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金山科技工業有限公司 Gold Peak Technology Group Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance) (Stock Code: 40)



2022/2023 Final Results Announcement

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenue from continuing operations decreased by 6.8% to HK\$6,581 million
- Profit for the year attributable to owners of the Company decreased by 76.5% to HK\$36.9 million
- Gross profit margin increased by 0.7% to 26.6%
- Earnings per share: 4.0 Hong Kong cents (2021/22: 19.8 Hong Kong cents)
- The Board does not propose the payment of final dividend (2021/22: Nil)

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Gold Peak Technology Group Limited (the "Company") announces the audited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

During the financial year which ended on 31 March 2023 ("FY2023"), revenue of the Group declined by HK\$480.6 million or 6.8% to HK\$6,581.0 million when compared to the last financial year which ended on 31 March 2022 ("FY2022"). Including contributions from discontinued operations, total profit attributable to owners of the Company decreased from HK\$156.9 million for FY2022 to HK\$36.9 million for FY2023. Earnings per share for FY2023 was 4.0 HK cents, compared to 19.8 HK cents for FY2022.

BUSINESS REVIEW

During FY2023, revenue of the Group declined by HK\$480.6 million or 6.8% to HK\$6,581.0 million when compared to FY2022. The decline was mainly due to a HK\$454.9 million or 8.4% decrease in revenue reported by Batteries Business when compared to FY2022. In terms of geographical markets, sales to Europe and the Americas decreased while sales to China increased.

Gross profit margin increased from 25.9% in FY2022 to 26.6% in FY2023. The increase was due mainly to improvements in the sales mix, margin accretive new products and higher manufacturing productivity, mitigating the adverse effects of higher materials costs.

The Group continued to execute on operational excellence. Distribution costs decreased by HK\$87.1 million or 9.5% to HK\$829.6 million when compared to FY2022 due mainly to a reduction in freight cost and custom duties for the Batteries Business and the reduced advertising and promotion expenses. Administrative expenses decreased by HK\$19.0 million or 2.1% to HK\$866.4 million due mainly to a decrease in staff costs.

Other operating income decreased by HK\$17.5 million to HK\$263.4 million in FY2023 when compared to FY 2022. Other operating income for FY2023 mainly consisted of the gain from disposal of the whole 29.28% shareholding in STL Technology Co., Ltd ("STL") and the gain from disposal of Huizhou Modern Battery Limited ("Modern Battery"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of GP Industries Limited ("GP Industries", and together with its subsidiaries, "GP Industries Group").

As at the date of this announcement, GP Industries is owned as to 85.59% by the Company and is a company incorporated in the Republic of Singapore with limited liabilities whose shares are listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

Other operating expenses decreased by HK\$53.7 million to HK\$150.9 million in FY2023 when compared to FY2022. Other operating expenses included the impairment charges for the property, plant and equipment of lithium rechargeable business and cumulative translation deficit charged to profit or loss upon de-registration of a subsidiary. The decrease in FY2023 was also contributed by the one-off impairment charges for the business in Russia and the cost of relocating the factories of the Batteries Business from Huizhou to Dongguan, China recognised in FY2022.

Including contributions from discontinued operations, total profit attributable to owners of the Company decreased from HK\$156.9 million for FY2022 to HK\$36.9 million for FY2023.

Batteries Business

- Revenue of the Batteries Business dropped 7.5% to \$\$870.1 million.
- Sales of primary batteries and rechargeable batteries decreased by 6.2% and 15.5%, respectively. In geographical terms, sales to the Americas, Europe and Asia decreased by 17.5%, 13.4% and 1.4%, respectively.
- Gross profit margin remained at approximately the same level as in FY2022.

- The Group continued to devote more resources to its core businesses and to enhance its capital strength. GP Industries Group disposed of all interests in STL during FY2023 with a gain of S\$12.5 million in aggregate. Also, after relocating the rechargeable battery production to Xiegang, Dongguan, China, gain from disposal of the old factory plant amounted to S\$10.6 million was recorded. The disposal of STL and Modern Battery contributed to the increase in profit contribution from the Battery Business.
- Rapid material price increases and continued disruption to the supply chain during FY2022 resulted in an increase in raw materials and finished products held in inventory as at 31 March 2022. The inventory was reduced back to a normal level as at 31 March 2023 due to the improvement in global supply chain.

Electronics and Acoustics Business

- Revenue of the Electronics and Acoustics Business slightly decreased by 0.7% to \$\$279.9 million.
- KEF's sales decreased by 3.1%. The 15.5% increase in sales to Asia was outweighed by the decrease in the Americas by 10.8%.
- The Celestion brand professional speaker driver business reported a 6.1% revenue growth. Sales to Europe and Asia increased by 17.6% and 15.9% respectively, while sales to the Americas dropped by 11.4%.
- The professional audio manufacturing business reported a 1.1% increase in revenue with increased sales to major geographical markets, including a 15.6% and 10.9% increase to Europe and Asia respectively, while sales to the Americas decreased by 8.0%.
- In April 2022, the electronics factory in Huizhou, China relocated its manufacturing facilities to a new location at Dongjiang Industrial Park in Huizhou and production was disrupted by nearly two months. The operation efficiency of the factory was subsequently rebuilt after reallocation and contributed to an increase in profitability of the Electronics and Acoustics Business.
- Despite high material costs and flat sales, gross profit margin increased due to new product introduction and improved operation efficiency.
- An estimated compensation receivable (the "Compensation Receivable") for returning a sold old factory plant ("Property") to the buyer within a 60-month rent-free period was included in determining the related property disposal gain in the financial year ended 31 March 2020. Upon handing over the Property in FY2023, the parties agreed to a final compensation which was less than the Compensation Receivable by S\$2.9 million and the difference was recognised under other operating expenses in FY2023.

Other Industrial Investments

- In March 2022, XIC Innovation Limited ("XIC" which was formerly known as Linkz Industries Limited, and together with its subsidiaries, "XIC Group") completed the disposal of its 63.58%-owned subsidiary, Time Interconnect Technology Limited ("Time Interconnect"), and reported a disposal gain in FY2022. Profit contribution from XIC decreased in FY2023 after the disposal.
- During FY2023, XIC completed the acquisition of Light Engine Technologies Limited ("Light Engine", and together with its subsidiaries, "Light Engine Group") of which XIC and Light Engine were under the common control of their controlling shareholder preceding to this acquisition. As a result, the consolidated financial statements of XIC Group for FY2022 have been restated to include assets and liabilities and the operating results of Light Engine Group, as if Light Engine Group had been in existence as at 1 April 2021. GP Industries Group's restated profit attributable to shareholders for FY2022 increased to S\$40.0 million from S\$35.3 million. As a result, the profit attributable to owners of the Company was adjusted up to HK\$156.9 million from HK\$133.4 million previously reported.

OUTLOOK

Business activities started to increase as more countries re-opened from COVID-19 lockdowns after the pandemic started to subside. However, consumers in developed countries also started to shift more of their spending to services such as holidays and dining out. Rapidly rising inflation and repeated interest rate hikes during FY2023 may have also adversely affected consumer spending on manufactured goods. Nevertheless, demands for the Group's battery products slowed in FY2023 but may gradually increase when the major overseas private label customers start to rebuild their inventories in the latter part of the financial year ending 31 March 2024 ("FY2024").

Rapidly rising interest rates are expected to significantly increase the Group's finance costs. It may fund some of its future expansions by equity financing, where appropriate, to reduce its borrowing level.

The Batteries Business will continue to be affected by volatile raw material prices and shipping challenges. The manufacturing capacity rebalancing project have been completed in FY2023. As a result, the Group's manufacturing efficiency is expected to improve with reduced redundant operations and better economies of scale in FY2024.

Combining the strong and differentiated product program with aggressive sales expansion, demands for the Group's KEF consumer speakers, Celestion professional speaker drivers and professional audio manufacturing businesses are expected to expand its addressable market with groundbreaking innovation.

Disruption to global shipping services is improving but shortages of electronics components are expected to continue posing challenges to the Group in optimizing its inventory level and working capital requirements for meeting delivery commitments.

The project to rebalance the Group's manufacturing facilities was substantially completed in FY2023. With the relocation of Zhongyin (Ningbo) Battery Co Ltd's operations to the new and world-class facility in China completed by the end of FY2024, the subsequent disposal of the existing factory site will generate more fundings for the Group's deleveraging program. No significant other operating income or expenses related to disposal of non-core assets is expected for FY2024.

During FY2023, GP Industries Group has entered into simple agreements for future equity ("SAFE") with various investors, being the long-term trade partners and business associates of GP Industries Group and supporters of KEF and Celestion branded products with an aggregate amount of US\$13.7 million. The SAFE is a kind of equity financing and classified as non-controlling interests in GP Industries Group's consolidated statement of financial position.

On 28 December 2021, the Group announced the proposed distribution in-specie of the rechargeable batteries manufacturing business (the "Proposed Distribution"). The Proposed Distribution is conditional, inter alia, on the completion of the restructuring of the rechargeable batteries manufacturing business and obtaining all necessary waivers, consents and approval from third parties and regulatory authorities, which is still in progress. The Group will make further announcement to update the shareholders on the Proposed Distribution.

Introducing innovative new products is the centerpiece of the Group's long-term strategy. The Group continues to invest in building a product development process, enabling the Group to respond faster to customer requests and emerging opportunities, thus gaining a vigorous competitive advantage.

The Group will continue its strategy in operational excellence to drive further improvement in efficiency across its manufacturing operations, supporting further margin improvement.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

		For the year e	nded 31 March
		2023	2022
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
			(Restated)
Continuing operations			
Revenue	4	6,581,026	7,061,620
Cost of sales		(4,830,020)	(5,229,351)
Gross profit		1,751,006	1,832,269
Other income and other gains	5	263,400	280,888
Selling and distribution expenses		(829,564)	(916,658)
Administrative expenses		(866,350)	(885,317)
Other expenses and other losses	6	(150,861)	(204,551)
Finance costs	7	(205,293)	(137,918)
Share of results of associates *		138,072	313,602
Profit before taxation *	8	100,410	282,315
Taxation	9	(14,173)	(38,919)
Profit for the year from continuing operations *		86,237	243,396
Discontinued operations	•		
Loss for the year from discontinued operations	18	-	(17,614)
Profit for the year *	•	86,237	225,782
Profit (loss) for the year attributable to owners of the Company - From continuing operations * - From discontinued operations Profit (loss) for the year attributable to non-controlling interests - From continuing operations * - From discontinued operations		36,930 - 36,930 49,307 - 49,307	171,977 (15,074) 156,903 71,419 (2,540) 68,879
		86,237	225,782
Earnings per share - Basic *			
- From continuing and discontinued operations	10	4.0 HK cents	19.8 HK cents
- From continuing operations		4.0 HK cents	21.7 HK cents

^{*} The comparative figures have been restated due to the effect of equity accounting of an associate, XIC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	For the year ended 31 Ma	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(Restated)
Profit for the year	86,237	225,782
Other comprehensive (expense) income:		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
Exchange differences arising from translation of foreign operations	(210,697)	91,343
Net translation deficit reclassified to profit or loss upon		
deregistration/disposal of subsidiaries	24,642	27,719
Share of other comprehensive expense of associates	(28,480)	(3,614)
	(214,535)	115,448
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		·
Fair value (loss) gain on equity instruments at fair value through		
other comprehensive income	(18,633)	30,319
Share of other comprehensive income of associates	232	_
	(18,401)	30,319
Other comprehensive (expense) income for the year	(232,936)	145,767
Total comprehensive (expense) income for the year	(146,699)	371,549
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Total comprehensive (expense) income attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	(131,010)	267,430
Non-controlling interests	(15,689)	104,119
	(146,699)	371,549

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		As at 31 March 2023	As at 31 March 2022	As at
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	1 April 2021 HK\$'000
	Notes	HK\$ 000	(Restated)	(Restated)
Non-current assets			(restated)	(restated)
Property, plant and equipment	11	2,320,789	2,386,178	2,234,627
Right-of-use assets		262,754	291,653	282,447
Interests in associates *		1,614,594	2,082,429	2,074,765
Equity instruments at fair value through				
other comprehensive income		83,496	90,384	60,065
Intangible assets		2,410	1,093	1,170
Goodwill		70,399	70,399	79,066
Non-current receivables		- 10 706	18,674 29,852	86,179
Non-current deposits Deferred tax assets		19,706 34,457	34,365	38,749 27,787
Deletied tax assets	-	4,408,605	5,005,027	4,884,855
Current assets	-	4,400,003	3,003,021	
Inventories		1,232,477	1,473,046	1,192,082
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	12	1,287,901	1,610,902	1,557,618
Dividend receivable	12	25,905	28,117	24,826
Taxation recoverable		34,331	22,206	27,308
Equity instruments at fair value through		34,331	22,200	27,300
profit or loss		958	4,220	7,455
Derivative financial instruments		-	955	-
Bank balances, deposits and cash		1,277,888	1,186,326	1,318,468
	-	3,859,460	4,325,772	4,127,757
Assets classified as held for sale	-	-	42,905	42,214
	-	3,859,460	4,368,677	4,169,971
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Current liabilities	12	1.5(1.000	1.764.922	1 052 572
Creditors and accrued charges Contract liabilities	13	1,561,900	1,764,823	1,953,572
		88,150	109,293	51,451
Taxation payable Derivative financial instruments		51,161	46,708 111	61,579
Lease liabilities		60,427	78,471	7,122 72,339
Bank loans, import and other loans	14	2,474,487	3,082,962	2,710,704
Provision for restructuring		<u>-,,</u>	24,600	-
C	-	4,236,125	5,106,968	4,856,767
Net current liabilities	-	(376,665)	(738,291)	(686,796)
Total assets less current liabilities	-	4,031,940	4,266,736	4,198,059
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Non-current liabilities				
Lease liabilities		226,883	243,938	215,585
Bank and other loans	15	1,043,848	740,846	1,047,933
Deferred tax liabilities		38,447	64,400	59,898
Provision for restructuring	-	<u> </u>		99,810
X	-	1,309,178	1,049,184	1,423,226
Net assets	-	2,722,762	3,217,552	2,774,833
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Capital and reserves	1.6	000 ***		
Share capital	16	998,666	998,666	921,014
Reserves *	-	702,603	1,196,302	926,423
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	-	1,701,269	2,194,968	1,847,437
Simple agreements for future equity		111,096	-	-
Share of net assets of subsidiaries *		910,397	1,022,584	927,396
Non-controlling interests	-	1,021,493	1,022,584	927,396
Total equity		2,722,762	3,217,552	2,774,833

^{*} The comparative figures have been restated due to the effect of equity accounting of an associate, XIC.

NOTES:

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"). In addition, the consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The financial Information relating to the years ended 31 March 2023 and 2022 included in this preliminary 2022/23 results announcement does not constitute the Company's statutory annual consolidated financial statements for these two years but is derived from these financial statements. Further information relating to these statutory financial statements required to be disclosed in accordance with section 436 of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) is as follows:

- The Company has delivered the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 to the Registrar of Companies as required by section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to, the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) and will deliver the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in due course.
- The Company's auditor has reported on the financial statements of the Group for both the years ended 31 March 2023 and 2022. The auditor's reports were unqualified; did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying its reports; and did not contain a statement under sections 406(2), 407(2) or (3) of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622).

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors of the Company have given careful consideration to the future liquidity of the Group in light of the fact that the Group's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by approximately HK\$377 million as at 31 March 2023. The Group's current liabilities as at 31 March 2023 included bank loans, import and other loans of approximately HK\$2,474 million that are repayable within twelve months from the end of the reporting period. Taking into account of the internally generated funds and the available banking facilities of approximately HK\$2,008 million as at 31 March 2023, the directors of the Company are confident that the Group will be able to meet their financial obligations when they fall due in the foreseeable future and be able to operate on a going concern basis.

2. MERGER ACCOUNTING AND RESTATEMENTS

The Group accounts for all its business combinations involving entities under common control under the principles of merger accounting in accordance with Accounting Guideline 5 "Merger Accounting for Common Control Combinations" ("AG 5") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA").

On 30 December 2022, XIC Innovation Limited ("XIC"), an associate of the Company, completed the acquisition of the entire equity interests in Light Engine Technologies Limited ("Light Engine") at a consideration of HK\$1,100 million. Immediately before the acquisition, Mr. Paul Lo Chung Wai ("Mr. Paul Lo") is the ultimate legal and beneficial owner of the entire issued share capital of Light Engine and also the ultimate legal and beneficial owner of 60.87% per cent of the issued share capital of XIC. Upon completion of the acquisition, Light Engine became a wholly-owned subsidiary of XIC. Since XIC and the Light Engine are under common control of Mr. Paul Lo, the acquisition has been accounted for as business combination under common control in accordance with AG5.

The consolidated financial statements of XIC as at 31 March 2021 and 2022 have been restated to include the assets and liabilities and the results of the Light Engine and its subsidiaries, as if the acquisition had been completed since the date when the combining business first came under the control of Mr. Paul Lo. The consolidated financial statements of the Group as at 31 March 2021 and 2022 have been restated to adjust the interest in associates, share of results of associates, other comprehensive income, share of change in net assets of XIC other than comprehensive income and earnings per share as if the acquisition had been completed since the date when the combining business first came under the control of Mr. Paul Lo.

The effects of the application of merger accounting on the consolidated statement of profit or loss for the year ended 31 March 2022 are as follows:

	Adjustments on merger accounting		
<u>_</u>	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(originally stated)		(restated)
Continuing operations			
Share of results of associates	286,141	27,461	313,602
Profit before taxation	254,854	27,461	282,315
Profit for the year	215,935	27,461	243,396
Other comprehensive expense: Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit of loss: Share of other comprehensive expenses of associates	(11,076)	7,462	(3,614)
Total comprehensive income for the year	336,626	34,923	371,549

	Adjustments on merger accounting			
	HK cents HK cents		HK cents	
	(originally stated)		(restated)	
Earnings per share - Basic - From continuing and discontinued				
operations	16.9	2.9	19.8	
- From continuing operations	18.8	2.9	21.7	

The effect of restatements described above on the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2022 are summarised below:

	31 March 2022	Adjustments on merger accounting	31 March 2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(originally stated)	(restated)
ASSETS			
Interests in associates	1,756,840	325,589	2,082,429
NET ASSETS	2,891,963	325,589	3,217,552
EQUITY			
Reserves	917,646	278,656	1,196,302
Non-controlling interests	975,651	46,933	1,022,584
TOTAL EQUITY	2,891,963	325,589	3,217,552

The effect of restatements described above on the consolidated statement of financial position as at 1 April 2021 are summarised below:

		Adjustments	
	1 April 2021	on merger	1 April 2021
		accounting	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(originally stated)	1	(restated)
ASSETS			
Interests in associates	1,784,099	290,666	2,074,765
NET ASSETS	2,484,167	290,666	2,774,833
EQUITY			
Reserves	677,760	248,663	926,423
Non-controlling interests	885,393	42,003	927,396
TOTAL EQUITY	2,484,167	290,666	2,774,833

3. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs")

Amendments to HKFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year

In the current year, the Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the annual period beginning on 1 April 2022 for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKFRS 3 Reference to the Conceptual Framework

Amendments to HKAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment - Proceeds before Intended

Use

Amendments to HKAS 37 Onerous Contracts - Cost of Fulfilling a Contract Amendments to HKFRSs Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018 - 2020

Except as described below, the application of the amendments to HKFRSs in the current year has had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior years and/or on the disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

Impacts on application of Amendments to HKFRS 3 Reference to the Conceptual Framework

The Group has applied the amendments to business combinations for which the acquisition date was on or after 1 April 2022. The amendments update a reference in HKFRS 3 Business Combinations so that it refers to the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting 2018 issued in June 2018 (the "Conceptual Framework") instead of Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements (replaced by the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting 2010 issued in October 2010), add a requirement that, for transactions and events within the scope of HKAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets or HK(IFRIC)-Int 21 Levies, an acquirer applies HKAS 37 or HK(IFRIC)-Int 21 instead of the Conceptual Framework to identify the liabilities it has assumed in a business combination and add an explicit statement that an acquirer does not recognize contingent assets acquired in a business combination.

The application of the amendments in the current year has had no material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

Impacts on application of Amendments to HKAS 16 "Property, Plant and Equipment - Proceeds before Intended Use"

The Group has applied the amendments for the first time in the current year. The amendments specify that the costs of any item that were produced while bringing an item of property, plant and equipment to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management (such as samples produced when testing whether the relevant property, plant and equipment is functioning properly) and the proceeds from selling such items should be recognised and measured in the profit or loss in accordance with applicable standards. The cost of the items are measured in accordance with HKAS 2 "Inventories".

In accordance with the transitional provisions, the Group has applied the new accounting policy retrospectively to property, plant and equipment made available for use on or after 1 April 2022. The application of the amendments in the current year has had no material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

Impacts on application of Amendments to HKFRSs "Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018 - 2020"

The Group has applied the amendments for the first time in the current year. The annual improvements make amendments to the following standards:

HKFRS 9 "Financial Instruments"

The amendment clarifies that for the purpose of assessing whether modification of terms of original financial liability constitutes substantial modification under the "10 per cent" test, a borrower includes only fees paid or received between the borrower and the lender, including fees paid or received by either the borrower or the lender on the other's behalf.

In accordance with the transitional provisions, the Group applies the amendment to financial liabilities that are modified or exchanged as at the date of initial application, 1 April 2022.

The application of the amendments in the current year has had no material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective

The Group has not early applied the following new and amendments to HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective:

HKFRS 17 (including the October	Insurance Contracts ¹
2020 and February 2022	
Amendments to HKFRS 17)	
Amendments to HKFRS 10	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor
and HKAS 28	and its Associate or Joint Venture ²
Amendment to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback ³
Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-
	Current and related amendments to Hong Kong
	Interpretation 5 (2020) ³
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants ³
Amendments to HKAS 1 and	Disclosure of Accounting Policies ¹
HKFRS Practice Statement 2	
Amendments to HKAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates ¹
Amendments to HKAS 12	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities
	arising from a Single Transaction ¹

¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined.

³ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

The directors of the Company anticipate that the application of all new and amendments to HKFRSs will have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements in the foreseeable future.

4. Segment information / Revenue

For the purposes of resources allocation and performance assessment, the executive directors, who are the chief operating decision makers, assess profit or loss of these operating divisions using a measure of operating profit which exclude: interest income, other expenses and other losses, finance costs and unallocated expenses.

The three main operating divisions of the Group, each of which constitutes an operating and reportable segment for financial reporting purpose, are:

Electronics – development, manufacture and distribution of electronics and acoustic products and other businesses.

Batteries – development, manufacture and distribution of batteries and battery related products.

Other investments – holding of other investments which are mainly engaged in selling and distribution business.

No operating segments have been aggregated in arriving at the reportable segments of the Group.

The Group's revenue represents sales of electronics and acoustics, batteries and other products.

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by these operating and reportable segments:

Year ended 31 March 2023

	Electronics HK\$'000	Batteries HK\$'000	Other investments HK\$'000	Total reportable segments HK\$'000	Diminations HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Continuing operations REVENUE						
External sales	1,601,954	4,979,072	-	6,581,026	-	6,581,026
Inter-segment sales	1	18	-	19	(19)	-
Segment revenue	1,601,955	4,979,090	-	6,581,045	(19)	6,581,026
RESULTS Segment results	123,053	365,933	(63)	488,923		488,923
Interest income	123,053	303,933	(03)	400,923	-	12,950
Other expenses and other loss						(150,861)
Finance costs						(205,293)
Unallocated expenses						(45,309)
Profit before taxation from con	tinuing oners	tions			-	100,410
Year ended 31 March 2022 (Rest	ated) Electronics HK\$'000	Batteries HK\$'000	Other investments HK\$'000	Total reportable segments HK\$'000	Eliminations HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Continuing operations REVENUE External sales Inter-segment sales	1,627,681 2,028	5,433,939 456	- -	7,061,620 2,484	- (2,484)	7,061,620
Segment revenue	1,629,709	5,434,395	-	7,064,104	(2,484)	7,061,620
RESULTS Segment results Interest income Other expenses and other losses Finance costs Unallocated expenses	406,889	231,419	(62)	638,246	-	638,246 13,306 (204,551) (137,918) (26,768)
Profit before taxation from continu	uing operations				=	282,315

Inter-segment sales are made by reference to market prices.

Revenue from major products

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue recognised at a point in time from its major products:

	For the year ended 31 March		
	2023		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Continuing operations			
Electronics and acoustics products	1,601,954	1,627,681	
Batteries and battery related products	4,979,072	5,433,939	
Revenue from contracts with customers	6,581,026	7,061,620	

Geographical information

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

	For the year ended 31 March		
	2023 20		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Continuing operations			
The People's Republic of China			
- Hong Kong	276,518	317,330	
- Mainland China	2,504,700	2,437,186	
Other Asian countries	488,641	537,319	
Europe	1,850,699	2,068,140	
Americas	1,407,762	1,648,825	
Others	52,706	52,820	
	6,581,026	7,061,620	

5. Other income and other gains

	For the year en	ded 31 March
	2023	2022
Continuing operations	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	9,782	241
Interest income from bank deposits and balances and loan receivables	12,950	13,175
Interest income from associates	-	131
Government grant	13,987	32,615
Fair value gain on equity instruments at fair value through profit or loss	43,596	-
Realised fair value gain on derivative financial instruments	-	21,066
Unrealised fair value gain on derivative financials instruments	-	7,123
Rental concession related to COVID-19	2,074	521
Product development and tooling income	3,028	1,248
Gain on disposal / diluted of associates	24,360	307
Gain on sales of parts, samples, scrap and surplus materials	7,387	8,718
Management fee income received from associates	4,196	4,196
Rental income from investment properties and operating lease income	3,373	2,223
Recovery of bad debts and overprovision of claims	6,044	15
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries	60,870	47,141
Gain on bargin purchase of additional interest in an associate	12,581	-
Compensation for relocation	-	38,919
Reversal of impairment loss on interest in an associate	14,697	-
Reversal of provision for restructuring	6,720	75,210
Reversal of relocation cost	4,309	24,285
Exchange gain	23,380	-
Royalty income	3,727	1,178
Others	6,339	2,576
	263,400	280,888

6. Other expenses and other losses

•	For the year en	ded 31 March
	2023	2022
Continuing operations	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Realised fair value loss on derivative financial instruments	11,881	-
Unrealised fair value loss on derivative financial instruments	624	-
Fair value loss on equity instruments at fair value through profit or loss	-	3,271
Net translation deficit recognised to profit or loss upon deregistration of a subsidiary	18,513	982
Closure and relocation costs	19,418	86,232
Restructuring charges	10,674	5,950
Impairment loss recognised on property, plant and equipment	20,648	-
Impairment loss recognised on right-of-use assets	2,932	-
Impairment loss on interest in an associate	-	59,947
Property, plant and equipment written off	3,332	16,701
Exchange loss	-	28,584
Impairment loss on loan & other receivables	45,691	-
Reduction in compensation receivable	16,660	-
Others	488	2,884
	150,861	204,551

7. Finance costs

	For the year ended 31 March	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Continuing operations		
Interest on bank and other loans	191,701	122,245
Interest on lease liabilities	13,592	15,673
	205,293	137,918
Profit before taxation	For the year end 2023 HK\$'000	ed 31 March 2022 HK\$'000
Continuing operations Profit before taxation has been arrived at after chargin	19:	
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,183	77
$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}$,	177,198
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	185,983	177,170

9. Taxation

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	For the year ended 31 March	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Continuing operations		
The charge comprises:		
Hong Kong Profits Tax		
- charge for the year	8,823	10,747
- under (over) provision in previous years	2,609	(119)
	11,432	10,628
Taxation in jurisdictions other than Hong Kong		
- charge for the year	46,179	43,885
- overprovision in previous years	(20,124)	(13,303)
	26,055	30,582
	37,487	41,210
Deferred taxation charge		
- current year	(23,314)	(2,291)
	14,173	38,919

Taxation in jurisdictions other than Hong Kong is calculated at the rates prevailing in the respective jurisdictions.

10. Earnings per share

From continuing operations

The calculation of the basic earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	For the year ended 31 March	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(Restated)
<u>Earnings</u>		
Profit for the year attributable to owners of the Company	36,930	171,977
Loss for the year from discontinued operations	<u> </u>	(15,074)
Profit for purpose of the basic earnings per share from		
continuing and discontinued operations	36,930	156,903
Number of shares	'000	'000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue		
during the year for the purpose of calculating basic		
earnings per share	915,475	791,698

The weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share has been adjusted for rights issue on 14 February 2022.

From continuing and discontinued operations

Basic earnings per share for the continuing and discontinued operations is HK4.0 cents per share (2022: HK19.8 cents per share), based on the profit for the year from the continuing and discontinued operations attributable to the owners of the Company of profit of HK\$36,930,000 (2022: HK\$156,903,000) and the denominators detailed above for both basic earnings per share.

From discontinued operations

For the year ended 31 March 2022, the basic loss per share for the discontinued operations is HK\$1.9 cents, based on the loss for the year from the discontinued operations attributable to the owners of the Company of HK\$15,074,000 and the denominators detailed above for basic earnings per share.

No computation of basic earnings per share for the discontinued operations for the year ended 31 March 2023 is disclosed as there is no discontinued operations for the year ended 31 March 2023.

No computation of diluted earnings per share for the years ended 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022 is disclosed as there are no potential ordinary shares in issue during the years ended 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022.

11. Property, plant and equipment

During the year ended 31 March 2023, the Group spent approximately HK\$292,806,000 (2022: HK\$302,667,000) on property, plant and equipment to expand its business.

12. Trade and other receivables and prepayments

	As at 31 March	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade and bills receivables from contracts with customers	986,573	1,145,906
Less: Allowance for credit losses	(40,300)	(49,973)
	946,273	1,095,933
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	361,334	544,821
	1,307,607	1,640,754
Less: Non-current portion of deposits	(19,706)	(29,852)
	1,287,901	1,610,902

The Group allows its trade customers with credit periods normally ranging from 30 days to 120 days. The following is an ageing of trade and bills receivables, net of allowance for credit losses, presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

	As at 31 March	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0 - 60 days	760,577	912,399
61 - 90 days	113,153	130,025
Over 90 days	72,543	53,509
	946,273	1,095,933

13. Creditors and accrued charges

The following is the ageing of creditors presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

	As at 31 March	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade creditors		
0 - 60 days	890,294	972,962
61 - 90 days	68,146	150,998
Over 90 days	124,361	64,987
	1,082,801	1,188,947
Other payables and accrued charges	479,099	575,876
	1,561,900	1,764,823

14. Bank loans, import and other loans

	As at 31 March	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current portion of unsecured bank and other loans	750,951	727,641
Unsecured short-term bank loans and import loans	1,723,536	2,355,304
Current portion of secured motor vehicle loan	<u>-</u>	17
	2,474,487	3,082,962

15. Bank and other loans

	As at 31 March	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
The unsecured bank and other loans are repayable:		
Within one year	750,951	727,641
Within a period of more than one year	757,037	579,291
but not exceeding two years		
Within a period of more than two years	286,811	161,555
but not exceeding five years		
The secured motor vehicle loan is repayable:		
Within one year		17
	1,794,799	1,468,504
Less: Amount due within one year shown under		
current liabilities	(750,951)	(727,641)
Current portion of secured motor vehicle loan		(17)
	1,043,848	740,846

Bank and other loans are net of transaction cost of HK\$7,534,000 (2022: HK\$8,420,000) arranged at floating rates.

16. Share Capital

	Number of shares	
	'000	HK\$'000
Issued and fully paid ordinary shares:		
At 1 April 2021	784,693	921,014
Issue of shares upon rights issue	130,782	81,085
Transaction costs attributable to issue of new shares	<u> </u>	(3,433)
At 31 March 2022, 31 March 2023	915,475	998,666

On 14 February 2022, the Company announced a rights issue ("Rights Issue") on the basis of one rights share for every six existing shares held by shareholders of the Company at a subscription price of HK\$0.62 per rights share. The Rights Issue was completed and 130,782,158 ordinary shares was issued before 31 March 2022. The gross proceeds from the Rights Issue was HK\$81,085,000. Details of the Rights Issue were disclosed in the prospectus of the Company dated 8 March 2022.

17. Disposal of subsidiaries

(a) On 31 January 2021, the Group entered into Equity Transfer Agreement with an independent third party in relation to the disposal of the entire equity interests in Modern Battery at the consideration of RMB145,670,000 (equivalent approximately to HK\$165,831,000). Modern Battery mainly held leasehold lands property, plant and equipment and trade and other receivables. The transaction has been completed on 30 September 2022.

	30 September 2022
	HK\$'000
Consideration received:	
Cash received	165,831
Analysis of assets and liabilities over which control was lost:	
Asset held for sales	39,961
Trade and other receivables	61,020
Bank balances and cash	148
Creditors and accrued charges	(148)
Deferred tax liabilities	(2,148)
Net assets disposal of	98,833
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary:	
Consideration received	165,831
Net assets disposed of	(98,833)
Release of reserve upon disposal	(6,128)
Gain on disposal	60,870
Net cash inflow arising on disposal:	
Cash consideration	165,831
Less: Bank balances and cash disposed of	(148)
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Deposit received in year ended 31 March 2022	(11,384)
	154,299

17. Disposal of subsidiaries

(b) On 31 January 2021, the Group entered into Equity Transfer Agreement with an independent third party in relation to the disposal of the entire equity interests in GP Batteries (China) Limited at the consideration of RMB90,000,000 (equivalent approximately to HK\$111,429,000). GP Batteries (China) Limited mainly held inventories, leasehold lands and property, plant and equipment. The transaction is completed during the year 31 March 2022.

	31 March 2022
	HK\$'000
Consideration received:	
Cash received	111,429
Analysis of assets and liabilities over which control was lost:	
Assets held for sales	434
Bank balances and cash	41,976
Net assets	42,410
Attributable goodwill	7,088
Net assets disposal of	49,498
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary:	
Consideration received	111,429
Net assets disposed of	(49,498)
Reclassification of cumulative translation reserve	
upon disposal to profit or loss	(14,790)
Gain on disposal	47,141
Net cash inflow arising on disposal:	
Cash consideration	111,429
Less: Deposit received during the year ended 31 March 2021	(111,429)
Bank balances and cash disposed of	(41,976)
	(41,976)

18. Discontinued Operations

On 31 May 2021, the Group entered into a sale and purchase agreement to sell the entire issued share capital of GP Industries Marketing Limited ("GPIM"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, inter alia, conditional upon the satisfaction of various conditions precedent on or before 30 September 2021 (the "Business Disposal"). As a condition of the Business Disposal, GPIM and Huizhou GP Wiring Technology Ltd. ("GPWT"), another wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, shall undergo a reorganisation such that GPWT shall become a wholly-owned subsidiary of GPIM at completion. GPIM and GPWT comprised the Group's automotive wire harness business. The Business Disposal was completed on 31 August 2021.

The loss from the discontinued automotive wire harness operation is set out below:

	For the year ended
	31 March 2022
	HK\$'000
Profit of automotive wire harness operation for the year	930
Loss on disposal of automotive wire harness operation	(16,696)
Tax expenses on the disposal	(1,848)
	(17,614)

The results of the automotive wire harness operation for the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 August 2021, which have been included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, were as follows:

	For the period ended
	31 August 2021
	HK\$'000
Revenue	83,937
Cost of sales	(70,143)
Other income and other gains	795
Selling and distribution expenses	(6,371)
Administrative expenses	(6,685)
Other expenses and other losses	(72)
Finance costs	(346)
Profit before taxation	1,115
Income tax expense	(185)
Profit for the period	930

During the year ended 31 March 2022, GPIM and GPWT contributed cash outflow approximately HK\$7,577,000 to the Group's net operating cash flows, paid approximately HK\$433,000 in respect of investing activities and paid approximately HK\$358,000 in respect of financing activities.

18. Discontinued Operations

The net assets of GPIM and GPWT at the date of disposal were as follows:

The net assets of GP IM and GP w 1 at the date of disposal were as follow	
	31 August 2021
	HK\$'000
Consideration received:	
Cash received	69,513
Analysis of assets and liabilities over which control was lost:	
Property, plant and equipment	11,736
Right-of-use assets	14,688
Inventories	32,026
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	86,066
Bank balances and cash	13,177
Creditors and accrued charges	(70,370)
Lease liabilities	(14,785)
Taxation payable	(352)
Net assets	72,186
Attributable goodwill	1,579
Net assets disposed of	73,765
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Loss on disposal:	
Consideration received	69,513
Net assets disposed of	(73,765)
Reclassification of cumulative translation reserve	
upon disposal to profit or loss	(11,947)
Transaction costs	(497)
	(16,696)
Net cash inflow arising on disposal	
Cash consideration	69,513
Less: Bank balances and cash disposed of	(13,177)
Less: Transaction costs paid	(497)
	55,839

19. Event after the reporting period

Subsequent to 31 March 2023, the Group acquired further 15% equity interest in Changzhou Lithium Batteries Co., Limited ("CZLB"), then the associate of the Group as at 31 March 2023 and CZLB became a subsidiary of the Group for an aggregate consideration of approximately HK\$10,739,000. The transaction was completed on 18 April 2023. The Group is in the process of assessing the financial impact of the transaction.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year, the Group's net bank borrowings decreased by HK\$397 million to HK\$2,240 million. As at 31 March 2023, the aggregate of the Group's shareholders' funds and non-controlling interests was HK\$2,723 million and the Group's gearing ratio (the ratio of consolidated net bank borrowings to shareholders' funds and non-controlling interests) was 0.82 (31 March 2022: 0.82). The gearing ratios of the Company and GP Industries were 0.54 (31 March 2022: 0.50) and 0.55 (31 March 2022: 0.60) respectively.

At 31 March 2023, 70% (31 March 2022: 81%) of the Group's bank borrowings was revolving or repayable within one year whereas 30% (31 March 2022: 19%) was repayable from one to five years. Most of these bank borrowings are in US dollars, Singapore dollars and Hong Kong dollars.

The decrease of net current liabilities positions as at 31 March 2023 was due mainly to the proceeds received from disposal of Modern Battery and STL, as well as the Group's financing arrangements including the issuance of SAFE and new long-term loans raised during the year. Taking into consideration the Group's internally generated funds and available banking facilities, the Group has sufficient resources to settle its current liabilities as they fall due.

The Group's exposure to foreign currencies arises mainly from the net cash flow and the translation of net monetary assets or liabilities of its overseas subsidiaries. The Group continued to manage foreign exchange risks prudently. Forward contracts, borrowings in local currencies and local sourcing have been arranged to minimise the impact of currency fluctuation.

RIGHTS ISSUE AND USE OF PROCEEDS

On 14 February 2022, the Company announced a rights issue ("Rights Issue") on the basis of one rights share for every six existing shares held by shareholders of the Company at a subscription price of HK\$0.62 per rights share. The Rights Issue was completed and 130,782,158 ordinary shares was issued before 31 March 2022. The gross proceeds from the Rights Issue are approximately HK\$81.1 million and the net proceeds from the Rights Issue, after deducting professional fees and all other relevant expenses, are approximately HK\$77.5 million. Details of the Rights Issue were disclosed in the prospectus of the Company dated 8 March 2022 (the "Prospectus").

As at 31 March 2023, the intended use and actual use of the net proceeds from the Rights Issue, as well as the unutilised net proceeds are as follows:

Intended use of net proceeds as disclosed in the Prospectus	Planned use of net proceeds as disclosed in the Prospectus	Unutilised net proceeds as at 1 April 2022	Actual use of proceeds during the year	Unutilised net proceeds as at 31 March 2023	Expected timeline for utilising the remaining net proceeds
	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	
For financing the expansion of the Rechargeable Batteries Business	62.0	62.0	0	62.0	Within two years from the publication of the Prospectus and by the year ending 31 March 2024
For general working capital purposes, including staff costs and administration expenses	15.5	15.5	15.5	0	N/A
Total:	<u>77.5</u>	<u>77.5</u>	<u>15.5</u>	<u>62.0</u>	

The Group has been developing advance sustainable energy storage solutions business and intends to upgrade and expand its existing Rechargeable Batteries Business production capacity as disclosed in the Prospectus and the net proceeds of the Rights Issue allocated for such purpose will be applied in line with such implementation. There is no change in the use of proceeds from the Rights Issue as disclosed in the Prospectus.

DIVIDENDS

To preserve the Company's financial resources, no interim dividend was paid by the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023 (2022: nil). The Board does not propose a final dividend for the year ended 31 March 2023 (2022: nil).

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The annual general meeting ("AGM") will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2023. For the purpose of ascertaining shareholders' entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the Register of Members of the Company (the "Register of Members") will be closed from Thursday, 21 September 2023 to Wednesday, 27 September 2023, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for voting at the forthcoming AGM, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar and Transfer Office, Tricor Abacus Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Admiralty, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 September 2023.

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the year.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company has complied with the code provisions set out in Part 2 of Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules throughout the year, except for the deviation from Code Provision C.2.1 which stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Victor LO Chung Wing is currently the Chairman and Chief Executive of the Company. The Board considers that the present structure will not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Group as the Group's principal businesses are separately listed and run by a different board of directors.

DIRECTORS' DEALING IN SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

The Company has adopted the "Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers" set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules (the "Model Code") as its code of conduct regarding the directors' securities transactions. Having made specific enquiry of all directors, the Company confirmed that all directors have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the year.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has an audit committee which was established in compliance with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules for the purpose of reviewing and providing supervision over the Group's financial reporting process and internal controls. The audit committee comprises all four independent non-executive directors and the non-executive director of the Company. The results for the year ended 31 March 2023 have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

By Order of the Board
Gold Peak Technology Group Limited
Louis WONG Man Kon
Company Secretary

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As at the date of this announcement, the Board consists of Messrs. Victor LO Chung Wing (Chairman & Chief Executive), Brian LI Yiu Cheung (Vice Chairman & Executive Vice President), Michael LAM Hin Lap, Brian WONG Tze Hang, Victor CHONG Toong Ying and Waltery LAW Wang Chak as Executive Directors, Ms. Karen NG Ka Fai as Non-Executive Director and Messrs. LUI Ming Wah, Frank CHAN Chi Chung, CHAN Kei Biu and Timothy TONG Wai Cheung as Independent Non-Executive Directors.