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(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 3337)

# DISCLOSABLE TRANSACTION INTRODUCTION OF STRATEGIC INVESTORS IN A SUBSIDIARY

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 3 January 2023 (the "Announcement") in relation to the introduction of the First Investor, the Second Investor, the Third Investor and the Fourth Investor as the strategic investors in the Target Company (the "Capital Increase on 31 December 2022"). Capitalised terms used in herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement unless otherwise stated.

# **Introduction of Strategic Investors and Capital Increase Agreements**

As set out in the Announcement, Anton Oilfield Services Group (the "Company") has plans to spin-off its subsidiary – T-ALL Inspection Group Co., Ltd (the "Target Company") and prepare for it to be separately listed in the PRC.

On 13 March 2023, the Company, the Company's subsidiary – Anton Oilfield Services Company Limited (the "First Subsidiary"), Anton (Beijing) New Energy Technical Company Limited (the "Second Subsidiary") (collectively, the "Subsidiaries") and the Target Company entered into the Capital Increase Agreements and Shareholder Agreements with 北京望京創新私募股權投資基金中心(有限合夥) (the "Fifth Investor"), 共青城山證通奧啟程股權投資合夥企業 (有限合夥)(the "Sixth Investor"), 新疆金投資產管理股份有限公司 (the "Seventh Investor") (collectively, the "Investors"), pursuant to which the Investors agreed to contribute in aggregate approximately RMB55.1 million to subscribe for 4.07% of the enlarged equity interest of the Target Company and to become the strategic investors of the Target Company (the "Capital Increase on 13 March 2023").

The Target Company is currently an indirect subsidiary of the Company which is principally engaged in the provision of inspection services to a wide range of industries, including oil and gas, and chemical industry. Upon completion of the Capital Increase, the Group's interest in the Target Company will be reduced from 84.77% to 81.31%, and the Target Company will remain as a subsidiary of the Group and its consolidated financial results will continue to be consolidated into the Group's consolidated financial statements.

# Implications under the Listing Rules

The Capital Increase on 31 December 2022 and the Capital Increase on 13 March 2023, when aggregated under Rule 14.22 of the Listing Rules constitute a deemed disposal by the Company of the Target Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules. Given that the Capital Increase on 13 March 2023 was entered into within twelve months of Capital Increase on 31 December 2022, Capital Increase on 13 March 2023 would need to be aggregated with the Capital Increase on 31 December 2022 under Rule 14.22 of the Listing Rules.

As the applicable percentage ratios under Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules in respect of the Capital Increase on 13 March 2023, when aggregated with the Capital Increase on 31 December 2022 are more than 5% but less than 25%, the Capital Increase constitutes a disclosable transaction for the Company and is subject to the reporting and announcement requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

#### THE CAPITAL INCREASE

On 13 March 2023, the Company, the Subsidiaries and the Target Company entered into the Capital Increase Agreements and the Shareholder Agreements with the Investors in relation to the Capital Increase. The principal terms of the Capital Increase Agreements and the Shareholder Agreements are set out below:

# **Subject matter**

The registered capital of the Target Company will be increased from the current RMB230.0 million to RMB239.0 million, and the Investors agreed to subscribe for 4.07% of the enlarged equity interest of the Target Company.

# Amount of capital to be contributed by the Investors

The details of the capital to be contributed by the Investors to the Target Company are as follows:

	Contribution to registered capital (RMB)	Contribution to capital reserve (RMB)	Total contribution (RMB)
Fifth Investor	4,431,818	20,568,182	25,000,000
Sixth Investor	3,563,182	16,536,818	20,100,000
Seventh Investor	1,772,727	8,227,273	10,000,000
Total	9,767,727	45,332,273	55,100,000

The changes to the registered capital and equity interests of the Target Company before and after the Capital Increase are set out below:

	As at the date of the Capital Increase Agreements Registered capital		Upon completion of the Capital Increase Registered capital	
	RMB	%	RMB	%
First Subsidiary	185,250,000	80.53	185,250,000	77.25
Second Subsidiary	9,750,000	4.24	9,750,000	4.07
First Investor	17,727,273	7.71	17,727,273	7.39
Second Investor	9,799,636	4.26	9,799,636	4.09
Third Investor	4,247,455	1.85	4,247,455	1.77
Fourth Investor	3,274,227	1.42	3,274,227	1.36
Fifth Investor	_	_	4,431,818	1.85
Sixth Investor	_	_	3,563,182	1.49
Seventh Investor			1,772,727	0.74
Total	230,048,591	100.00	239,816,318	100.00

#### Basis of determining the Capital Increase amount

The Capital Increase on 13 March 2023 has the same valuation basis as the Capital Increase on 31 December 2022, which was RMB1,100.0 million, being the pre-investment valuation of the entire interest of the Target Company before the Capital Increase on 31 December 2022 and was determined based on arm's length negotiations between the parties. Such valuation was determined by reference to the amount of the Target Company's net profit (after tax) of approximately RMB90.9 million for the year ended 31 December 2021 and net asset value of approximately RMB398.1 million as at 30 June 2022.

# Timing of the capital contribution

According to the Capital Increase Agreement, each of the Investors shall make their respective contributions in cash to the designated account of the Target Company within ten business days after the conditions to the Capital Increase have been satisfied.

# **Conditions**

Completion of the Capital Increase is conditional upon the satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions:

- (a) the shareholders of the Target Company having approved (i) the Capital Increase, (ii) the waiver of the existing shareholders of the Target Company on their pre-emptive rights to the Capital Increase, (iii) the appointment of two candidates nominated by the Investors as directors of the Target Company, and (iv) the amendment to the articles of association of the Target Company;
- (b) the parties having obtained their respective authorisations, consents and approvals in respect of the transactions contemplated under the Capital Increase Agreements;

- (c) the representations and warranties provided by the parties remaining true, accurate and complete and there had not been any breach thereof; and
- (d) there had not been any material adverse changes to the Target Company since the signing of the Capital Increase Agreements and up to completion.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE TARGET COMPANY

The Target Company has set up a board of directors, which is composed of six directors, of which four directors be appointed by the Company. The First Investor has the right to nominate two directors. There is a chairman on the board of directors, and the Company has the right to nominate the chairman.

Parts of the material issues of the Target Company which need to be determined through shareholder meetings of the Target Company, including increase or decrease of registered capital, company's merger, division, dissolution or change of company form, occurrence of major adverse events, revision of the company's articles of association, etc. shall be determined after seeking the approval of the First Investor, the Second Investor and the Sixth Investor, on the condition of not affecting the controlling of the Company to the Target Company.

#### PERFORMANCE UNDERTAKING

The performance undertaking related to the Capital Increase is the same as the performance undertaking in the Capital Increase on 31 December 2022, detailed terms are as follows:

In order to induce the Investors to proceed with the Capital Increase, the Company, the Subsidiaries and the Target Company have provided an undertaking in favour of the Investors that the audited consolidated net profit of the Target Company excluded the non-recurring profit and loss for the three years of 2022, 2023 and 2024 shall not be less than RMB110.0 million, RMB130.0 million and RMB150.0 million, respectively (the "Performance Undertaking Amount"). If the actual profit of the Target Company is less than the Performance Undertaking Amount for any year during the period, the Company shall indemnify the Investors of any shortfall.

The parties have agreed that if the profit in any year during the performance undertaking period reaches 90% of the performance undertaking, it will be deemed that the performance undertaking of that year has been fulfilled, no compensation is required.

The Company confirms that the Performance Undertaking Amount was determined on a reasonable basis of the industry conditions of the Target Company and its listing plan, after negotiations and consultations between the Company and investors.

#### Repurchase right

The Repurchase right related to the Capital Increase is the same as the repurchase right in the Capital Increase on 31 December 2022, detailed terms are as follows.

Upon the occurrence of certain events, including the fails of successful listing of the Target Company, among others, the Investors have the right to ask for the repurchase of equities from the Target Company or the Company. Part of those events listed below:

- 1. the Company did not obtain the Hong Kong Stock Exchange's approval for the spin-off listing, or any written waiver in respect of the spin-off listing before 31 December 2023;
- 2. the Target Company has not achieved a qualified listing before 30 June 2025 (i.e. obtaining approval from competent authority like the China Securities Regulatory Commission, the Shanghai Stock Exchange or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange);
- 3. the Target Company fails to complete the qualified listing before 31 December 2025 (meaning all the shares of the Target Company held by the Investor have been registered with China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited);
- 4. although the time limit stipulated in the above paragraphs 2 and 3 has not yet expired, major events that may constitute obstacles to the Target Company's qualified listing have occurred, including but not limited to:
  - (a) before the expiry of the above-mentioned period and after the Target Company having submitted its listing application, the application is rejected or terminated for any reason by the China Securities Regulatory Commission, Shanghai Stock Exchange or Shenzhen Stock Exchange;
  - (b) before the expiry of the above-mentioned period, the Target Company is suspended from listing by competent institutions such as the China Securities Regulatory Commission, Shanghai Stock Exchange or Shenzhen Stock Exchange;
  - (c) before the expiry of the above-mentioned period, there occur events including without limitation violations of laws and regulations by the Target Company that lead to major penalties imposed, changes in the actual controller of the Target Company or occurrence of events that may cause changes in the actual controller, or major changes in the Target Company's main business;
- 5. the Target Company fails to achieve 90% of the expected net profit for two consecutive years in 2022, 2023, and 2024;
- 6. the Target Company fails to achieve 90% of the expected net profit in any of 2022, 2023, and 2024, and the Company fails to discharge its indemnity obligations;
- 7. the Target Company has failed to complete the agreed asset-liability ratio of 35% in the Shareholder Agreements for two consecutive years;
- 8. the Target Company has accrued impairment losses and the Target Company's asset impairment exceeds 5% of the audited equity attributable to its shareholders at the end of the previous fiscal year;
- 9. the Target Company fails to use the proceeds from the Capital Increase in accordance with the requirements of the Capital Increase Agreements; and
- 10. the investment purpose of the Investors cannot be realized due to force majeure or other legal or agreed reasons;

Upon the incurrence of those events, the Investors shall have the right to:

Seek the Target Company's opinion on repurchasing their equity. If the target company does not repurchase, investors can seek the opinions of the Company. If the Company does not repurchase either, the Investors could increase the actual controlling rights over the Target Company by increasing the number of directors nominated by the Investors and signing an acting-in-concert agreement etc.,

If the Target Company or the Company opts to repurchase the Investors' equity interest in the Target Company, the repurchase should be completed with cash, according to the calculation below:

Repurchase price = the Investors' capital increase amount + difference/(1-25%), the difference = the Investors' capital increase amount  $\times$  10%  $\times$  (investment days/365) – the Investors' cash dividends received – the amount of cash remedies the Investors received in accordance with the capital increase agreement. If the calculation result of the difference part is a negative number, it will be calculated as 0.

A separate repurchase agreement should be signed by the Target Company or the Company, complying with the Listing Rules.

As for the event 1 above, the Investors indicated that if the Company fails to obtain the relevant approval from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange within the agreed time, the Investors can negotiate with the company to extend the time for obtaining the relevant approval (not exceeding 12 months), as long as the Company's results in 2023 meets the relevant conditions for spin-off listing and the results of the Target Company continues to grow.

The special rights enjoyed by investors, including but not limited to the above, will be terminated in whole or in part according to the requirements of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, Shanghai Stock Exchange, or Shenzhen Stock Exchange before the Target Company's listing application. After such rights are terminated, whether they can be restored in the future will be determined in consultation with the Investors in accordance with the requirements of regulatory agencies.

The Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) are of the view that the terms of each of the Capital Increase Agreements and the Shareholder Agreements are on normal commercial terms and fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE TARGET COMPANY

The Target Company is a limited liability company established in the PRC and is an indirect subsidiary of the Company as at the date of this announcement. It is, a professional Inspection Technical Services company. Currently, the Target Company has so far developed into the largest, full-license and full-service inspection services provider in the natural gas sector in China. It is an inspection company with its core vision of lifting the utilization efficiency of oil and gas equipment and facilities, decreasing energy and materials consumptions and achieving carbon neutrality. T-All Inspection has operated in major natural gas fields in China such as Tarim, Sichuan, and Erdos and has achieved initial success in expanding into overseas markets in the Middle East, Central Asia, and Africa along the Belt and Road.

Going forward, T-ALL Inspection will further implement the development plan of, "one core business and two emerging businesses", adhering to the core business of, "inspection technical services focusing on asset integrity management at the core", and covering the whole process of natural gas development, storage, transportation, and metering. At the same time, it is strategically promoting the "two new" businesses: "dual carbon technical services" and "online monitoring technical services". It is developing environmental testing around carbon neutrality and carbon peaking, and it is using next-generation technologies such as big data, artificial intelligence, and 5G communications to develop intelligent inspection solutions that help customers reduce costs; protect assets; and achieve energy savings, efficiency gains, safety, and environmental protection.

The financial results of the Target Company for the three years ended 31 December 2022 are as follows:

	For the year ended 31 December		
	2020	2021	2022
	(audited)	(audited)	(unaudited)
	RMB' million	RMB' million	RMB' million
Net profit/(loss) before tax	64.7	104.9	121.8
Net profit/(loss) after tax	55.8	90.9	107.9

The net asset value of the Target Company as at 31 December 2022 was approximately RMB610.2 million (unaudited).

Immediately following completion of the Capital Increase, the Group's interest in the Target Company will be reduced to 81.31%. As such, the Target Company will remain as a subsidiary of the Company and its financial results, assets and liabilities will continue to be consolidated into the Company's consolidated financial statements. As the Target Company will continue to be a consolidated subsidiary of the Company, there will not be any profit or loss effect to the Group on the deemed disposal resulted from the Capital Increase.

The Directors currently intend to apply the proceeds from the Capital Increase for the operation and development requirement of the Target Company.

# REASONS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF STRATEGIC INVESTORS

The Company is currently promoting the spin-off of the Target Company to be independently listed on the Stock Exchange of the mainland, PRC, the introduction of investors with diversified background will help the Target Company to: 1) get support from the strategic investors to jointly promote the spin-off listing project; 2) improve its governance structure and further strengthen its independent development of business; 3) to fully play out the business synergy and promote the great development of the Target Company's Business; 4) to increase the fund reserves of the Target Company, to strengthen business development and R&D capabilities.

#### INFORMATION ON THE PARTIES

# **Anton Oilfield Services Group - The Company**

The Company is an investment holding company. Its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the provision of oilfield management services, oilfield technical services, drilling rig services and inspection services.

#### Anton Oilfield Services Company Limited - The First Subsidiary

The First Subsidiary is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company established in Hong Kong and is principally engaged in the business of investment holding.

# Anton (Beijing) New Energy Technical Company Limited - The Second Subsidiary

The Second Subsidiary is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, established in the PRC and is principally engaged in the business of new-energy technical services.

#### Information on the investors

As of the date of this announcement, there is no change to the information on the First Investor, the Second Investor, the Third Investor and the Fourth Investor from the Capital Increase on 31 December 2022. Please refer to the Announcement for further details on the investors from the Capital Increase on 31 December 2022.

# 北京望京創新私募股權投資基金中心(有限合夥) - The Fifth Investor

The Fifth Investor is a limited liability partnership established in the PRC and is principally engaged in the business of investment. The limited partners of the Fifth Investor are Beijing Wangjing Emerging Industries Comprehensive Development Co., Ltd (北京望京新興產業區綜合開發有限公司), Beijing Wangjing Technology Incubation Service Co., Ltd. (北京望京科技孵化服務有限公司), Beijing Wangjing Private Equity Fund Management Co., Ltd. (北京望京私募基金管理有限公司), each of which holds 40%, 40% and 20% interests, respectively in the Fifth Investor. The largest limited partners Beijing Wangjing Emerging Industries Comprehensive Development Co., Ltd (北京望京新興產業區綜合開發有限公司), is wholly owned by Beijing Chaoyang Stateowned Capital Operation and Management Co., Ltd (北京朝陽國有資本運營管理有限公司), and Beijing Wangjing Technology Incubation Service Co., Ltd. (北京望京科技孵化服務有限公司) is wholly owned by Beijing Wangjing Emerging Industries Comprehensive Development Co., Ltd. (北京望京新興產業區綜合開發有限公司).

To the best knowledge, information and belief of the Directors and having made all reasonable enquiries, the Fifth Investor and its ultimate beneficial owners are third parties independent of the Company and its connected persons.

# 共青城山證通奧啟程股權投資合夥企業 - The Sixth Investor

The Sixth Investor is a limited liability partnership established in the PRC which is principally engaged in the business of investment. This partnership is an investment fund, managed by its general partner. The general partner of the Sixth Investor is Shanxi Securities Investment Co., Ltd. (山證投資有限公司), holding 0.50% interests in the Sixth Investor. and the limited partner is CSI Innovation Investment Co., Ltd (西證創新投資有限公司), holding 99.5% interests in the Sixth Investor, The limited partner is wholly owned by Southwest Securities Co., Ltd. (西南證券股份有限公司), the largest shareholder of Southwest Securities Co., Ltd. (西南證券股份有限公司), which hold 27.89% interests in the the largest shareholder of Southwest Securities Co., Ltd. (西南證券股份有限公司), and Chongqing Yufu Capital Operation Group Co., Ltd. (重慶渝富資本運營集團有限公司) was wholly owned by Chongqing Yufu Holding Group Co., Ltd. (重慶渝富控股集團有限公司) is wholly owned by Chongqing State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission (重慶市國有資產監督管理委員會), which is a state-owned enterprises.

To the best knowledge of the Directors, the Sixth Investor and its ultimate beneficial owners are independent of and not connected with the Company or any of its connected persons.

# 新疆金投資產管理股份有限公司 - The Seventh Investor

The Seventh Investor is a limited liability company established in the PRC which is principally engaged in the business of investment and is owned as to 52% by Xinjiang Financial Investment Co., Ltd. (新疆金融投資有限公司), Xinjiang Financial Investment Co., Ltd. (新疆金融投資有限公司) is owned as to 90.2% by State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region (新疆維吾爾自治區國有資產監督管理委員會), a state owned enterprise. The Seventh Investor is owned as to 18% by Shenwan Hongyuan Group Co., Ltd. (申萬宏源集團股份有限公司), 10% by Xinjiang Energy (Group) Investment Co., Ltd (新疆能源(集團)投資有限責任公司), 10% by CITIC Guoan Wine Co., Ltd (中信國安葡萄酒業股份有限公司) and 10% by Tianjin Junmeng Enterprise Management Co., Ltd (天津駿盟企業管理有限公司).

To the best knowledge of the Directors, the Seventh Investor and its ultimate beneficial owners are independent of and not connected with the Company or any of its connected persons.

#### IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE LISTING RULES

The Capital Increase on 31 December 2022 and the Capital Increase on 13 March 2023, when aggregated under Rule 14.22 of the Listing Rules constitute a deemed disposal by the Company of the Target Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules. Given that the Capital Increase on 13 March 2023 was entered into within twelve months of the Capital Increase on 31 December 2022, the Capital Increase on 13 March 2023 would need to be aggregated with the Capital Increase on 31 December 2022 under Rule 14.22 of the Listing Rules.

As the applicable percentage ratios under Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules in respect of the Capital Increase on 13 March 2023, when aggregated with the Capital Increase on 31 December 2022 are more than 5% but less than 25%, the Capital Increase constitutes a disclosable transaction for the Company and is subject to the reporting and announcement requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

None of the Directors has a material interest in the Capital Increase Agreements and the transactions contemplated thereunder. Accordingly, the Directors are not required to abstain from voting on the relevant Board resolutions for approving the Capital Increase.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, the following expressions shall have the meanings set out below unless the context requires otherwise:

"Announcement of the Capital Increase on 31 December 2022"	the announcement dated 3 January 2023 regarding the Capital Increase on 31 December 2022.
"Board"	the board of directors of the Company;
"Capital Increase"	the increase in the registered capital of the Target Company in accordance with the terms of the Capital Increase Agreements and Shareholder Agreements;
"Capital Increase Agreements"	the investment agreements dated 13 March 2023 entered into between the Company, the Subsidiaries, the Target Company and the Investors in relation to the Capital Increase;
"Capital Increase on 31 December 2022"	On 31 December 2022, the Company, the First Subsidiary, the Second Subsidiary, and the Target Company entered into Capital Increase Agreements and Shareholder Agreements with the First Investor, the Second Investor, the Third Investor and the Fourth Investor, pursuant to which the above investors agreed to contribute in aggregate approximately RMB197.7 million to subscribe for 4.07% of the enlarged equity interest of the Target Company and to become the strategic investors of the Target Company.
"Company"	Anton Oilfield Services Group, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands, the shares of which are listed on the main board
	of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 3337);

"connected person" has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules;

"Director(s)" the director(s) of the Company;

"Fifth Investor" 北京望京創新私募股權投資基金中心(有限合夥), a limited

liability partnership established in the PRC

"Fifth Subsidiary" 北京望京創新私募股權投資基金中心(有限合夥), a limited

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"First Subsidiary" Anton Oilfield Services Company Limited (安東油田服務有限公

司), a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability,

a subsidiary of the Company;

"Fourth Investor"	共青城德擎匯垠創業投資合夥企業(有限合夥), a limited liability partnership established in the PRC;
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries;
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China;
"independent third party(ies)"	third party(ies) independent of and not connected with the Company or its connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules)
"Investors"	the Fifth Investor, the Sixth Investor, and the Seventh Investor, and "Investor" means any of them;
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China and, for the purpose of this announcement, excludes Hong Kong, Taiwan and the Macau Special Administration Region;
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the People's Republic of China;
"Second Investor"	共青城山證通奧啟航股權投資合夥企業(有限合夥), a limited liability partnership established in the PRC;
"Second Subsidiary"	安東(北京)新能源技術有限公司 (Anton (Beijing) New Energy Technology Co., Ltd.), a limited liability company established in the PRC, a subsidiary of the Company;
"Seventh Investor"	新疆金投資產管理股份有限公司, a limited liability company established in the PRC, a subsidiary of the Company.
"Shareholder(s)"	shareholder(s) of the Company;
"Shareholder Agreements"	the Shareholder Agreements dated 31 December 2022 entered into between the Company, the Subsidiaries, the Target Company and the Investors;
"Sixth Investor"	共青城山證通奧啟程股權投資合夥企業(有限合夥), a limited liability partnership established in the PRC;
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;
"Subsidiaries"	the First Subsidiary and the Second Subsidiary;
"Target Company"	T-ALL Inspection Group Co., Ltd, a limited liability company established in the PRC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company as at the date of this announcement;

"Third Investor"

共青城億芯智行創業投資合夥企業(有限合夥), a limited liability partnership established in the PRC;

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per cent

By order of the Board

Anton Oilfield Services Group

LUO Lin

Chairman

Hong Kong, 14 March 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. LUO Lin, Mr. PI Zhifeng and Mr. FAN Yonghong; the independent Director of the Company is Mr. HUANG Song, the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. ZHANG Yongyi, Mr. ZHU Xiaoping and Mr. WEE Yiaw Hin.