to the group members of radiation working group. Furthermore, the Group will take different cases of safety-related incidents as learning content for employees. Through the use of real accidents as case studies, the Group aims to avoid similar accidents.

To ensure the occupational health and safety of the employees, we have established rigorous safety working and fire protection guidelines, and provided employees with personal protective equipment in accordance with national and local standards, such as earplugs, masks, gloves and work uniforms, and reminded and educated employees on the proper wear and use of the equipment to maximise the protection effect. To reduce the number of work-related accidents among employees that are required to use knifes in fresh and live foodstuffs business, apart from arranging regular training for them, we also equip them with appropriate personal protective equipments, such as wire gloves and non-slip shoes. In daily operations, designated department will conduct regular safety inspections and maintenance to all environmental protection facilities, production machinery, water supply equipment, fire protection facilities, etc. to ensure that they are in good condition and reduce the risk of safety accidents. At the same time, when employees notice any machine failure, they should report the failure immediately for repair. For example, GDH Zhongyue records every potential safety hazard, the classification of potential hazard and the respective rectification measures to ensure the safety rectification is completely implemented. Employees in special positions must obtain national certificates before commencing their work.

Case Study of GDH Zhongyue's Safety Rectification

Case Study:

GDH Zhongyue has formulated corresponding safety operation specifications and listed relevant training requirements for each production location in the factory. Only a few work locations are required to be further strengthened with relevant reminders or safety assurance equipment, so as to reduce the risk of personal injury caused by improper operation.

Rectification:

In addition to the existing safety regulations, GDH Zhongyue has posted safety warning signs at work locations to remind employees and has installed safety protection equipment in processes with high safety risks, such as installing protective grinding racks in the grinding process, so as to reduce employees' risk of injury.



During the Year, the total number of working days lost due to injured employees during work in the Group is 339 days, while the number and rate of work-related fatalities in the last three years are as follows:

Occupational Health and Safety	2020	2019	2018
Number of work-related fatalities	0	0	0
Rate of work-related fatalities (%)	0	0	0

Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic

COVID-19 pandemic continues to be rampant and the Group attaches great importance to the prevention and control of the pandemic. The Group has actively adhered to national and local disease prevention and control requirements and places the safety and health of employees as its top priority while conducting business in an orderly manner. During the Year, the Group implemented various measures to reduce the risk of disease and protect the safety of its employee. For example, each of GDH Zhongyue and GDH Zhongyue Posco set up a task force on disease prevention and control. The leader of the task force oversees the prevention and control work, the deputy task force leader organises, arranges and finalises prevention and control plans and the members coordinate, record and report the work progress and situation. Each department is required to report to the prevention and control task force on their prevention and safety efforts. At the same time, the Group strengthened its internal hygiene requirements. For example, GDH Zhongyue and GDH Zhongyue Posco arrange for the measurement of body temperature of employees, regular disinfection of offices, factories, dormitories and vehicles, setting up of special rubbish bins that are regularly disinfected and treated by specialised personnel to collect used masks, and prohibition of non-essential staff gatherings and activities to reduce congregation, etc. To control the risk of infection caused by the movement of people, employees are required to apply for approval before going to work in other provinces and cities, and employees who have visited high-risk areas are required to undergo nucleic acid test and guarantine. At the same time, we have reduced face-to-face communication with suppliers and customers.

5. Operating Practices

5.1 SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

An exceptional supply chain management is the foundation for a successful enterprise. Therefore, the Group maintains long-term, stable and strategic cooperative relationships with quality suppliers with enormous capabilities to achieve mutually beneficial and win-win situation, so as to achieve the goal of co-development with suppliers. We established a supply chain system with rigorous management procedures and strive to improve product quality by establishing standardised and systematic supply chain management. During the Year, the Group was not informed of any violations related to supply chain management.

The tinplating business has established stringent procedures in the procurement management system, which controls the verification of suppliers and purchased products, evaluates and controls the selection of new suppliers and conducts annual reviews of existing suppliers. For the selection of new suppliers, an evaluation and review mechanism is in place in the tinplating business to ensure the compliance of suppliers and supplies quality. For example, we conduct reviews on new suppliers and verify their basic profile, including conducting on-site assessments when necessary, reviewing management system certifications, product safety certificates, business licenses and other documents to ensure the compliance of the suppliers. The Group notices that the quality of raw materials is crucial to the production of high-quality tinplate and has developed a strict division of labour from signing of contracts to the operation of raw materials testing and supervising, with an aim to ensure that the selected suppliers have relevant qualification, suitable expertise and quality, adoption of advantageous internal management system, stable quality, on-time delivery, legal compliance, etc., as well as ensuring that the suppliers are competitive and provide high-quality goods and services. Meanwhile, we regularly evaluate existing suppliers based on price, quality, delivery and other aspects. Unqualified suppliers will be opt-out to ensure the quality of products and services provided by the suppliers.

During the Year, the Group's tinplating business had a total of 100 major suppliers, divided by region as follows:

South China	33
East China	31
North China	24
Northeast China	5
Central China	4
Southwest China	2
Overseas	1

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For the fresh and live foodstuffs business, the Group has established stringent procedures for the procurement process, supplier selection and evaluation. When selecting new suppliers, we give priority to potential suppliers with good reputation and conduct a preliminary review on their capability to maintain quality and safe production. Then, we conduct investigations on supplier candidates' products, production capacity, and the implementation of quality and safety management system. Also, when necessary, we would request the supplier candidates to provide samples for evaluation and inspection and conduct on-site assessment. Only the suppliers which passed the review process can be introduced to the list of qualified suppliers. To ensure that the quality of meat product is in compliance with the national and local standards, we require suppliers to provide the products' qualified certifications for safety inspection or quarantine on food safety, and hygiene quarantine, quality and would not purchase meat products without qualified certificates. We evaluate existing suppliers every year based on their supply quality, safety, price, delivery and service quality to ensure that the suppliers can supply in a long-term, stable and high-quality manner.

During the Year, the Group's fresh and live foodstuffs business had a total of 34 major suppliers, divided by region as follows:

Number of Suppliers	2020
South China	27
East China	3
Central China	1
Overseas	3

5.2 PRODUCT QUALITY AND SAFETY

One of the core concepts of the Group is to provide customers with high-quality and safe products. Therefore, we have established comprehensive quality management procedures to ensure product quality and safety.

Regarding the tinplating business, GDH Zhongyue and GDH Zhongyue Posco have both acquired ISO 9001:2015 quality management system certification and ISO 22000:2018 food safety management system certification. In order to provide high-quality and safe products to satisfy the growing and rigorous customers' requirements on product quality, we improve the quality management system and conduct internal reviews regularly on the implementation of the quality management system, ensuring its suitability, adequacy and effectiveness and taking timely measures for improvement. The tinplating business has a sound product quality management system from the formulation of production plans, the occurrence of quality accidents to the handling of quality accidents. This clarifies the responsibilities of each department to reduce the possibility of having guality accidents in the production process. In case a quality accident occurs, we would identify the cause of the accident immediately, determine the level of the accident and take corresponding measures. The tinplating business firmly abides by the "Four Strict Rules" to constantly seek improvements in product quality, including strictly demanding a clear analysis for reasons behind incidents; strictly requiring persons in charge to deal with incidents promptly; strictly reinforcing education to persons and groups responsible for the incidents; and strictly formulating remedial and prevention measures. GDH Zhongyue also developed a Quality Management Manual during the Year, which clearly sets out the requirements and standards for guality testing to improve product guality. Meanwhile, employees of the tinplating business would receive training related to product quality, including training on food safety knowledge, training on judging the product standard, etc. in order to enhance the understanding of product guality. Products from the tinplating business are used for food packaging, hence the Group has a product recall control procedure to timely recall products that may pose a hazard to food safety. Each of GDH Zhongyue and GDH Zhongyue Posco has set up a dedicated task force to receive and verify information on products that may potentially pose a threat to food safety and carry out a product recall. After determining the need for product recall, all departments will withdraw and dispose of the product according to the procedures, analyse the cause of the accident, formulate and implement the corresponding improvement measures to avoid the recurrence of similar incidents. To ensure the effectiveness of the recall control procedures, GDH Zhongyue and GDH Zhongyue Posco organise simulation exercises on product recall every year.

For the fresh and live foodstuffs business, we have established a strict process on quality control for providing customers with fresh and live foodstuffs of high-quality, safety and up to hygiene standards. We strictly comply with related laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Measures for the Supervision and Administration of the Inspection and Quarantine of Imported and Exported Meat Products and the Measures for the Inspection, Quarantine and Administration of Live Pigs Supplied to Hong Kong and Macao of the Mainland and the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance, Food Business Regulation, Slaughterhouses Regulation and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance of Hong Kong, throughout business operations. The chilled meat we purchased must acquire documentation such as guarantine certificate, disinfection certificate and import trade declaration and we check its shelf life, temperature control during transportation, appearance, and ensure that the packaging is intact during purchase. In addition, guality control of live pigs is an important part of the operation of fresh and live foodstuffs business. Therefore, other than checking whether the supplier holds certificates on hygiene, inspection and guarantine issued by the local government, we also conduct regular inspections and flight inspections (i.e. inspections without prior notice) of the farms from the list of qualified suppliers to ensure that live pigs purchased meet the supply standards of Hong Kong. According to the Basic Requirements for Animal Hygiene in Live Pig Farms for Hong Kong and Macau and Basic Requirements for Animal Hygiene in Live Poultry Farms for Hong Kong and Macau, we conduct reviews on suppliers and send live pig samples to a third party testing agency for inspection. We will terminate the contract with suppliers which are associated with the illegal use of drugs, poor sanitation management or unqualified sampling. Furthermore, we conduct verification, guarantine and inspection, including group and individual inspections of live pigs, and sampling of urine for illegal drug tests, to the live pigs on the logistic vehicles to Hong Kong. The Group will reject live pigs that failed in the verification, quarantine and inspection process. Upon the arrival of live pigs at the slaughterhouse, they will be inspected by the personnel of the Hong Kong Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. Unqualified pigs will be sent to the designated locations for culling. To ensure that food is free from contamination, the utensils and logistic vehicles used to process meat are cleaned and disinfected. Moreover, if any incident of death of live animals is discovered, employees must notify the Hong Kong Food and Environmental Hygiene Department immediately for culling, take pictures and records, so as to prevent any situation that could lead to the spread of an epidemic. Onsite guality supervisors are appointed by the supermarket to monitor the guality of pork and the operation process in the fresh meat processing workshops. After entering the supermarket, fresh pork will be stored in the fresh-keeping warehouse. We will strictly control the sales time and temperature to ensure the hygienic condition of the process and the quality of pork.

During the Year, there were no incidents that the Group had to recall products for safety and health reasons.

5.3 CUSTOMER SERVICES

The Group believes that customer opinions are the foundation for the sustainable development of an enterprise. To continually improve product quality and service quality, we standardise the marketing of the tinplating business to ensure the service quality and business capabilities of marketing employees. Meanwhile, the business team communicates with customers through various ways to proactively understand their needs and resolve issues related to products and services. Through conducting regular customer satisfaction surveys, we collect and analyze customers' opinions on the product quality of tinplate, service quality, delivery timeliness, price-performance ratio, etc. so as to introduce improvement measures to enhance customer satisfaction. The tinplating business also has a customer complaint handling process in place to investigate and handle complaints in a timely manner, aiming to provide customers with satisfactory and high-quality after-sales service. The Group records the product information of defective batches and conducts in-depth analysis of the product quality problems of the relevant batches. If the quality issue is found to have risen from the supplier or the delivery company, we will report to the relevant supplier or delivery company and seek compensation. We will also work out a compensation plan with the customer and take improvement measures to avoid the recurrence of the related quality issues.

Regarding the fresh and live foodstuffs business, when a customer complaint is received, relevant departments of fresh and live foodstuffs business will comprehend the content of the complaint, grasp the situation from the related employees in fresh meat stalls, reply to the customer within 24 hours via supermarkets and take appropriate actions to avoid the same or similar situation from happening, in order to enhance customers' satisfaction. We record relevant complaints in detail for reference in future management.

5.4 BUSINESS ETHICS

The Group is committed to maintaining business ethics in its business operations and strictly abides by national and local laws and regulations related to privacy protection, intellectual property rights and product information, including but not limited to the Trademark Law of the People's Republic of China, Copyright Law of the People's Republic of China, and the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, Copyright Ordinance and Trade Descriptions Ordinance of Hong Kong. Employees are not allowed to disclose business and customer information without permission, and should not disclose the Group's trade secrets to third parties even after the termination of employment. Regarding tinplating business, employees need to understand, sign and promise to obey privacy rules to keep trade secrets and related information confidential. During the auction of fresh and live foodstuffs, employees must keep the information in the auction confidential, and must not disclose any information that may affect the auction results even after the auction.

In addition, we also emphasise the importance of protecting intellectual property rights and prevent any infringement. For example, GDH Zhongyue Posco has listed the norms and regulations of its intellectual property rights in the employee handbook to safeguard and protect the interests of the Group in respect of its business achievements, inventions or research efforts, etc. When a new product or technology is developed, we will register a patent from the local or relevant intellectual property administration to protect our rights and interests. As at the Year end, GDH Zhongyue has two patents registered with the China National Intellectual Property Administration. Apart from protecting our own intellectual property rights, we also respect the efforts of others and will not infringe others' intellectual property rights. Furthermore, we are committed to ensuring the information provided during daily operations to be clear and accurate. For example, when our employees carry out marketing work of the tinplating business, they are prohibited from making false, misleading or untrue statements about our products, so as to avoid the detriment of our customers.

During the Year, the Group was not informed of any violations related to privacy protection, intellectual property rights, and product information.

5.5 ANTI-CORRUPTION

Honesty and integrity have always been one of the Group's corporate cultures. Throughout the entire business operations, we uphold the values of integrity, ethics and honesty, and strictly prohibit all forms of bribery. The Group strictly regulates the behaviour of directors, managements and employees, and requires all employees to obey national and local laws and regulations on preventing bribery, extortion, fraud and money laundering, including but not limited to the Criminal Law of the People's Republic of China, Anti-Money Laundering Law of the People's Republic of China and the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance of Hong Kong.

Under the premise of ensuring absolute confidentiality, employees can report any illegal acts such as personal gain, bribery, extortion, fraud and money laundering in the course of work through the reporting channels provided by the Group to create a corruption-free corporate and social environment. The employee handbook for the tinplating business clearly states the code of conduct for employees, and prohibits any corrupt practices. Any employee who accepts bribes or embezzles will be dismissed from their employment contract. The tinplating business has signed the honesty and integrity agreement, or include the honesty and integrity clause in the contract, of which the probity responsibility and obligation for both parties is clearly listed to follow with the telephone number of complaining and reporting to the Group, with suppliers to protect the benefits of both parties and fight against corruption. In addition, the Group requires the auctioneers of the fresh and live foodstuffs business to adhere to the principles of honesty, integrity, fairness and impartiality, and conduct electronic auctions to avoid any bribery. In the annual performance assessment, we evaluate the honesty and integrity of employees. For employees who violate our code, we will penalise them with severe disciplinary action or direct dismissal. During the Year, the Group organised various types of anticorruption trainings, such as organising activities on integrity culture during the disciplinary day and providing integrity education seminars to the management.

During the Year, the Group was not informed of any litigation of corruption involving the Group or its employees, or the involvement in or occurrence of any violations related to anti-corruption.

6. Community Investment

The Group has always adhered to fulfilling its corporate social responsibility and spared no effort in contributing to society while continuously developing its own business. We believe that everyone is accountable to oneself, their family, their employer and the society. We also encourage employees to show their love and care for the vulnerable and disadvantaged through donations and volunteer works.

During the Year, GDH Zhongyue made a donation in an amount of RMB30,000 to the Red Cross of Zhongshan Torch Hitech Industrial Development Zone. GDH Zhongyue Posco organised volunteer activities for poverty alleviation, including a volunteer visit to the nursing home in Shanhaiguan District in Qinhuangdao City to express care and distribute daily necessities to the population in dire poverty, showing empathy towards disadvantaged groups in the society and providing aid to alleviate poverty.





The group also organised many volunteer services, such as the cleanup of Huatuoshan Park, Deneng Lake Park and Hengmen Waterway by the GDH Zhongyue employee, aiming to improve the community environment through voluntary activities.





As a socially responsible enterprise, we also actively show solicitude for the disadvantaged groups apart from operating a business and paying taxes. We are committed to enhancing the diversity and equal opportunities of the work environment and continued to provide employment opportunities to people with disabilities during the Year. We have always maintained a good production and operation model, actively promoted the concept of green and environmental protection and created a good development order. We have made certain contributions to maintain social stability and build a harmonious community.

7. Honours and Certifications

The major awards and certifications obtained by the Group during the Year are as follows:

GDH Zhongyue:

- ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System Certification
- ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management System Certification
- ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Certification
- ISO 22000:2018 Food Safety Management System Certification
- ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Health and Safety Management System Certification
- Contract Honouring and Creditworthy Enterprise in Guangdong Province
- Environmental Integrity Enterprise
- Hong Kong-Guangdong Cleaner Production Partner (Manufacturing)
- Standardised Occupational Safety and Health Enterprise

GDH Zhongyue Posco:

- ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System Certification
- ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Certification
- ISO 22000:2018 Food Safety Management System Certification
- ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management System Certification
- ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Health and Safety Management System Certification
- Enterprise with Good Ecological and Environmental Trustworthiness in Hebei Province

8. Vision Outlook

As a good corporate citizen, the Group firmly believes that striking a balance between corporate development and social responsibility is the key to its leading position in the industry. In the future, we will continue to pay attention to environmental protection, employees' development, product quality and customer service, as well as contribution to the community. We will monitor the performance of the above aspects, which lays a solid foundation for our sustainable development.

In terms of environmental protection, the Group will continue to comply with the more rigorous national and regional environmental laws, regulations and the direction on environmental policies, while investing resources to optimise the treatment of exhaust gas, wastewater, solid waste and other facilities and to reduce the adverse environmental impact of business operations, to maintain energy-saving works and to improve energy efficiency. In terms of employees' development, we have kept the promise of satisfying employees and production safety, provided employees with a safe and high-quality working environment, and hired more technical and managerial talents with a competitive salary mechanism. In terms of product quality and customer service, we will continue to invest resources to maintain and improve product quality in order to provide customers with quality products and services. In terms of community contribution, we will adhere to the original intention to bear social responsibility, actively participate in public welfare undertakings, and strive to promote the sustainable development of the community.

The Group aims to become a respected enterprise and hopes to improve business performance through the implementation of sustainable development strategies, while contributing to environmental protection and social development to create long-term value for enterprises and stakeholders.

9. Appendix I: Environmental Performance **Data Summary**

		Tinplating			and Live fs Business To		tal	
	Unit	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	
Greenhouse Gas ¹⁰								
Scope 1 ¹¹								
Total	tonnes CO2e	10,750	9,045	498	4	11,248	9,049	
Intensity ¹²	-	33.37	32.44	112.40	1.33	4.47	3.85	
Scope 2 ¹³								
Total	tonnes CO2e	76,470	68,814	100	59 ¹⁴	76,570	68,873 ¹⁴	
Intensity ¹²	-	237.37	246.76	22.64	17.42	30.40	29.33	
Exhaust Gas ¹⁵								
Nitrogen oxides	tonnes	14.82	12.87	3.96	0.00	18.78	12.87	
Sulphur oxides	tonnes	0.26	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.26	0.28	
Particulates	tonnes	0.28	0.6516	0.29	0.00	0.57	0.6516	
Wastewater/Liquid Waste								
Hazardous liquid waste			E / 0/3				E / 0/3	
Total	tonnes	607	560 ¹⁷	N/A	N/A	607	560 ¹⁷	
Intensity ¹²	-	1.89	2.01	N/A	N/A	0.24	0.24	
Non-hazardous wastewater Total	1	27/ 5/7	400 550	NI/A	N1/A	27/ 5/7	400 550	
Intensity ¹²	tonnes _	376,567 1,168.90	400.550 1,436.31	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	376,567 149.51	400,550 170.56	
	_	1,100.70	1,430.31	IN/A	IN/A	147.31	170.30	
Waste								
Hazardous waste		1.000	1 170	0.40	0.10	1.000	1 170	
Total	tonnes	1,002 3.11	1,178 4.22	0.10	0.12	1,002	1,178 0.50	
Intensity ¹² Non-hazardous waste	-	3.11	4.22	0.02	0.03	0.40	0.50	
Non-hazardous waste Total	****	10 574	10 / 10	100	205	10 770	10 007	
	tonnes	13,574 42.14	18,612 66.74	198 44.75	325 96.16	13,772 5.47	18,937	
Intensity ¹²	-	42.14	66.74	44./5	96.16	5.47	8.06	

The calculation of greenhouse gas emissions is based on Appendix 2 "Reporting Guidance on Environmental KPIs" provided by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong ("Appendix 2") and the "Guidelines to Account for and Report on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Removals for Buildings (Commercial, Residential or Institutional Purposes) in Hong Kong" provided by the Environmental Protection Department and Electrical and Mechanical Services Department of Hong Kong. The Group greenhouse gas inventory includes carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide. For ease of reading and understanding, the greenhouse gas emissions data is presented in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent ("tonnes CO₂e"). 10

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tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent ("tonnes CO₂e"). Scope 1 refers to the direct greenhouse gas emissions of the Group's business, including the combustion of gasoline, diesel, ethanol fuel and natural gas. The emission factors used are from Appendix 2, the "Guidelines on Greenhouse Gas Emission Accounting and Reporting" provided by the National Development and Reform Commission of the PRC ("NDRC") and the "Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories" provided by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ("IPCC"). The intensities of the tinplating business, fresh and live foodstuffs business and the total are calculated by the production volume in thousand tonnes, the sales volume in thousand tonnes and million HKD of revenue, respectively. Scope 2 refers to the indirect greenhouse gas emissions of the Group's business, including the consumption of purchased electricity and steam. The emission factors used are from the "Average Carbon Dioxide Emission Factor of China Regional Power Grid" and the "Guidelines on Greenhouse Gas Emission Accounting and Reporting" provided by the NDRC, the emission factor provided by The HongKong Electric Co., Limited and the emission factor provided by CLP Holdings Limited. During the Year, the Group reviewed the data collection for Scope 2 Energy Indirect Greenhouse Gas Emissions and restated the data. The emission factors used are from the "Air Pollutant Emission Inventory Guidebook" provided by the European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme ("EMEP") and European Economic Area ("EEA"), the "Feasibility Study Report on the Replacement of Coal fired Boilers by Ethanol Fuel Boilers" provided by the Beijing Aerospace Propulsion Institute, Appendix 2 and the "Guidelines on Greenhouse Gas Emission Accounting and Reporting" provided by the NDRC. During the Year, the Group reviewed the data collection for particulates and restated the data. 14 15

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During the Year, the Group reviewed the data collection for hazardous liquid waste and restated the data.

9. Appendix I: Environmental Performance Data Summary (continued)

		Tinplating			and Live ffs Business T		Total	
	Unit	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	
Energy Consumption								
Direct energy consumpti	ion ¹⁸							
Natural gas								
Total	ten thousand cubic metres	493	414	N/A	N/A	493	414	
Intensity ¹² Diesel	-	1.53	1.49	N/A	N/A	0.20	0.18	
Total Intensity ¹²	kg -	4,438 13.78	4,151 14.89	158,242 35,737.75	78 22.95	162,680 64.59	4,229 1.80	
Gasoline Total	kg	23,146	24,372	756	1,209	23,902	25,581	
Intensity ¹² Ethanol fuel	_	71.85	87.40	170.80	358.06	9.49	10.89	
Total Intensity ¹²	kg -	4,312 13.38	5,137 18.42	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	4,312 1,71	5,137 2.19	
Indirect energy consump Electricity	otion		Torie				2,	
Total	MWh	94,890	83,320	174	95 ¹⁹		83,415 ¹⁹	
Intensity ¹² Steam	-	294.55	298.77	39.34	28.25	37.74	35.52	
Total Intensity ¹²	tonnes –	67,081 208.22	62,819 225.26	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	67,081 26.63	62,819 26.75	
Water Consumption								
Total	cubic metres	1,117,891	851,657	2,916	4,741	1,120,807	856,398	
Intensity ¹²	_	3,470.03	3,053.91	658.60	1,403.63	445.00	364.67	
Use of Packaging Materi	al							
Total Intensity ¹²	tonnes _	5,053 15.69	4,633 16.61	46 10.34	52 15.43	5,099 2.02	4,685 2.00	
Paper Consumption								
Total Intensity ¹²	kg -	3,791 11.77	5,852 20.99	3,123 705.39	2,083 616.80	6,914 2.75	7,935 3.38	

¹⁹ During the Year, the Group reviewed the process of electricity data collection and restated the data.

¹⁸ Direct energy consumption includes stationary fuel consumption for production, canteens and heating, and vehicle fuel consumption, including the consumption of diesel, gasoline, natural gas and ethanol fuel. The conversion factors for diesel, gasoline and ethanol fuel are from the national standard "Automobile Diesel Fuels" (GB19147-2016), "Gasoline for Motor Vehicles" (GB17930-2016) and "Alcohol Base Liquid Fuel" (GB16663-1996) issued by the State General Administration of the PRC for Quality Supervision and Inspection and Quarantine and the Standardization Administration of the PRC.

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