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中国南方航空股份有限公司 CHINA SOUTHERN AIRLINES COMPANY LIMITED

(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1055)

2023 ANNUAL RESULTS

The board of directors (the "Board") of China Southern Airlines Company Limited (the "Company") hereby announces the annual results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2023 together with the comparative figures for 2022, which have been derived from the Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

A. PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("IFRS ACCOUNTING STANDARDS")

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Operating revenue			
Traffic revenue		151,445	80,901
Other operating revenue		8,484	6,158
Total operating revenue	4	159,929	87,059
Operating expenses			
Flight operation expenses	5	76,799	51,241
Maintenance expenses		14,390	11,224
Aircraft and transportation service expenses		26,487	17,506
Promotion and selling expenses		6,349	4,355
General and administrative expenses		4,150	3,511
Depreciation and amortisation	6	27,165	24,266
(Reversal of)/provision for impairment losses on property, plant and equipment and			
right-of-use assets		(123)	449
Others		3,835	2,710

	Note	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Total operating expenses		159,052	115,262
Other net income	7	4,680	5,661
Operating profit/(losses)		5,557	(22,542)
Interest income Interest expense Exchange loss, net Share of associates' results Share of joint ventures' results Changes in fair value of financial assets/liabilities Gain on disposal of subsidiaries Gain on disposal of associates	8 21	361 (5,928) (687) (2,244) 546 874	457 (6,006) (3,619) (13) 304 (388) 215 42
Loss before income tax Income tax	9	(1,521) (1,436)	(31,550) (2,166)
Loss for the year		(2,957)	(33,716)
Loss attributable to: Equity shareholders of the Company Non-controlling interests Loss for the year		(4,140) 1,183 (2,957)	(32,699) (1,017) (33,716)
Loss per share Basic and diluted (expressed in RMB per share)	10	(0.23)	(1.90)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Loss for the year	(2,957)	(33,716)
Other comprehensive income: Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss - Equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income – net movement in fair value reserve (non-recycling) - Income tax effect of the above items	(112) 28	142 (35)
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss - Differences resulting from the translation of foreign currency financial statements - Income tax effect of the above items	<u> </u>	1
Other comprehensive income for the year	(83)	108
Total comprehensive income for the year	(3,040)	(33,608)
Total comprehensive income attributable to: Equity shareholders of the Company Non-controlling interests	(4,185) 1,145	(32,637) (971)
Total comprehensive income for the year	(3,040)	(33,608)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 December 2023

	Note	31 December 2023 RMB million	31 December 2022 RMB million
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment, net	12	93,575	90,517
Construction in progress	13	34,177	33,300
Right-of-use assets	14	127,634	131,954
Goodwill		237	237
Interests in associates		2,714	2,588
Interests in joint ventures		4,005	3,618
Aircraft lease deposits		386	354
Other equity instrument investments		547	659
Other non-current financial assets	15	3,419	436
Derivative financial assets		_	27
Amounts due from related companies		262	357
Deferred tax assets	16	12,279	12,471
Other assets		2,422	2,274
		281,657	278,792
Current assets			
Inventories		1,565	1,387
Trade receivables	17	3,161	2,619
Other receivables	18	9,167	7,939
Cash and cash equivalents		9,531	19,889
Assets held for sale		198	709
Restricted bank deposits		137	174
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		695	619
Other financial assets	15	3,157	_
Derivative financial assets		4	2
Amounts due from related companies		324	116
		27,939	33,454

	Note	31 December 2023 RMB million	31 December 2022 RMB million
Current liabilities Derivative financial liabilities Borrowings Lease liabilities Trade and bills payables Contract liabilities Sales in advance of carriage Current income tax Amounts due to related companies Accrued expenses Other liabilities	19 20 21 22	907 65,694 19,261 2,004 1,509 7,179 346 594 23,142 8,800	1,708 85,336 21,799 1,537 1,496 3,383 312 435 17,636 7,816
Net current liabilities		(101,497)	(108,004)
Total assets less current liabilities		180,160	170,788
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings Lease liabilities Other non-current liabilities Amounts due to related companies Provision for major overhauls Deferred benefits and gains Deferred tax liabilities	20 21	50,522 69,232 1,497 36 5,731 752 23	34,444 72,963 1,954 85 5,199 760 24
NI-4 4-		127,793	115,429
Net assets		52,367	55,359
Capital and reserves Share capital Reserves		18,121 18,950	18,121 23,154
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company Non-controlling interests		37,071 15,296	41,275 14,084
Total equity		52,367	55,359

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITYFor the year ended 31 December 2023

		Attributal	ole to equity sh	areholders of t	he Company			
		Chana	Fair value	Othor	Accumulated		Non-	
	Share capital RMB million	premium	reserve (non- recycling) RMB million	Other reserves RMB million	losses RMB million	Total RMB million	controlling interests RMB million	Total equity RMB million
Balance at 1 January 2022	16,948	47,378	156	3,390	(21)	67,851	16,657	84,508
Changes in equity for 2022:								
Loss for the year	_	-	_	_	(32,699)	(32,699)	(1,017)	(33,716)
Other comprehensive income	_	_	61	1	_	62	46	108
Total comprehensive income Distributions to non-controlling interests	-	-	61	1	(32,699)	(32,637)	(971) (912)	(33,608)
Issuance of shares	1,173	4,873	_	_	_	6,046	(912)	6,046
Capital injection from	1,175	1,075				,		
non-controlling interests	-	-	-	15	-	15	12	27
Decrease in non-controlling interests as a result of disposal	1							
of subsidiaries	I _	_	_	_	_	_	(702)	(702)
Disposal of an equity instrument							(102)	(102)
investment			40		(40)			
Balance at 31 December 2022	18,121	52,251	257	3,406	(32,760)	41,275	14,084	55,359
Changes in equity for 2023:								
Loss for the year	_	_	_	_	(4,140)	(4,140)	1,183	(2,957)
Other comprehensive income	_	-	(46)	1	-	(45)	(38)	(83)
Total comprehensive income	-	-	(46)	1	(4,140)	(4,185)	1,145	(3,040)
Distributions to non-controlling interests	_	_	_	_	_	_	(909)	(909)
Acquisition of non-controlling								
interests in a subsidiary	-	-	-	(19)	-	(19)	(11)	(30)
Capital injection from non-							1 017	1 017
controlling interests Decrease in non-controlling	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,017	1,017
interests as a result of								
liquidation of subsidiaries							(30)	(30)
Balance at 31 December 2023	18,121	52,251	211	3,388	(36,900)	37,071	15,296	52,367

Notes to the financial information prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards:

1 CORPORATE INFORMATION

China Southern Airlines Company Limited (the "Company"), a joint stock limited company, was incorporated in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") on 25 March 1995. The address of the Company's registered office is Unit 301, 3/F, Office Tower, Guanhao Science Park Phase I, 12 Yuyan Street, Huangpu District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, Chinese Mainland. The Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") are principally engaged in the operation of civil aviation, including the provision of passenger, cargo, mail delivery and other extended transportation services.

The Company's majority interest is owned by China Southern Air Holding Company Limited ("CSAH"), a state-owned enterprise incorporated in Chinese Mainland.

The Company's shares are traded on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable IFRS Accounting Standards, which collective term includes all applicable individual IFRS Accounting Standards, International Accounting Standards ("IASs") and Interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (the "IASB"). The consolidated financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The IASB has issued certain amendments to IFRS Accounting Standards that are first effective or available for early adoption for the current accounting period of the Group. Note 3 provides information on any changes in accounting policies resulting from initial application of these developments to the extent that they are relevant to the Group for the current accounting period reflected in these consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 comprise the Group and the Group's interests in associates and joint ventures.

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements is the historical cost basis except that the following assets and liabilities are stated at their fair value:

- other equity instrument investments;
- other financial assets and other non-current financial assets (fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL"));
 and
- derivative financial assets/liabilities.

Non-current assets (or disposal groups) held for sale are stated at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

3 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(i) New and amended IFRS Accounting Standards

The Group has applied the following new and amended IFRS Accounting Standards issued by the IASB to these financial statements for the current accounting period:

- IFRS 17, *Insurance contracts*
- Amendments to IAS 8, Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors: Definition of accounting estimates
- Amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of financial statements and IFRS Practice Statement 2, Making materiality judgements: Disclosure of accounting policies
- Amendments to IAS 12, *Income taxes: Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction*
- Amendments to IAS 12, Income taxes: International tax reform Pillar Two model rules

The Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period. Impacts of the adoption of the new and amended IFRS Accounting Standards are discussed below:

IFRS 17, Insurance contracts

IFRS 17, which replaces IFRS 4, sets out the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure requirements applicable to issuers of insurance contracts. The standard does not have a material impact on these financial statements as the Group does not have contracts within the scope of IFRS 17.

Amendments to IAS 8, Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors: Definition of accounting estimates

The amendments provide further guidance on the distinction between changes in accounting policies and changes in accounting estimates. The amendments do not have a material impact on these financial statements as the Group's approach in distinguishing changes in accounting policies and changes in accounting estimates is consistent with the amendments.

Amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of financial statements and IFRS Practice Statement 2, Making materiality judgements: Disclosure of accounting policies

The amendments require entities to disclose material accounting policy information and provide guidance on applying the concept of materiality to accounting policy disclosure. The Group has revisited the accounting policy information it has been disclosing and considered it is consistent with the amendments.

Amendments to IAS 12, Income taxes: Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction

The amendments narrow the scope of the initial recognition exemption such that it does not apply to transactions that give rise to equal and offsetting temporary differences on initial recognition such as leases and decommissioning liabilities. For leases and decommissioning liabilities, the associated deferred tax assets and liabilities are required to be recognised from the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented, with any cumulative effect recognised as an adjustment to retained earnings or other components of equity at that date. For all other transactions, the amendments are applied to those transactions that occur after the beginning of the earliest period presented.

Prior to the amendments, the Group did not apply the initial recognition exemption to lease transactions and had recognised the related deferred tax, except that the Group previously determined the temporary difference arising from a right-of-use asset and the related lease liability on a net basis on the basis they arise from a single transaction. Following the amendments, the Group has determined the temporary differences in relation to right-of-use assets and lease liabilities separately. The change primarily impacts disclosures of components of deferred tax assets and liabilities in the annual financial statements, but does not impact the overall deferred tax balances presented in the consolidated statement of financial position as the related deferred tax balances qualify for offsetting under IAS 12.

Amendments to IAS 12, Income taxes: International tax reform - Pillar Two model rules

The amendments introduce a temporary mandatory exception from deferred tax accounting for the income tax arising from tax laws enacted or substantively enacted to implement the Pillar Two model rules published by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD") (income tax arising from such tax laws is hereafter referred to as "Pillar Two income taxes"), including tax laws that implement qualified domestic minimum top-up taxes described in those rules. The amendments also introduce disclosure requirements about such tax. The amendments are immediately effective upon issuance and require retrospective application.

The Group operates regional routes and international flights, and has overseas offices across all continents, which has recently enacted new tax laws to implement the Pillar Two model rules published by the OECD. The new tax laws take effect no early than 1 January 2024. As the new tax laws are not yet effective, the Group does not expect any current tax impact for the year ended 31 December 2023.

(ii) New HKICPA guidance on the accounting implications of the abolition of the MPF-LSP offsetting mechanism

In June 2022 the Hong Kong SAR Government (the "Government") gazetted the Hong Kong Employment and Retirement Schemes Legislation (Offsetting Arrangement) (Amendment) Ordinance 2022 (the "Amendment Ordinance"), which will come into effect from 1 May 2025 (the "Transition Date"). Once the Amendment Ordinance takes effect, an employer can no longer use any of the accrued benefits derived from its mandatory contributions to mandatory provident fund ("MPF") scheme to reduce the long service payment ("LSP") in respect of an employee's service from the Transition Date (the abolition of the "offsetting mechanism"). In addition, the LSP in respect of the service before the Transition Date will be calculated based on the employee's monthly salary immediately before the Transition Date and the years of service up to that date.

In July 2023, the HKICPA published "Accounting implications of the abolition of the MPF-LSP offsetting mechanism in Hong Kong" that provides accounting guidance relating to the offsetting mechanism and the abolition of the mechanism. In particular, the guidance indicates that entities may account for the accrued benefits derived from mandatory MPF contributions that are expected to be used to reduce the LSP payable to an employee as deemed contributions by that employee towards the LSP.

However, applying this approach, upon the enactment of the Amendment Ordinance in June 2022, it is no longer permissible to apply the practical expedient in paragraph 93(b) of HKAS 19 that previously allowed such deemed contributions to be recognised as reduction of service cost (negative service cost) in the period the contributions were made; instead these deemed contributions should be attributed to periods of service in the same manner as the gross LSP benefit.

To better reflect the substance of the abolition of the offsetting mechanism, the Group has changed its accounting policy in connection with its LSP liability and has applied the above HKICPA guidance retrospectively. The cessation of applying the practical expedient in paragraph 93(b) of HKAS 19 in conjunction with the enactment of the Amendment Ordinance resulted in a catch-up profit or loss adjustment in June 2022 for the service cost up to that date and consequential impacts on current service cost, interest expense and remeasurement effects from changes in actuarial assumptions for the rest of 2022, with the corresponding adjustment to the comparative carrying amount of the LSP liability. This change in accounting policy did not have any material impact on the financial position and the financial result of the Group.

4 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

(a) Operating revenue

The Group is principally engaged in the operation of civil aviation, including the provision of passenger, cargo, mail delivery, and other extended transportation services.

(i) Disaggregation of revenue

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by major service lines is as follows:

	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of IFRS 15: Disaggregated by service lines		
 Traffic revenue Passenger Cargo and mail Commission income Cargo handling income Hotel and tour operation income Ground services income Air catering service income General aviation income Others 	136,170 15,275 3,164 820 750 473 458 - 2,456	60,017 20,884 2,073 1,123 497 282 203 431 1,351
Revenue from other sources: - Rental income - Lease payments that are fixed or depend on an index or a rate - Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate	303 60 363	159 39 198
	159,929	87,059

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by the timing of revenue recognition and by geographic markets is disclosed in Notes 4(b) and 4(c) respectively.

(ii) Revenue expected to be recognised in the future arising from contracts with customers in existence at the reporting date

As at 31 December 2023, the aggregated amount of the transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligation, which is the unredeemed credits under the frequent flyer award programmes, amounted to RMB2,893 million (31 December 2022: RMB3,173 million). This amount represents revenue expected to be recognised in the future when the customers obtain control of the goods or services.

(b) Business segments

The Group has two reportable operating segments "airline transportation operations" and "other segments", according to internal organisation structure, managerial needs and internal reporting system. "Airline transportation operations" comprises the Group's passenger and cargo and mail operations. "Other segments" includes cargo handling, hotel and tour operation, ground services, air catering services and other miscellaneous services.

For the purposes of assessing segment performance and allocating resources between segments, the Group's chief operating decision maker ("CODM") monitors the results, assets and liabilities attributable to each reportable segment based on financial results prepared under the People's Republic of China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises ("PRC GAAP"). As such, the amount of each material reconciling item from the Group's reportable segment loss before taxation, assets and liabilities, which arises from different accounting policies, are set out in Note 4(d).

Inter-segment sales and transfers are transacted with reference to the selling prices used for sales made to third parties at the then prevailing market prices.

Information regarding the Group's reportable segments as provided to the Group's CODM for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance is set out below.

The segment results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 are as follows:

	Airline transportation operations RMB million	Other segments RMB million	Elimination RMB million	Unallocated* <i>RMB million</i>	Total <i>RMB million</i>
Revenue from external customers Inter-segment sales	157,542 573	2,387 5,098	(5,671)		159,929
Reportable segment revenue	158,115	7,485	(5,671)		159,929
Reportable segment (loss)/profit before taxation	(1,410)	613	(34)	(814)	(1,645)
Reportable segment (loss)/profit after taxation	(2,496)	474	(28)	(1,032)	(3,082)
Other segment information					
Income tax	1,086	139	(6)	218	1,437
Interest income	352	20	(11)	_	361
Interest expense	5,926	71	(69)	-	5,928
Depreciation and amortisation	26,947	233	-	-	27,180
Impairment losses	10	1	-	-	11
Credit losses	10	(1)	-	-	9
Share of associates and joint ventures' results	-	_	_	(1,698)	(1,698)
Changes in fair value of financial assets/liabilities	-	_	_	874	874
Non-current assets additions during the year#	27,981	745	(627)		28,099

The segment results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 are as follows:

	Airline transportation operations RMB million	Other segments RMB million	Elimination RMB million	Unallocated* RMB million	Total <i>RMB million</i>
Revenue from external customers Inter-segment sales	85,935 410	1,124 3,161	(3,571)		87,059
Reportable segment revenue	86,345	4,285	(3,571)	_	87,059
Reportable segment loss before taxation	(31,233)	(452)	(8)	167	(31,526)
Reportable segment loss after taxation	(33,339)	(549)	(8)	198	(33,698)
Other segment information					
Income tax	2,106	97	-	(31)	2,172
Interest income	549	20	(112)	_	457
Interest expense	6,096	41	(131)	-	6,006
Depreciation and amortisation	23,830	430	-	_	24,260
Impairment losses	582	-	_	-	582
Credit losses	(4)	1	_	_	(3)
Share of associates and joint ventures' results	_	_	_	291	291
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries	_	_	_	291	291
and associates	_	_	_	257	257
Changes in fair value of financial				20,	
assets/liabilities	_	_	_	(388)	(388)
Non-current assets additions during				, ,	` ,
the year#	23,739	385	(312)		23,812

The segment assets and liabilities of the Group as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 are as follows:

	Airline transportation operations RMB million	Other segments RMB million	Elimination RMB million	Unallocated* RMB million	Total RMB million
As at 31 December 2023 Reportable segment assets Reportable segment liabilities	291,170 255,347	7,654 4,090	(3,146) (3,115)	13,548	309,226 257,229
As at 31 December 2022 Reportable segment assets Reportable segment liabilities	301,356 254,087	5,677 3,089	(1,974) (1,997)	6,942 1,708	312,001 256,887

- * Unallocated assets primarily include interests in associates and joint ventures, other equity instrument investments, other financial assets, other non-current financial assets (FVPL) and derivative financial assets. Unallocated liabilities primarily include derivative financial liabilities. Unallocated results primarily include the share of results of associates and joint ventures, the fair value movement of financial instruments recognised through profit or loss, dividend income from equity securities, and gain on disposal of subsidiaries and associates.
- The additions of non-current assets do not include interests in associates and joint ventures, other equity instrument investments, other non-current financial assets (FVPL), long-term receivables (including amounts due from related companies), derivative financial assets and deferred tax assets.

(c) Geographical information

The Group's business segments operate in three main geographical areas, even though they are managed on a worldwide basis.

The Group's revenue by geographical segment are analysed based on the following criteria:

(1) Traffic revenue from services of both origin and destination within Chinese Mainland (excluding Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan ("Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan")), is classified as domestic revenue. Traffic revenue with origin and destination among Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan is classified as Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan revenue; while that with origin from or destination to other overseas markets is classified as international revenue.

(2) Revenue from commission income, cargo handling, hotel and tour operation, ground services, air catering services and other miscellaneous services are classified on the basis of where the services are performed.

	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Domestic	122,933	57,256
International	35,223	29,249
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	1,773	554
	159,929	87,059

The major revenue earning assets of the Group are its aircraft fleet which is registered in Chinese Mainland and is deployed across its worldwide route network. Majority of the Group's other assets are located in Chinese Mainland. CODM considers that there is no suitable basis for allocating such assets and related liabilities to geographical locations. Accordingly, geographical segment assets and liabilities are not disclosed.

(d) Reconciliation of reportable segment loss before income tax, assets and liabilities to the consolidated figures as reported in the consolidated financial statements

RMB million RM.	B million
Loss before income tax Departable segment loss before toyotion (1.645)	(21.526)
Reportable segment loss before taxation (1,645) Capitalisation of exchange difference of specific loans (3)	(31,526) (25)
Government grants 1	(23)
Reversal of impairment losses on property, plant and	1
equipment126	
Consolidated loss before income tax (1,521)	(31,550)
	December
2023	2022
RMB million RM.	B million
Assets	
Reportable segment assets 309,226	312,001
Capitalisation of exchange difference of specific loans 11	14
Government grants (3)	(4)
Adjustments arising from business combinations under	227
common control 237	237
Reversal of impairment losses on property, plant and equipment 126	
Others (1)	(2)
	(2)
Consolidated total assets 309,596	312,246

Liabilities

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the amount of reportable segment liabilities is the same as the amount of consolidated total liabilities.

5 FLIGHT OPERATION EXPENSES

	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Jet fuel costs Flight personnel payroll and welfare Air catering expenses	52,050 12,428 2,563	32,669 10,602 1,332
Civil Aviation Development Fund Aircraft operating lease charges Training expenses	1,305 1,110 885	704 791 898
Others	6,458	4,245
	76,799	51,241
6 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION		
	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Depreciation of right-of-use assets Other amortisation	10,124 16,506 535	8,659 15,067 540
	27,165	24,266
7 OTHER NET INCOME		
	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Government grants Gains on disposal of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and assets held for sale	3,785	4,688
 Aircraft and spare engines 	220	275
 Other property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets Others 	140 535	25 673
	4,680	5,661

8 INTEREST EXPENSE

	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Interest on borrowings	3,000	2,797
Interest relating to lease liabilities	3,600	3,899
Total interest expense on financial liabilities not at fair value through	6 600	6 606
profit or loss Less: interest expense capitalised (Note)	6,600 (672)	6,696 (690)
	5,928	6,006

Note: The weighted average interest rate used for interest capitalisation was 2.56% per annum in 2023 (2022: 2.54%).

9 INCOME TAX

(a) Income tax expense in the consolidated income statement

	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Current tax - Provision for the year - Under/(over)-provision in prior year	1,203 14	1,854 (2)
Deferred tax Origination and reversal of temporary differences	1,217 219	1,852 314
Income tax expense	1,436	2,166

In respect of a majority of the Group's airlines operation outside Chinese Mainland, the Group has either obtained exemptions from overseas taxation pursuant to the bilateral aviation agreements between the overseas governments and Chinese government, or has sustained tax losses in those overseas jurisdictions. Accordingly, no provision for overseas income tax has been accrued for overseas airlines operation in the current and prior years.

For the year of 2023, the Company and its branches and subsidiaries in Chinese Mainland are subject to income tax rates ranging from 15% to 25% (2022: 15% to 25%), and certain subsidiaries of the Company in Hong Kong are subject to income tax at 16.5% (2022: 16.5%).

(b) Reconciliation between actual income tax expense and calculated tax based on accounting loss at applicable income tax rates

	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Loss before income tax	(1,521)	(31,550)
Notional tax on loss before taxation, calculated at the rates applicable to loss in the tax jurisdictions concerned	(362)	(7,678)
Adjustments for tax effect of:		
Non-deductible expenses	109	90
Share of results of associates and joint ventures and other non-taxable income	427	(76)
Unused tax losses and deductible temporary differences for which no deferred tax assets were recognised	1,345	6,956
Reversal of tax losses recognised as deferred tax assets in prior years	33	2,916
Utilisation of unused tax losses and deductible temporary differences for which no deferred tax assets were recognised		
in prior years	(96)	(1)
Under/(over)-provision in prior year	14	(2)
Super deduction of research and development expenses	(34)	(39)
Income tax expense	1,436	2,166

10 LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic loss per share for the year ended 31 December 2023 is based on the loss attributable to equity shareholders of the Company of RMB4,140 million (2022: RMB32,699 million) and the weighted average of 18,120,892,710 shares in issue during the year (2022: 17,205,242,710 shares).

	2023 million	2022 million
Issued ordinary shares at 1 January Effect of issuance of shares	18,121 	16,948 257
Weighted average number of ordinary shares at 31 December	18,121	17,205

The amount of diluted loss per share is the same as basic loss per share as the effect of convertible bonds is anti-dilutive for the year ended 31 December 2023 and for the year ended 31 December 2022.

11 DIVIDENDS

The directors did not propose any final dividend in respect of the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

12 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET

	Investment properties RMB million	Buildings RMB million	Aircraft RMB million	Other flight equipment including rotables RMB million	Machinery, equipment and vehicles RMB million	Total RMB million
Cost:						
At 1 January 2022	541	23,505	116,090	25,353	10,534	176,023
Additions	_	30	2,356	554	430	3,370
Transferred from construction in progress	_	788	4,360	65	141	5,354
Transferred from other assets	_	1,012	88	_	_	1,100
Reclassification on change of holding intention:		,				,
- transferred to other property, plant and						
equipment	(122)	122	_	_	_	_
- transferred from other property, plant and	, ,					
equipment	146	(146)	_	_	_	_
Transferred from right-of-use assets on exercise		, ,				
of purchase option (Note 14)	_	-	7,032	246	_	7,278
Transferred from right-of-use assets to						
investment properties (Note 14)	19	_	_	_	_	19
Transferred to assets held for sale	_		(2,861)	-	_	(2,861)
Disposals						
– disposals	(7)	(65)	(10,558)	(186)	(221)	(11,037)
 disposal of subsidiaries 		(62)		(2,114)	(39)	(2,215)
At 31 December 2022	577	25,184	116,507	23,918	10,845	177,031
At 1 January 2023	577	25,184	116,507	23,918	10,845	177,031
Additions	_	12	2,601	1,064	681	4,358
Transferred from construction in progress	_	618	2,625	673	100	4,016
Reclassification on change of holding intention:						
- transferred to other property, plant and						
equipment	(28)	28	_	-	-	-
- transferred from other property, plant						
and equipment	342	(342)	_	-	-	-
Transferred from right-of-use assets on						
exercise of purchase option (Note 14)	-	-	12,943	-	-	12,943
Transferred from investment properties to						
right-of-use assets (Note 14)	(12)	-	-	-	-	(12)
Transferred from right-of-use assets to						
investment properties (Note 14)	21	-	-	-	-	21
Transferred to assets held for sale	-	-	(1,125)	(55)	-	(1,180)
Disposals				Ja. 5 **		
- disposals	-	(412)	(4,973)	(860)	(358)	(6,603)
 liquidation of subsidiaries 		(23)				(23)
At 31 December 2023	900	25,065	128,578	24,740	11,268	190,551

	Investment properties RMB million	Buildings RMB million	Aircraft RMB million	Other flight equipment including rotables RMB million	Machinery, equipment and vehicles RMB million	Total RMB million
Accumulated depreciation and impairment						
losses:	•••		* < 0.00	4.7.2.0		0.4.00=
At 1 January 2022	236	6,108	56,900	15,250	6,343	84,837
Depreciation charge for the year	19	758	5,601	1,215	1,066	8,659
Reclassification on change of holding intention: - transferred to other property, plant and						
equipment	(38)	38	_	_	_	_
- transferred from other property, plant						
and equipment	25	(25)	_	_	_	_
Transferred from right-of-use assets on						
exercise of purchase option (Note 14)	_	_	3,680	58	_	3,738
Transferred from right-of-use assets to						
investment properties (Note 14)	1	_	_	_	_	1
Transferred to assets held for sale	_	_	(2,178)	_	_	(2,178)
Disposals						
– disposals	(7)	(29)	(7,239)	(137)	(185)	(7,597)
 disposal of subsidiaries 	_	(39)	_	(1,279)	(29)	(1,347)
Provision for impairment losses	_	_	348	68	_	416
Impairment losses transferred from right-of-						
use assets (Note 14)	_	_	429	_	_	429
Impairment losses written off on disposals			(444)			(444)
At 31 December 2022	236	6,811	57,097	15,175	7,195	86,514

	Investment properties RMB million	Buildings RMB million	Aircraft RMB million	Other flight equipment including rotables RMB million	Machinery, equipment and vehicles RMB million	Total RMB million
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses:						
At 1 January 2023	236	6,811	57,097	15,175	7,195	86,514
Depreciation charge for the year	24	752	6,913	1,368	1,067	10,124
Reclassification on change of holding intention:						
- transferred to other property, plant and equipment	(19)	19	-	-	-	-
- transferred from other property, plant and equipment	134	(134)	-	-	-	-
Transferred from right-of-use assets on exercise of						
purchase option (Note 14)	-	-	6,114	-	-	6,114
Transferred from investment properties to right-of-use						
assets (Note 14)	(3)	-	-	-	-	(3)
Transferred from right-of-use assets to investment						
properties (Note 14)	1	-	(420)	- (15)	-	1
Transferred to assets held for sale	-	-	(430)	(15)	-	(445)
Disposals		(40)	(2.660)	(555)	(200)	(4 555)
- disposals	-	(49)	(3,660)	(557)	(309)	(4,575)
 liquidation of subsidiaries Provision for impairment losses 	3	(21)	-	-	-	(21)
Impairment losses transferred from right-of-use assets	3	-	-	-	-	3
(Note 14)			940			940
Reversal of impairment losses	_	_	(126)	_	_	(126)
Impairment losses transferred to assets held for sale	_	_	(502)	(35)	_	(537)
Impairment losses written off on disposals	_	_	(302)	(33)	_	(331)
- disposals	_	_	(929)	(82)	_	(1,011)
liquidation of subsidiaries	_	_	(727)	(02)	(2)	(2)
ilquidation of subsidiaties						
At 31 December 2023	376	7,378	65,417	15,854	7,951	96,976
Net book value:						
At 31 December 2023	524	17,687	63,161	8,886	3,317	93,575
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At 31 December 2022	341	18,373	59,410	8,743	3,650	90,517

For the year ended 31 December 2023, impairment losses of RMB126 million in relation to certain aircraft and related equipment were reversed as the assets' values have increased significantly during the year. The estimated recoverable amounts of above assets were based on the fair value less cost to sell, which was determined by reference to observable market prices. As at 31 December 2023, the carrying amount of the above assets were RMB198 million, and the amounts were classified as held for sale as the carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use.

13 CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

	2023	2022
	RMB million	RMB million
Advance payment for aircraft and flight equipment	32,270	31,838
Others	1,907	1,462
	34,177	33,300

14 RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	Aircraft and engines RMB million	Land use rights RMB million	Buildings RMB million	Others RMB million	Total <i>RMB million</i>
Cost:					
At 1 January 2022	214,194	6,810	3,285	1,134	225,423
Additions	5,500	12	579	11	6,102
Transferred from construction in progress Transferred to investment properties	5,706	-	-	71	5,777
(Note 12)	_	(19)	_	_	(19)
Transferred to property, plant and equipment		(1))			(1))
on exercise of purchase option (Note 12) Disposals	(7,032)	_	-	(246)	(7,278)
– disposals	(1,607)	(53)	(582)	(145)	(2,387)
disposalsdisposal of subsidiaries	(1,007)	(47)	(13)	(64)	(124)
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At 31 December 2022	216,761	6,703	3,269	761	227,494
At 1 January 2023	216,761	6,703	3,269	761	227,494
Additions	9,597	106	1,528	101	11,332
Transferred from construction in progress	6,575	118		87	6,780
Transferred from investment properties					
(Note 12)	_	12	_	_	12
Transferred to investment properties					
(Note 12)	_	(21)	_	_	(21)
Transferred to property, plant and equipment					
on exercise of purchase option (Note 12)	(12,943)	_	_	_	(12,943)
Disposals	(3,900)	(18)	(1,634)	(233)	(5,785)
At 31 December 2023	216,090	6,900	3,163	716	226,869

	Aircraft and engines RMB million	Land use rights RMB million	Buildings RMB million	Others RMB million	Total <i>RMB million</i>
Accumulated amortisation and impairment losses:					
At 1 January 2022 Amortisation charge for	84,080	1,087	1,543	274	86,984
the year	13,767	173	937	190	15,067
Transferred to property, plant and equipment on exercise of purchase option (<i>Note 12</i>) Transferred to investment properties	(3,680)	-	-	(58)	(3,738)
(Note 12) Disposals	-	(1)	-	-	(1)
disposalsdisposal of subsidiaries	(1,594)	(25) (12)	(563) (6)	(145) (31)	(2,327) (49)
Impairment losses transferred to property, plant and equipment (Note 12)	(429)	_	_	_	(429)
Provision for impairment losses	33				33
At 31 December 2022	92,177	1,222	1,911	230	95,540
At 1 January 2023 Amortisation charge for the year	92,177 15,321	1,222 166	1,911 883	230 136	95,540 16,506
Transferred to property, plant and equipment on exercise of purchase option (<i>Note 12</i>)	(6,114)	-	-	_	(6,114)
Transferred from investment properties (Note 12)	-	3	-	-	3
Transferred to investment properties (Note 12) Disposals	(3,900)	(1) (11)	- (1,615)	(233)	(1) (5,759)
Impairment losses transferred to property, plant and equipment (Note 12)	(940)	-	(1,013 <i>)</i> -	-	(940)
At 31 December 2023	96,544	1,379	1,179	133	99,235
Net book value:					
At 31 December 2023	119,546	5,521	1,984	583	127,634
At 31 December 2022	124,584	5,481	1,358	531	131,954

15 OTHER NON-CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSETS AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Other non-current financial assets (FVPL)		
 Listed shares 	26	21
 Non-listed shares 	31	28
 Certificates of deposit 	3,065	_
Other non-current financial assets (amortised cost)		
 Long-term receivables 		387
	3,419	436
Other financial assets (FVPL)		
- Certificates of deposit	3,157	
	3,157	

As at 31 December 2023, the fair value of the negotiable certificates of deposit was RMB6,222 million. The Group expected to sell the certificates of deposit rather than held-to-maturity, and based on the Group's working capital forecast, RMB3,157 million was expected to be sold within one year and was then recorded in other financial assets (FVPL), while RMB3,065 million was expected to be sold over one year and was then recorded in other non-current financial assets (FVPL).

16 DEFERRED TAX ASSETS

Deferred tax assets arise from deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the related tax benefit can be utilised. The Group's tax losses in Chinese Mainland are available for carrying forward to set off future assessable income for a maximum period of five or eight years (According to the *Notice of the Ministry of Finance on the Taxation Policy for supporting the prevention of pandemic of Covid-19 (No. 8, 2020)*, the carry over period for tax losses of enterprises in certain difficult industries suffering from the epidemic in 2020 will be extended from 5 years to 8 years). Therefore, the Group's tax losses occurred in 2020 can be carried forward for 5-8 years, and the Group's tax losses occurred in other years can be carried forward for 5 years.

17 TRADE RECEIVABLES

Credit terms granted by the Group to sales agents and other customers generally range from one to three months. Ageing analysis of trade receivables based on transaction date is set out below:

	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Within 1 month	2,259	1,942
More than 1 month but less than 3 months	517	425
More than 3 months but less than 12 months	315	231
More than 1 year	134	74
	3,225	2,672
Less: loss allowance	(64)	(53)
	3,161	2,619

18 OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
VAT recoverable	7,062	5,609
Government grants receivables	826	985
Rebate receivables on aircraft acquisitions	329	493
Other deposits	186	166
Others	898	822
	9,301	8,075
Less: loss allowance	(134)	(136)
	9,167	7,939

19 DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

In October 2020, the Group issued a total of 160,000,000 A share convertible bonds with par value of RMB100 each at par. The convertible bonds have a term of six years from the date of the issuance and the convertible bonds bear interest at the annual rate of 0.2% in the first year, 0.4% in the second year, 0.6% in the third year, 0.8% in the fourth year, 1.5% in the fifth year and 2.0% in the sixth year. Interest is paid once a year. Conversion rights are exercisable from 21 April 2021 to 14 October 2026 at an initial conversion price of RMB6.24 per share, subject to clauses of adjustment and downward revision of conversion price, redemption and sell-back. Convertible bonds, which conversion rights have not been exercised in five transaction days after maturity, will be redeemed at 106.5% of par value (including the interest for the sixth year).

Any excess of proceeds over the fair value amount initially recognised as the derivative component is recognised as the host liability component. Transaction costs related to the issuance of the convertible bonds are allocated to the host liability and are recognised initially as part of the liability. The derivative component is subsequently remeasured at fair value while the host liability component is subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

For the year ended 31 December 2023, 870 convertible bonds were converted to A shares at the conversion price of RMB6.17 per share (for the year ended 31 December 2022, 1,920 convertible bonds were converted to A shares at the conversion price from RMB6.17 to RMB6.24 per share). As at 31 December 2023, the carrying amount of liability component of the remaining 58,963,140 A share convertible bonds was RMB5,510 million (31 December 2022: 58,964,010 A share convertible bonds with a carrying amount of RMB5,250 million), and the fair value of the derivative component of the remaining 58,963,140 A share convertible bonds was RMB907 million (31 December 2022: 58,964,010 A share convertible bonds with fair value of RMB1,708 million). For the year ended 31 December 2023, the gain on the changes in fair value of the derivative component amounted to RMB801 million was recognised (31 December 2022: loss on the changes in fair value amounted to RMB486 million).

20 BORROWINGS

Borrowings are analysed as follows:

	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Non-current		
Long-term borrowings	38,130	15,316
Convertible bonds	5,498	5,240
Medium-term notes	6,894	13,888
	50,522	34,444
Current		
Current portion of long-term borrowings	5,153	10,773
Short-term borrowings	51,362	53,674
Ultra-short-term financing bills	_	12,536
Current portion of corporate bonds and medium-term notes	9,167	8,343
Current portion of convertible bonds	12	10
	65,694	85,336
Total borrowings	116,216	119,780
The borrowings are repayable:		
Within one year	65,694	85,336
In the second year	16,334	14,167
In the third to fifth year	31,806	17,599
After the fifth year	2,382	2,678
Total borrowings	116,216	119,780

21 LEASE LIABILITIES

At 31 December 2023, the lease liabilities were payable as follows:

	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Within 1 year	19,261	21,799
After 1 year but within 2 years	15,994	17,412
After 2 years but within 5 years	34,623	36,225
After 5 years	18,615	19,326
	88,493	94,762

The Group has significant lease liabilities which are denominated in USD as at 31 December 2023. The net exchange loss of RMB687 million for the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: net exchange loss of RMB3,619 million) was mainly attributable to the translation of balances of lease liabilities which are denominated in USD.

22 TRADE AND BILLS PAYABLES

Ageing analysis of trade and bills payables based on transaction date is set out below:

	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million
Within 1 month	756	420
More than 1 month but less than 3 months	674	437
More than 3 months but less than 6 months	271	265
More than 6 months but less than 1 year	109	129
More than 1 year	194	286
	2,004	1,537

B. PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRC GAAP

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	RMB million	RMB million
Revenue	159,929	87,059
Less: Operating costs	147,582	105,862
Taxes and surcharges	531	240
Selling and distribution expenses	6,629	4,555
General and administrative expenses	3,779	3,560
Research and development expenses	511	389
Finance expenses	6,393	9,240
Including: interest expense	5,928	6,006
interest income	361	457
Add: Other income	3,779	4,670
Investment (loss)/income	(1,688)	555
Including: (loss)/income from investment in	. , ,	
associates and joint ventures	(1,698)	291
Changes in fair value of financial assets/liabilities	874	(388)
(Provision)/reversal of credit losses	(9)	3
Impairment losses	(11)	(582)
Gain on assets disposals	409	330
	(0.1.10)	(22.100)
Operating loss	(2,142)	(32,199)
Add: Non-operating income	581	710
Less: Non-operating expenses	84	37
Loss before income tax	(1,645)	(31,526)
Less: Income tax	1,437	2,172
Net loss for the year	(3,082)	(33,698)
(1) Not loss classified by continuity of a martines		
(1) Net loss classified by continuity of operations:	(2.002)	(22 (00)
1. Net loss from continuing operations	(3,082)	(33,698)
2. Net loss from discontinued operations (2) Net loss classified by avangabing	_	_
(2) Net loss classified by ownership:	(4 200)	(22 602)
1. Shareholders of the Company	(4,209)	(32,682)
2. Non-controlling interests	1,127	(1,016)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 December 2023

	31 December 2023 RMB million	31 December 2022 RMB million
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash at bank and on hand	9,924	20,240
Other financial assets	3,157	_
Derivative financial instruments	4	2
Bills receivables	2 222	2.656
Account receivables	3,322 695	2,656 619
Prepayments Other receivables	1,640	1,943
Inventories	1,565	1,387
Assets held for sale	1,505	26
Non-current assets due within one year	180	152
Other current assets	7,252	5,746
Total current assets	27,741	32,771
Non-current assets		
Long-term equity investments	6,718	6,205
Other equity instrument investment	547	659
Other non-current financial assets	3,122	49
Investment properties	524	341
Fixed assets	93,076	90,810
Construction in progress	34,199	33,322
Right-of-use assets	122,131	126,491
Intangible assets	6,629	6,547
Long-term receivables	559	744
Aircraft lease deposits	386	354
Long-term deferred expenses	517	624
Derivative financial instruments	12 280	12.473
Deferred tax assets	12,280	12,473
Other non-current assets	797	584
Total non-current assets	281,485	279,230
Total assets	309,226	312,001

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
	RMB million	RMB million
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Current liabilities		
Short-term bank borrowings	51,362	53,674
Derivative financial liabilities	907	1,708
Bills payables	236	_
Account payables	19,722	14,351
Contract liabilities	1,509	1,496
Sales in advance of carriage	7,179	3,383
Employee benefits payable	4,968	4,564
Taxes payable	802	640
Other payables	8,969	7,939
Non-current liabilities due within one year	33,782	41,167
Other current liabilities		12,536
Total current liabilities	129,436	141,458
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term bank borrowings	38,130	15,316
Bonds payable	12,392	19,128
Lease liabilities	69,232	72,963
Long-term payable	100	289
Provision for major overhauls	5,731	5,199
Deferred benefits and gains	752	760
Deferred tax liabilities	23	24
Other non-current liabilities	1,433	1,750
Total non-current liabilities	127,793	115,429
Total liabilities	257,229	256,887

	31 December 2023 RMB million	31 December 2022 RMB million
Net assets		
Share capital	18,121	18,121
Capital reserve	52,756	52,775
Other comprehensive income	216	261
Surplus reserve	2,579	2,579
Accumulated losses	(36,888)	(32,679)
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders		
of the Company	36,784	41,057
Non-controlling interests	15,213	14,057
Total equity	51,997	55,114
Total liabilities and equity	309,226	312,001

C. RECONCILIATION OF DIFFERENCES IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PREPARED UNDER PRC GAAP AND IFRS ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Difference in loss and equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company under consolidated financial information in financial statements between IFRS Accounting Standards and PRC GAAP

	Loss attributable to equity shareholders of the Company		Equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company		
	2023 RMB million	2022 RMB million	31 December 2023 RMB million	31 December 2022 RMB million	
Amounts under PRC GAAP Adjustments: Capitalisation of exchange difference of specific	(4,209)	(32,682)	36,784	41,057	
loans	(3)	(25)	11	14	
Government grants Adjustment arising from the Company's business combination under	1	1	(3)	(4)	
common control Reversal of impairment losses on property, plant	_	_	237	237	
and equipment Income tax effect of the	126	_	126	_	
above adjustments Effect of the above	1	6	(1)	(2)	
adjustments on non-controlling interests	(56)	1	(83)	(27)	
Amounts under IFRS					
Accounting Standards	(4,140)	(32,699)	37,071	41,275	

BUSINESS REVIEW

In 2023, the global economic growth was still slow due to factors such as tightening monetary policies and sluggish trade. The World Economic Outlook report published by the International Monetary Fund shows that the global economic growth in 2023 is 3.1%. China adhered to the general tone of seeking progress while maintaining stability and achieved sound economic recovery. The GDP of China for the year reached RMB126 trillion, representing a year-on-year increase of 5.2%.

In 2023, despite the complex environment and severe challenges, China's civil aviation industry witnessed orderly resumption of transportation and production. The Total Transport Turnover, Passenger Volume, and Cargo and Mail Volume for the whole year were 118.83 billion ton-kilometers, 620 million passengers and 7.354 million tons, respectively, representing a year-on-year increase of 98.3%, 146.1% and 21% and back to 91.9%, 93.9% and 97.6% of 2019 levels, respectively. The Group coordinated safety production and operation and actively promoted the implementation of reform and development strategies. During the reporting period, with the joint efforts of the management and all employees, the Group recorded 2.842 million flight hours, and carried 142 million passengers and 1.585 million tons of cargo and mail. We have been honored as the "Best Airline of the Year" by Civil Aviation Passenger Service Evaluation ("CAPSE") for six consecutive years and awarded the "Five-Star Diamond Award" by the World Brand Lab, being the only domestic airline with the award. In January 2024, the Group was awarded the "Three-Star Diamond Award for Flight Safety", the top award for flight safety from the CAAC.

1. Safety Management

During the reporting period, the Group gave top priority to aviation safety and developed sustainable and high-quality safety with continuous improvement in safety level. We implemented the outlook on overall national security, coordinated development and security in a scientific manner, deepened the construction of seven safety systems and consolidated the responsibility system on safety production among all employees. We established and implemented the mechanism on significant safety decisions and plans and improved the mechanism on special studies on regular safety production. We refined the responsibility system, specified the safety responsibilities of all business management functions and developed a unified regulatory mechanism on regional and local safety. We carried out special investigation and remediation of significant hidden safety hazards and implemented classification-based management for the skill recovery of professionals. During the reporting period, the Group achieved 2.842 million hours of safe flight with a leading position in the industry in terms of safety.

2. Operation Management

During the reporting period, the Group focused on enhancing the core market competitiveness to facilitate quality and efficiency improvement in operation. We improved the operation of Guangzhou and Beijing as core hubs, implemented the strategy of maximizing marginal contribution of flights and actively facilitated the increase and resumption of international flights. We vigorously promoted the establishment of the customer management system, continuously improved online and offline reach scenarios of passengers with digital and ecosystem-based concepts and prepared tailored aviation product portfolios to build an open and comprehensive aviation platform. We seized the new normal of the freight market, implemented the new development concept and planed and invested in the construction of freight hubs to achieve the linkage of domestic aviation and ground networks. We expanded the transportation of live animals, high-end precision instruments and other goods with high value. During the reporting period, the Company's group customers and frequent flyers reached 29,000 and 99.06 million, respectively. The Cargo and Mail Volume recorded a year-on-year increase of 19.47%.

3. Operation Service

During the reporting period, the Group steadily improved its operation quality with continuous improvement in brand image. We focused on improving flight punctuality and increasing the number of flights that enable passengers to board from boarding bridges directly, established working mechanisms on operation under extreme weather and guarantee of shuttle operation, constantly reduced the transit time at hubs, and focused on improving the travelling convenience and making passengers have more sense of gain. We refined the service quality management system, optimized the entire-chain business process and structure of services, developed the global service support center and introduced "kapok" and "cloud" featured air services. We deepened the brand management strategy and built the Guangzhou-Beijing core hub brand, the "affinity and refinement" service brand and the "Green Flight" responsibility brand. During the reporting period, the Company was awarded the "Five-Star Diamond Award" by the World Brand Lab and has been honored as the "Best Airline of the Year" by CAPSE for six consecutive years.

4. Implementation of Strategies

During the reporting period, the Group actively served national strategies and solidly promoted high-quality development. We continued to build Beijing hub with high quality. fully seized opportunities in the accelerated recovery of the industry and continuously carried out the planning of domestic and overseas networks. We continued to focus on the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, sped up in restoring the network of domestic and overseas airlines at Guangzhou hub and coordinated policies on integrated sales channels in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. We preliminarily set up the operation model of ecosystem-based platforms, continuously perfected the establishment of supply chains, constantly implemented refined management of the fleet and steadily improved resources allocation and operational efficiency. We steadily advanced the digital transformation, developed the new-generation IT architecture of "cloud platform & dual middle-platform" and facilitated the system construction on the IT R&D ecology, achieving automatic flight dispatching. During the reporting period, the flight transfer rate at Daxing Airport increased to 11.8% while domestic market share in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Huizhou reached 37%. The Company was awarded the Silver Prize in Benchmark Competition at the "Blooming Cup" 5G Application Contest by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.

5. Reform and Development

During the reporting period, the Group further fulfilled reform tasks and continuously consolidated the development foundation. We improved the modern corporate governance systems of state-owned enterprises with Chinese characteristics, focused on enhancing the standard operation of the board of directors, implemented the powers and functions of the board of directors of subsidiaries based on different levels and categories and perfected rules on authorization and delegation of power. We promoted the tenure system and contractual management to the Group's subsidiaries and deepened the linkage mechanism of salary and performance. We established and improved the system and mechanism of scientific and technological innovation and boosted efforts in achieving breakthroughs in significant aviation-related technological innovation with focus on digital technology, advanced manufacturing, green and low-carbon and other sectors. We revised the overarching approach for high-quality development, resolved property right flaws and optimized the manual management platform and the compliance risk management system. During the reporting period, the Group obtained 115 new state-authorized patents, established 24 business platforms, and developed 1,249 sharing capabilities. The Company was awarded the "Best Practice of the Board of Directors" by the China Association for Public Companies.

6. Social Responsibility

During the reporting period, the Group proactively fulfilled its social responsibilities and boosted assistance efforts in industrial revitalization. We systematically advanced work on "carbon peak and carbon neutrality", introduced high-efficiency and energy-saving aircrafts, carried out aircraft weight reduction programs, continuously promoted the "petroleum-to-electricity" transformation for ground vehicles, and adopted refined jet fuel management and other measures on energy saving and emission reduction. We completed the platform of "Employees' Voices" and put it into use, carried out pilot programs on improving employees' life quality and organized activities to improve crew health through sports. We boosted efforts in industrial, talent, cultural, ecological and organizational revitalization in rural areas, innovated assistance measures and deepened the characteristic assistance model of CSA. During the reporting period, the fuel consumption per ton-kilometer of the Company was reduced to 2.732 tons/10,000-ton-kilometer.

OPERATING DATA SUMMARY

The following table sets forth operating data by geographic regions:

	For the year ended 31 December		Increase/
	2023	2022	(decrease)
			%
Traffic			
Revenue passenger kilometers (RPK) (million)			
Domestic	207,816.73	96,986.98	114.27
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	1,809.23	175.05	933.54
International	37,321.27	4,916.03	659.17
Total:	246,947.23	102,078.06	141.92
Revenue tonne kilometers (RTK) (million)			
Domestic	19,654.63	9,593.44	104.88
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	183.60	22.86	703.14
International	9,952.88	6,767.36	47.07
Total:	29,791.11	16,383.66	81.83
RTK – passenger (million)			
Domestic (minion)	18,229.18	8,546.25	113.30
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	157.48	15.50	916.05
International	3,277.65	435.37	652.85
Total:	21,664.31	8,997.12	140.79

	For the year ended 31 December 2023 2022		Increase/ (decrease) %
RTK - cargo (million)			
Domestic	1,425.45	1,047.19	36.12
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	26.12	7.36	254.83
International	6,675.24	6,331.99	5.42
Total:	8,126.80	7,386.54	10.02
Passengers carried (thousand)			
Domestic (Modesum)	131,571.96	61,666.94	113.36
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	1,535.76	157.23	876.75
International	9,093.37	812.95	1,018.57
Total:	142,201.09	62,637.12	127.02
Cargo and mail carried (thousand tonnes)			
Domestic	840.80	633.62	32.70
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	23.03	6.87	235.38
International	721.09	686.17	5.09
Total:	1,584.92	1,326.66	19.47
Capacity			
Available seat kilometres (ASK) (million)			
Domestic	266,515.67	145,654.49	82.98
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	2,441.55	410.36	494.97
International	47,260.23	7,775.72	507.79
Total:	316,217.46	153,840.57	105.55
Available tonne kilometres (ATK) (million)			
Domestic (1711) (11111)	30,348.36	16,139.85	88.03
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	316.95	55.49	471.21
International	14,233.28	10,026.28	41.96
Total:	44,898.59	26,221.62	71.23
Available tonne kilometres (ATK) – passenger (million)	22 006 41	12 100 00	02.00
Domestic Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	23,986.41 219.74	13,108.90 36.93	82.98 494.97
International	4,253.42	699.81	507.79
Total:	28,459.57	13,845.65	105.55
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	For the year ended	Increase/	
	2023	2022	(decrease) %
Available tonne kilometres (ATK) – cargo (million)			
Domestic	6,361.95	3,030.95	109.90
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	97.21	18.55	423.90
International	9,979.86	9,326.47	7.01
Total:	16,439.02	12,375.97	32.83
	For the year ended	l 31 December	Increase/
	2023	2022	(decrease) percentage points
Load Factor			
Passenger load factor (RPK/ASK) (%)			
Domestic	77.98	66.59	11.39
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	74.10	42.66	31.44
International	78.97	63.22	15.75
Average:	78.09	66.35	11.74
Overall load factor (RTK/ATK) (%)			
Domestic	64.76	59.44	5.32
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	57.93	41.20	16.73
International	69.93	67.50	2.43
Average:	66.35	62.48	3.87

	For the year ended 31 December 2023 2022		Increase/ (decrease)	
			%	
Yield				
Yield per RPK (RMB)				
Domestic	0.54	0.51	5.88	
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	0.89	2.66	(66.54)	
International	0.58	2.00	(71.00)	
Average:	0.55	0.59	(6.78)	
Yield per RFTK (RMB)				
Domestic	1.05	1.31	(19.85)	
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	6.31	11.96	(47.24)	
International	2.04	3.07	(33.55)	
Average:	1.88	2.83	(33.57)	
Yield per RTK (RMB)				
Domestic	5.82	5.33	9.19	
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	9.66	24.23	(60.13)	
International	3.54	4.32	(18.06)	
Average:	5.08	4.94	2.83	

	For the year ende 2023	d 31 December 2022	Increase/ (decrease)
Cost Main business cost per ATK (RMB)	3.20	3.93	(18.58)
Flight Volume Kilometers flown (million)	1,772.78	994.39	78.28
Hours flown (thousand) Domestic Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan International	2,465.30 20.52 356.29	1,373.92 3.17 179.62	79.44 547.93 98.36
Total:	2,842.11	1,556.70	82.57
Number of flights (thousand) Domestic Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan International	1,000.31 10.42 65.22	578.26 1.84 21.44	72.99 466.81 204.26
Total:	1,075.95	601.54	78.87

Note: Operating data are retained to two decimal places, discrepancies between the column and the total sum are due to rounding of numbers.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

I. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Part of the financial information presented in this section below is derived from the Group's audited consolidated financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

The net loss attributable to equity shareholders of the Company of RMB4,140 million was recorded in 2023 as compared to the net loss attributable to equity shareholders of the Company of RMB32,699 million in 2022. The Group's total operating revenue increased by RMB72,870 million or 83.70% from RMB87,059 million in 2022 to RMB159,929 million in 2023. Passenger load factor increased by 11.74% percentage points from 66.35% in 2022 to 78.09% in 2023. Yield per RPK decreased by 6.78% from RMB0.59 in 2022 to RMB0.55 in 2023. Yield per RTK increased by 2.83% from RMB4.94 in 2022 to RMB5.08 in 2023. Operating expenses increased by RMB43,790 million or 37.99% from RMB115,262 million in 2022 to RMB159,052 million in 2023. Operating profit of RMB5,557 million was recorded in 2023 as compared to operating loss of RMB22,542 million in 2022.

II. OPERATING REVENUE

	2023		202	2022		
	Operating revenue <i>RMB million</i>	Percentage %	Operating revenue RMB million	Percentage %	Changes in revenue %	
Traffic revenue Including: Passenger revenue - Domestic - Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan - International	151,445 136,170 112,946 1,608 21,616	94.70	80,901 60,017 49,723 466 9,828	92.93	87.20 126.89 127.15 245.06 119.94	
Cargo and mail revenue	15,275		20,884		(26.86)	
Other operating revenue Mainly including: Commission income Cargo handling income Hotel and tour operation income Ground services income General aviation income	3,164 820 750 473	5.30	2,073 1,123 497 282 431	7.07	52.63 (26.98) 50.91 67.73 Not Applicable	
Total operating revenue	159,929	100.00	87,059	100.00	83.70	
Less: fuel surcharge income	(12,143)		(6,054)		100.58	
Total operating revenue excluding fuel surcharge	147,786		81,005		82.44	

Substantially all of the Group's operating revenue is attributable to airlines transport operations. Traffic revenue accounted for 92.93% and 94.70% of the total operating revenue in 2022 and 2023, respectively. Passenger revenue and cargo and mail revenue accounted for 89.91% and 10.09%, respectively, of the total traffic revenue in 2023. During the reporting period, the Group's total traffic revenue was RMB151,445 million, representing an increase of RMB70,544 million or 87.20% from prior year, mainly because of the increase in passenger revenue. The other operating revenue of the Group is mainly derived from commission income, cargo handling income, hotel and tour operation income and ground services income.

The increase in operating revenue was primarily due to an increase in passenger revenue by 126.89% from RMB60,017 million in 2022 to RMB136,170 million in 2023. The total number of passengers carried increased by 127.02% to 142.20 million passengers in 2023. RPKs increased by 141.92% from 102,078 million in 2022 to 246,947 million in 2023, mainly due to an increase of traffic volume with recovery of industry.

Domestic passenger revenue, which accounted for 82.94% of the total passenger revenue in 2023, increased by 127.15% from RMB49,723 million in 2022 to RMB112,946 million in 2023. Domestic passenger traffic in RPKs increased by 114.27%, while passenger capacity in ASKs increased by 82.98%, resulting in an increase in passenger load factor by 11.39 percentage points from 66.59% in 2022 to 77.98% in 2023. Yield per RPK increased by 5.88% from RMB0.51 in 2022 to RMB0.54 in 2023.

Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan passenger revenue, which accounted for 1.18% of total passenger revenue, increased by 245.06% from RMB466 million in 2022 to RMB1,608 million in 2023. For Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan flights, passenger traffic in RPKs increased by 933.54%, while passenger capacity in ASKs increased by 494.97%, resulting in an increase in passenger load factor by 31.44 percentage points from 42.66% in 2022 to 74.10% in 2023. Passenger yield per RPK decreased from RMB2.66 in 2022 to RMB0.89 in 2023.

International passenger revenue, which accounted for 15.87% of total passenger revenue, increased by 119.94% from RMB9,828 million in 2022 to RMB21,616 million in 2023. For international flights, passenger traffic in RPKs increased by 659.17%, while passenger capacity in ASKs increased by 507.79%, resulting in an increase in passenger load factor by 15.75 percentage points from 63.22% in 2022 to 78.97% in 2023. Passenger yield per RPK decreased from RMB2.00 in 2022 to RMB0.58 in 2023.

Cargo and mail revenue, which accounted for 10.09% of the Group's total traffic revenue and 9.55% of total operating revenue, decreased by 26.86% from RMB20,884 million in 2022 to RMB15,275 million in 2023 mainly due to the decrease of freight unit price.

Other operating revenue increased by 37.77% from RMB6,158 million in 2022 to RMB8,484 million in 2023 mainly due to the increase in commission income, hotel and tour operation income and ground services income.

III. OPERATING EXPENSES

Total operating expenses in 2023 amounted to RMB159,052 million, representing an increase of RMB43,790 million or 37.99% comparing to that of 2022. Total operating expenses as a percentage of total operating revenue decreased from 132.40% in 2022 to 99.45% in 2023.

Operating expenses	2	023	2022	
	RMB million	Percentage (%)	RMB million	Percentage (%)
Flight operation expenses Mainly including:	76,799	48.29	51,241	44.46
Jet fuel costs	52,050		32,669	
Aircraft operating lease charges	1,110		791	
Flight personnel payroll and welfare	12,428		10,602	
Maintenance expenses	14,390	9.05	11,224	9.74
Aircraft and transportation service expenses	26,487	16.65	17,506	15.19
Promotion and selling expenses	6,349	3.99	4,355	3.78
General and administrative expenses	4,150	2.61	3,511	3.05
Depreciation and amortisation	27,165	17.08	24,266	21.05
(Reversal of)/provision for impairment losses on property, plant and equipment				
and right-of-use assets	(123)	(0.08)	449	0.39
Hotel and tour operation expense	656	0.41	418	0.36
External air catering service expense	432	0.27	343	0.30
Financial institution charges	139	0.09	72	0.06
Cargo handling expense	552	0.35	537	0.46
Others	2,056	1.29	1,340	1.16
Total operating expenses	159,052	100.00	115,262	100.00

Flight operation expenses, which accounted for 48.29% of total operating expenses, increased by 49.88% from RMB51,241 million in 2022 to RMB76,799 million in 2023, mainly due to the increase of jet fuel costs as a result of the increased flight volume.

Maintenance expenses, which accounted for 9.05% of total operating expenses, increased by 28.21% from RMB11,224 million in 2022 to RMB14,390 million in 2023 due to the increase in aircraft utilization rate with the recovery of the industry.

Aircraft and transportation service expenses, which accounted for 16.65% of total operating expenses, increased by 51.30% from RMB17,506 million in 2022 to RMB26,487 million in 2023. The increase was primarily due to the increase in landing and navigation fee as a result of the increase in the amounts of take-off and landing.

Promotion and selling expenses, which accounted for 3.99% of total operating expenses, increased by 45.79% from RMB4,355 million in 2022 to RMB6,349 million in 2023, mainly due to the increase in sales commissions and computer reservation services expenses as a result of the increased flight volume.

General and administrative expenses, which accounted for 2.61% of the total operating expenses, increased by 18.20% from RMB3,511 million in 2022 to RMB4,150 million in 2023, mainly due to increase in general corporate expenses.

Depreciation and amortisation, which accounted for 17.08% of the total operating expenses, increased by 11.95% from RMB24,266 million in 2022 to RMB27,165 million in 2023 mainly due to the increase in depreciation and amortisation of aircraft and engines as a result of the increased number of aircraft and flight hours, respectively.

Reversal of impairment losses on property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets of RMB123 million was recorded in 2023. (2022: Provision for impairment losses on property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets of RMB449 million).

IV. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit of RMB5,557 million was recorded in 2023 (2022: Operating loss of RMB22,542 million). The increase of the operating profit is mainly due to an increase of traffic volume with recovery of industry.

V. OTHER NET INCOME

Other net income decreased by RMB981 million from RMB5,661 million in 2022 to RMB4,680 million in 2023, mainly due to a decrease of government subsidies.

VI. INCOME TAX

Income tax expense decreased by RMB730 million from RMB2,166 million in 2022 to RMB1,436 million in 2023, mainly due to a decreased profit in profit making subsidiaries.

VII. LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE

As at 31 December 2023, the Group's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by RMB101,497 million. For the year ended 31 December 2023, the Group recorded a net cash inflow from operating activities of RMB34,107 million, a net cash outflow from investing activities of RMB17,898 million and a net cash outflow from financing activities of RMB26,592 million, which in total resulted in a net decrease in cash and cash equivalents of RMB10,383 million.

The Group is dependent on its ability to maintain adequate cash inflow from operations, its ability to maintain existing external financing, and its ability to obtain new external financing to meet its debt obligations as they fall due and to meet its committed future capital expenditures. The Group's policy is to regularly monitor its liquidity requirements and its compliance with lending covenants, to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash and adequate committed lines of funding from major financial institutions to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and longer term. As at 31 December 2023, the Group has obtained credit facilities of RMB396,794 million in aggregate granted by several banks and other financial institute, among which approximately RMB266,766 million was unutilised. The Directors of the Company believe that sufficient financing will be available to the Group when and where needed.

The analyses of the Group's total interest-bearing liabilities are as follows:

Composition of interest-bearing liabilities

	31 December 2023 RMB million	31 December 2022 <i>RMB million</i>
Lease liabilities	88,493	94,762
Borrowings	116,216	119,780
Long-term payables	289	531
Fixed rate interest-bearing liabilities	148,417	158,809
Floating rate interest-bearing liabilities	56,581	56,264

Analysis of interest-bearing liabilities by currency

	31 December 2023 RMB million	31 December 2022 <i>RMB million</i>
USD	43,742	41,271
RMB	159,084	171,176
Others	2,172	2,626
Total	204,998	215,073

Maturity analysis of interest-bearing liabilities

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
	RMB million	RMB million
Within 1 year	85,144	107,377
1 year but within 2 years	32,421	31,768
2 years but within 5 years	66,436	53,924
5 years and afterwards	20,997	22,004
Total	204,998	215,073

Interest expense and net exchange loss

Interest expense decreased slightly by RMB78 million from RMB6,006 million in 2022 to RMB5,928 million in 2023.

Net exchange loss decreased by RMB2,932 million from RMB3,619 million in 2022 to RMB687 million in 2023, mainly due to a lower degree of depreciation of Renminbi against the U.S. dollar in 2023.

The Group's capital structure at the end of the year is as follows:

	31 December 2023 RMB million	31 December 2022 RMB million	Change
Total liabilities	257,229	256,887	0.13%
Total assets	309,596	312,246	(0.85%)
			Increased by
			0.82 percentage
Debt ratio	83.09%	82.27%	point

The Group monitors capital on the basis of debt ratio, which is calculated as total liabilities divided by total assets. The debt ratio as at 31 December 2023 remained stable as compared to that as at 31 December 2022.

VIII. MAJOR CHARGE ON ASSETS

As at 31 December 2023, no property, plant and equipment of the Group (31 December 2022: nil) were mortgaged for bank borrowings.

IX. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Commitments

As at 31 December 2023, the Group had capital commitments (excluding investment commitment) of RMB112,358 million (31 December 2022: RMB106,644 million). Of which, RMB102,883 million was related to the acquisition of aircraft, engines and related flight equipment(31 December 2022: RMB97,329 million) and RMB9,475 million was related to other projects of the Group (31 December 2022: RMB9,315 million).

The Group had investment commitments as follows:

	31 December 2023 RMB million	31 December 2022 RMB million
Authorised and contracted for: Share of capital commitments of a joint venture Capital contributions for acquisition of interest	19	52
in an associate	2,431	171
	2,450	223
Authorised but not contracted for:		
Share of capital commitments of a joint venture	46	14
	2,496	237

Contingent liabilities

- (a) The Group leased certain properties and buildings from CSAH which were located in Guangzhou, Wuhan, Haikou, etc. Although such properties and buildings were used by CSAH before being leased to the Group, as known to the Group, such properties and buildings lack adequate documentation evidencing CSAH's rights thereto. Pursuant to the indemnification agreement dated 22 May 1997 entered into between the Group and CSAH, CSAH has agreed to indemnify the Group against any loss or damage arising from any challenge of the Group's right to use the aforementioned properties and buildings.
- (b) The Group entered into certain agreements with CSAH in prior years to acquire certain land use right and buildings from CSAH. The change of business registration of such land use right and buildings are still in progress. CSAH issued letters of commitment to the Company, committing to indemnify the Group against any claims from third parties to the Group, or any loss or damage in the Group's operation activities due to lack adequate documentation of the certain properties and buildings, without recourse to the Group.
- (c) The Company issued an undertaking to China Southern Airlines General Aviation Limited ("General Aviation Limited") in prior years that the Company has injected the relevant assets and liabilities into General Aviation Limited on 1 July 2016 and General Aviation Limited has received all the assets and actually owned, controlled and used. In the event that any third party claims rights against General Aviation Limited due to defective land use rights and property rights or General Aviation Limited suffers losses due to defective land use rights and property rights affecting the normal business operations of General Aviation Limited, such losses shall be borne by the Company and the contributed assets may be replaced in an appropriate manner if necessary.

(d) The Company and its subsidiary, Xiamen Airlines, entered into agreements with certain pilot trainees and certain banks to provide guarantees on personal bank loans amounting to RMB696 million (31 December 2022: RMB696 million) that can be drawn by the pilot trainees to finance their respective flight training expenses. As at 31 December 2023, total personal bank loans of RMB102 million (31 December 2022: RMB143 million), under these guarantees, were drawn down from the banks. During the year, RMB0.1 million has been made by the Group due to the default of payments of certain pilot trainees (2022: RMB0.2 million).

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Since the end of the reporting period to the date of publication of this results announcement, no subsequent event has occurred which had a material impact on the Group.

CHANGES IN SHARE CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Unit: Share

		31 Decem Number of	ber 2022 Percentage (%)	Increase in 2023 Number of Shares	31 Decem Number of	ber 2023 Percentage (%)
		Shares	refrentage (%)	Shares	Shares	refrentage (%)
I.	subject to restrictions on sales					
1.	RMB ordinary shares	3,257,005,885	17.97	(2,453,434,457)	803,571,428	4.43
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	Total	3,257,005,885	17.97	(2,453,434,457)	803,571,428	4.43
II.	Shares not subject to restrictions on sales					
1.	RMB ordinary shares	10,219,889,517	56.40	2,453,448,553	12,673,338,070	69.94
2.	Foreign listed shares	4,643,997,308	25.63	_	4,643,997,308	25.63
	Total	14,863,886,825	82.03	2,453,448,553	17,317,335,378	95.57
III	. Total number of shares	18,120,892,710	100.00	14,096	18,120,906,806	100.00
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PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any shares during the year ended 31 December 2023.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There is no specific provision under the articles of association of the Company regarding preemptive rights, which does not require the Company to offer new shares to existing shareholders in proportion to their existing shareholdings when there is issuance of shares.

AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Audit and Risk Management Committee of the Company has reviewed the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE

Having made specific enquiries, all Directors and Supervisors of the Company confirmed that they had complied with the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix C3 to the Rules (the "Listing Rules") Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") for the year ended 31 December 2023. The code of conduct adopted by the Company regarding securities transactions by the Directors and Supervisors is no less stringent than the Model Code.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Board considers that the Group has complied with the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Part 2 of Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules for the year ended 31 December 2023.

DIVIDENDS

Considering that the Company suffered an operating loss for year of 2023, which does not meet the conditions for profit distribution as required under the Articles of Association of the Company, the Board did not recommend any payment of cash dividend or conversion of capital reserve into share capital or other profit distribution of the Company for the year of 2023. The proposal in relation to the profit distribution plan is still subject to the consideration and approval of the shareholders' general meeting of the Company.

2024 OUTLOOK

Looking ahead into 2024, with global inflation steadily declining and China's economic recovery accelerating, the global economy will confront various challenges due to the impacts of tightening monetary policies and geopolitical conflicts. According to the International Monetary Fund's projection, global economic growth is expected to be 3.1% in 2024.

In 2024, as the fundamentals of China's economy, which is resilient, promising, dynamic and long-term positive, remain unchanged, China is expected to consolidate and boost the momentum of economic recovery and continuously promote the effective improvement in quality and reasonable expansion in quantity of its economy.

Facing the complex and severe domestic and international situation, the Group will be prepared to respond to various risks and challenges, comprehensively advance high-quality development to ensure sustainable and high-quality safety. It will enhance and improve operational standards, fully strengthen service control, accelerate the implementation of significant strategies, practically facilitate the deepening and improvement of reform and constantly stride forward towards the goal of building the Group into a world-class aviation transportation enterprise.

1. Firmly guarding the safety bottom line and continuously improving safety quality

The Group will coordinate development and safety, establish the concept of "big safety" and utilize the seven safety systems to improve the safety governance capability. We will promote the deep integration of system functions and digital technology with safety production and operation and achieve the comprehensive optimization of safety management procedures; we will conduct strict management on safety officer team and enhance the members' capabilities on safe duty performance; we will carry out strict management on the qualifications of flight teams and regularly organize performance appraisal in a scientific manner; we will strictly respond to flight safety, adverse weather and other traditional risks and attach great importance to non-traditional safety factors and risks; we will facilitate the digital transformation of safety work and enhance the risk prevention capabilities through technological means. In 2024, the Group will continue to maintain the stable trend of safety operation.

2. Reinforcing core market competitiveness and improving operation

The Group will comprehensively improve the core market competitiveness, solve key constraints and focus on quality and efficiency improvement. We will strengthen the connection and coordination of core hubs and network and vigorously advance complete access to the network; we will facilitate the implementation of the customer management system and develop customer operation capabilities covering all the online and offline touchpoints; we will refine the establishment of product systems and diversify product portfolios for personalized demands; we will deepen the building of ecosystems and expand the cooperation with industrial segments; we will reinforce the core competitiveness in cargo transport and transform the Company towards a provider of logistic services covering the whole value chain. We will boost support to the digital transformation and focus on the development in digital marketing, intelligent logistics and digital operation; we will improve the efficiency of cost management and refined management.

3. Continuously improving the operation quality to create a top service brand

The Group will continue to improve operational efficiency, comprehensively enhance service quality and further advance brand building. We will further promote the integrated operation, optimize the business structure of operation control and improve the appraisal model on the value of management work; we will enhance the aircraft utilization rate, further explore the potential of fuel saving and improve the level of refined operation and management; we will deepen the integration of services with marketing and operation and perfect the closed-loop management mechanism covering the full lifecycle of services and products; we will establish the characteristic brand management system of CSA and continuously build the core hub brand, the "affinity and refinement" service brand and the "Green Flight" responsibility brand.

4. Accelerating the implementation of strategies and continuously expanding the development space

The Group will maintain strategic focus, implement strategic targets on high-quality development and explore and invest in strategic and emerging industries. We will build the Beijing hub with high quality, make every effort to secure the release of time slots at Daxing Airport and improve the transit capability; we will enhance the market control in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and expand the remote coverage of networks; we will further promote the optimization of the five major structures, intensify the lean management of the fleet and facilitate the adjustment of the industrial structure; we will further promote the digital transformation, speed up the construction of IT R&D ecology and platform, establish the route operation management system and realize whole-process resource management and efficient collaboration from scheduling to execution of flight plans.

5. Promoting the deepening and improvement of reform and stimulating impetus and vitality

The Group will deepen and improve reform and vigorously promote the reform of systems and mechanisms. We will continue to improve the modern corporate governance of state-owned enterprises with Chinese characteristics and optimize relevant systems of the board of directors and management; we will improve the market-oriented operation mechanism, promote the tenure system and contractual management to the Group's subsidiaries and facilitate the refined management of total salary and labor costs; we will step up efforts in achieving breakthroughs in significant technological innovation, speed up the transformation of technological achievements and advance the professional integration of businesses; we will establish high-quality supply chain management systems and accelerate the standardization of aircraft maintenance covering all fields such as production operation and engineering technology.

PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WEBSITES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE COMPANY

The 2023 annual report of the Company, which contains consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, with an unmodified auditor's report, and all other information required under Appendix D2 to the Listing Rules will be despatched to the shareholders of the Company and published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.csair.com) in due course.

By order of the Board
China Southern Airlines Company Limited
Chen Wei Hua and Liu Wei
Joint Company Secretaries

Guangzhou, the People's Republic of China 27 March 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Directors include Ma Xu Lun, Han Wen Sheng and Luo Lai Jun as executive Directors; and Pansy Catilina Chiu King Ho, Gu Hui Zhong, Guo Wei and Cai Hong Ping as independent non-executive Directors.