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天臣控股有限公司

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of Tesson Holdings Limited (the "Company" and together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") is pleased to announce the consolidated results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023, together with the audited comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2022, as follows:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Continuing operation			
Revenue	3	129,159	94,399
Cost of sales		(126,967)	(86,383)
Gross profit		2,192	8,016

	Notes	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Other income and loss, net Distribution and selling expenses Administrative expenses	4	23,857 (4,760) (117,525)	6,547 (5,934) (126,539)
Loss from operation Finance costs	6	(96,236) (4,777)	(117,910) (6,771)
Loss before tax Income tax expenses	7	(101,013)	(124,681)
Loss for the year from continuing operation	8	(101,013)	(124,681)
Discontinued operation Loss for the year from discontinued operation	15		(103,334)
Loss for the year		(101,013)	(228,015)
Other comprehensive expenses Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss: Exchange differences on translating foreign operations Foreign currency translation reserve reclassified to profit or loss upon disposal of subsidiaries.		(10,444)	(69,601)
to profit or loss upon disposal of subsidiaries			(21,504)
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		(111,457)	(319,120)
(Deficiency)/surplus arising on revaluation of property, plant and equipment Deferred tax effect arising on revaluation		(2,115)	48,227
of property, plant and equipment		528	(8,120)
Total comprehensive expenses for the year		(113,044)	(279,013)

	Notes	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Loss for the year attributable to:			
Owners of the Company			
Loss from continuing operation		(89,726)	(99,249)
Loss from discontinued operation			(96,812)
Loss attributable to owners of the Company		(89,726)	(196,061)
Non-controlling interests			
Loss from continuing operation		(11,287)	(25,432)
Loss from discontinued operation			(6,522)
Loss attributable to non-controlling interests		(11,287)	(31,954)
		(101,013)	(228,015)
Total comprehensive expenses for the year attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		(93,493) (19,551)	(207,385) (71,628)
Tron controlling interests			(71,020)
		(113,044)	(279,013)
Loss per share from continuing and			
discontinued operation	10	(C 0 =)	(4 E E A)
Basic (HK cents per share)		(6.05)	(15.54)
Diluted (HK cents per share)		(6.05)	(15.54)
Loss per share from continuing operation			
Basic (HK cents per share)		(6.05)	(7.87)
Diluted (HK cents per share)		(6.05)	(7.87)
Loss per share from discontinued operation			
Basic (HK cents per share)		N/A	(7.67)
Diluted (HK cents per share)		N/A	(7.67)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Deposits paid for acquisition of property,		203,463	273,319
plant and equipment Right-of-use assets	_	635 60,496	2,077 78,045
		264,594	353,441
Current assets Inventories Trade, bills and other receivables, deposits and prepayments	11	40,504 291,284	36,599 300,458
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Bank and cash balances	_	50 2,598	104 6,252
		334,436	343,413
Current liabilities Trade and other payables Contract liabilities Borrowings Lease liabilities Amount due to the Controlling Shareholder	12 13 14	305,254 3,541 48,113 3,679 539	278,468 5,342 52,785 4,152 545
	_	361,126	341,292
Net current (liabilities)/assets	_	(26,690)	2,121
Total assets less current liabilities		237,904	355,562

	Notes	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities		1,513	5,341
Deferred tax liabilities		8,870	9,656
		10,383	14,997
NET ASSETS	_	227,521	340,565
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		148,349	148,349
Reserves		269,678	380,427
Equity attributable to owners of			
the Company		418,027	528,776
Non-controlling interests	_	(190,506)	(188,211)
TOTAL EQUITY		227,521	340,565

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated in Bermuda as an exempted company with limited liability. In the opinion of the directors of the Company (the "Directors"), the Company's controlling shareholder is Double Key International Limited (the "Controlling Shareholder"), a company incorporated in British Virgin Islands with limited liability. The address of its registered office and principal place of business are Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda and Room 401A, Empire Centre, 68 Mody Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong respectively. The Company's shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

The Company is an investment holding company. In 2022, the Group had discontinued its property development business, as well as the cultural industry related business, including large-scale event production and themed museums, and architectural design and engineering (the "Property and Cultural Business"). In 2023, the Group principally engaged in the manufacturing and sale of lithium ion motive battery, lithium ion battery module, battery charging devices, battery materials machines and production lines, new energy solution and sale of relevant equipment, investments holding and import and export trading (the "Lithium Ion Motive Battery Business").

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards and Interpretations (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The Group's consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for property, plant and equipment, and certain financial instruments, which are measured at revalued amounts or fair values. These consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$") and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise indicated.

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires the use of key assumptions and estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the accounting policies.

(a) Adoption of new/revised HKFRSs - effective 1 January 2023

The following amendments to standards have been adopted by the Group for the first time for the financial year beginning on 1 January 2023:

HKFRS 17	Insurance Contracts
HKAS 1	Amendments in relation to Disclosure of Accounting Policies
HKAS 8	Amendments in relation to Definition of Accounting Estimates
HKAS 12	Amendments in relation to International Tax Reform - Pillar Two Model
	Rules
HKAS 12	Amendments in relation to Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities
	arising from a Single Transaction

(b) New/revised HKFRSs that have been issued but not yet effective

The following new and revised amendments to HKFRSs have been issued but are not effective for the financial year beginning on 1 January 2023, and have not been early adopted by the Group.

		Effective for annual periods beginning on or after
HK-int 5	Amendments in relation to Amendments to HKAS 1	1 January 2024
HKFRS 16	Amendments in relation to Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	1 January 2024
HKAS 1	Amendments in relation to Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	1 January 2024
HKAS 1	Amendments in relation to Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	1 January 2024
HKFRS 7 and	Amendments in relation to Supplier Finance	1 January 2024
HKAS 7	Arrangements	
HKAS 21	Amendments in relation to Lack of Exchangeability	1 January 2025
HKFRS 10 and	Amendments in relation to Sale or Contribution of Assets	TBD
HKAS 28	between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	

3. REVENUE

The Group's revenue was derived from lithium ion motive battery products sold and internet sales during the year and last year. Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers is set out as below. For both years, all revenue generated by the Group were derived from the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") and recognised at a point in time when the customers obtain control of the goods or services.

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Lithium ion motive battery products	129,159	93,791
Property development and cultural service	_	7,809
Internet sales		608
	129,159	102,208
Representing		
Continuing operation	129,159	94,399
Discontinued operation (Note 15)		7,809
	129,159	102,208
4. OTHER INCOME AND LOSS, NET		
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest income	334	332
Government grants	63	306
Gain on disposal of scrap products	5,623	1,565
Gain on disposal of right-of-use assets	8,114	_
Gain on waiver of account payable	17,401	_
Fire insurance claim income for the written off property, plant and		5,577
equipment Gain on disposal of the subsidiary	_	25
Rental income	_	1,006
Impairment loss on trade receivables	(709)	(1,435)
(Impairment loss)/reversal of impairment loss on other receivables	(7,050)	2,409
Written off of property, plant and equipment	_	(2,653)
Others	81	665
	23,857	7,797
Representing		
Continuing operation	23,857	6,547
Discontinued operation (Note 15)		1,250
	23,857	7,797

5. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group's reportable segments are strategic business units that offer different products. They are managed separately because each business unit requires different technology and marketing strategies. During the year, the Group's revenue was derived from the Lithium Ion Motive Battery Business and internet sales, (the "Internet Sales Business"). In the prior year, the Group's revenue was derived from the Lithium Ion Motive Battery Business, Internet Sales Business and Property and Cultural Business, the discontinued operation.

Segment profits or losses do not include unallocated corporate income and expenses. Segment assets do not include unallocated corporate assets. Segment liabilities do not include unallocated corporate liabilities.

Information about profit or loss, assets and liabilities of the reportable segments:

	Conti	nuing Operatio	n	Discontinued Operation	
	Lithium Ion Motive Battery	Internet Sales		Property and Cultural	
	Business	Business	Total	Business	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Year ended 31 December 2023					
Revenue from external customers	129,159	_	129,159	_	129,159
Segment loss	(71,486)	(7,601)	(79,087)	-	(79,087)
Depreciation	64,576	65	64,641	-	64,641
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	4,203	451	4,654	-	4,654
Additions to segment	- 1				
non-current assets	6,571		6,571		6,571
At 31 December 2023					
Segment assets	594,943	2,621	597,564	_	597,564
Segment liabilities	270,788	2,219	273,007		273,007
Year ended 31 December 2022					
Revenue from external customers	93,791	608	94,399	7,809	102,208
Segment loss	(93,331)	(3,462)	(96,793)	(103,334)	(200,127)
Depreciation	57,563	65	57,628	319	57,947
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	4,992	474	5,466	2,064	7,530
Additions to segment					
non-current assets	22,402		22,402	303	22,705
At 31 December 2022					
Segment assets	687,009	4,385	691,394	_	691,394
Segment liabilities	254,818	2,779	257,597	_	257,597

Reconciliations of reportable segment revenue, profit or loss, assets and liabilities:

2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
129,159	102,208
	(7,809)
129,159	94,399
(79,087)	(200,127)
(21,926)	(27,888)
	103,334
(101,013)	(124,681)
597,564	691,394
1,466	5,460
599,030	696,854
273,007	257,597
98,502	98,692
371,509	356,289
	129,159

Geographical information

All revenue generated by the Group were derived from the PRC.

In 2023, 2 customers (2022: nil) individually contributed over 10% of total revenue of the Group.

In presenting the geographical information, revenue is based on the location of the customers. At the end of the year, the non-current assets of the Group were located as follows:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Non-current assets		
Hong Kong	634	1,424
The PRC	263,960	352,017
	264,594	353,441

6. FINANCE COSTS

		2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
	Interest expenses on borrowings Lease interests	4,166 611	10,814 1,177
	Less: Interest capitalisation	4,777 	11,991 (4,824)
		4,777	7,167
	Representing Continuing operation Discontinued operation (Note 15)	4, 777	6,771 396
		4,777	7,167
7.	INCOME TAX EXPENSES		
		2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
	PRC Enterprise Income Tax expenses for the year		4
	Representing		
	Continuing operation Discontinued operation (Note 15)		4
			4

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax was required since the Group has no assessable profit in Hong Kong for the years presented.

According to the Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax, all group companies operating in the PRC are subject to the applicable tax rate of 25%, except for certain subsidiaries that are qualified for the tax benefit of being the National High-tech Enterprise, that are entitled to a preferential tax rate of 15% during the reporting years.

8. LOSS FOR THE YEAR

a) The Group's loss for the year is stated after charging/(crediting) the following:

		2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
	Auditor's remuneration	900	1,000
	Cost of inventories sold	126,967	86,383
	Depreciation	64,672	58,221
	Depreciation of right-of-use assets	7,419	6,218
	Gain on disposal of right-of-use assets	(8,114)	_
	Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	12	1,874
	Fair value loss/(gain) on financial assets at fair value		
	through profit or loss	54	(50)
	Research and development expenses	24,351	20,586
	Staff costs (including directors' remuneration):		
	Salaries, bonus and allowances	27,837	33,788
b)	Retirement benefits (Reversal of impairment loss)/impairment loss and written-off	on various assets:	3,825
b)			3,825 2022 HK\$'000
b)	(Reversal of impairment loss)/impairment loss and written-off Impairment loss/(reversal of impairment loss) on various assets Impairment loss on trade receivables	on various assets:	2022
b)	(Reversal of impairment loss)/impairment loss and written-off Impairment loss/(reversal of impairment loss) on various assets	on various assets: 2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
b)	(Reversal of impairment loss)/impairment loss and written-off Impairment loss/(reversal of impairment loss) on various assets Impairment loss on trade receivables Impairment loss/(reversal of impairment loss) on other	on various assets: 2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
b)	(Reversal of impairment loss)/impairment loss and written-off Impairment loss/(reversal of impairment loss) on various assets Impairment loss on trade receivables Impairment loss/(reversal of impairment loss) on other	709 7,050	2022 HK\$'000 1,435 (2,409)

9. DIVIDENDS

The Directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend for the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: Nil).

10. LOSS PER SHARE

Basic loss per share

The calculation of basic loss per share attributable to owners of the Company is based on the weighted average number of 1,483,486,700 (2022: 1,261,531,347) ordinary shares in issue during the year, and loss for the year attributable to owners of the Company as follows:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Loss for the year attributable to owners of the Company From continued operation From discontinued operation	(89,726)	(99,249) (96,812)
From continuing and discontinued operation	(89,726)	(196,061)

Diluted loss per share

No diluted loss per share is presented as the Company did not have any dilutive potential ordinary shares during the two years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

11. TRADE, BILLS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade receivables	30,239	14,174
Less: Impairment losses	(2,067)	(1,398)
	28,172	12,776
Bills receivable	578	_
Value-added tax receivables	11,055	12,362
Consideration receivable from the vendor of		
disposals of subsidiaries	11,013	11,317
Amounts due from the subsidiaries disposed	209,620	230,163
Prepayment, deposits and other receivables	30,846	33,840
	291,284	300,458

Trade receivables

The Group allows an average credit period of 30 to 60 days to its customers which are state-owned enterprise or those with guarantee provided, and cash on delivery for all other customers. The following is an aging analysis of trade receivables, presented based on the invoice date at the end of the years:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
0 to 60 days	26,041	8,086
61 to 90 days	298	2,150
Over 90 days	1,833	2,540
	28,172	12,776

Trade and bills receivables that are not impaired

The Group applies the simplified approach under HKFRS 9 "Financial Instrument" to provide for expected credit losses using the lifetime expected loss provision for all trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The expected credit losses also incorporate forward looking information.

	Current HK\$'000	Less than 60 days past due HK\$'000	60 days and less than 1 year HK\$'000	Over 1 year HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 31 December 2023					
Weighted average expected					
loss rate	0%	0%	0%	53%	
Receivable amount	24,454	2,464	3	3,896	30,817
Loss allowance	-	-	-	(2,067)	(2,067)
At 31 December 2022					
Weighted average expected					
loss rate	0%	0%	0%	45%	
Receivable amount	10,633	416	_	3,125	14,174
Loss allowance				(1,398)	(1,398)

Trade receivables that were not past due relate to a wide range of customers who has no recent history of default. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

Trade receivables that were past due but not impaired relate to a number of independent customers that have a good track record with the Group. Based on past experience, the management believes that no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of these balances as there has not been a significant change in credit quality and the balances are still considered fully recoverable.

12. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

13.

		2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Trade payables Amounts payable on acquisition of property, plant as Amount due to a subsidiary disposed Accruals and other payables	nd equipment	77,795 112,554 — 114,905	40,302 126,736 2,853 108,577
		305,254	278,468
An aging analysis of trade payables at the end of follows:	f the reporting per	iod, based on invo	pice dates, is as
		2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
0 to 60 days 61 to 90 days Over 90 days		29,182 8,056 40,557	12,806 314 27,182
		77,795	40,302
CONTRACT LIABILITIES			
Disclosures of revenue-related items:			
	As at 31 December 2023 <i>HK\$</i> '000	As at 31 December 2022 HK\$'000	As at 1 January 2022 HK\$'000
Total contract liabilities	3,541	5,342	1,002,240
Transaction prices allocated to performance obligations unsatisfied at end of year and expected to be recognised as revenue in: - 2023 - 2024	- 3,608	6,636	
	3,608	6,636	

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Year ended 31 December Revenue recognised in the year that was included in		
contract liabilities at beginning of year	5,022	3,254
Significant changes in contract liabilities during the year:		
Increase due to operations in the year	3,377	1,773
Decrease due to disposals of subsidiaries	· -	(905,506)
Currency realignment	(137)	(89,824)
Transfer of contract liabilities to revenue	(5,041)	(3,341)
A contract liability represents the Group's obligation to transfer prowhich the Group has received consideration from the customer.	oducts or services to a	customer for

14. BORROWINGS

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Other borrowing	48,113	52,785
At 31 December 2023, other borrowing was denominated in HK\$, unso. The effective interest rates per annum at the end of the years were as f	- ·	le within 1 year.
	2023	2022
Borrowings: Fixed-rate	8.00%	8.00%
The borrowings are repayable as follows:		
	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
On demand or within one year	48,113	52,785

15. DISPOSAL OF SUBSIDIARIES

16.

On 10 October 2022, the Group disposed 64.6% indirectly owned subsidiary Nanjing Rongzhou Cultural Industry Investment Company Limited* (南京容州文化產業投資有限公司) at cash consideration of RMB20,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$23,238,000) to an independent third party.

No results and cash flow were arisen from the Property and Cultural Business for the year.

Financial information relating to the comparative period is extracted from the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 as below.

		2022 HK\$'000
Loss from discontinued operation Loss on disposal of discontinued operation		(14,620) (88,714)
	,	(103,334)
Net assets at the date of disposal were as follows:		
		2022 HK\$'000
Net assets disposed of Release of foreign currency translation reserve Non-controlling interests		133,987 (21,645) (1,177)
Direct transaction costs incurred Loss on disposal of subsidiaries		111,165 787 (88,714)
Consideration	,	23,238
From discontinued operation: Basic loss per share (cents per share) Diluted loss per share (cents per share)	,	(7.67) (7.67)
CAPITAL COMMITMENTS		
The Group's capital commitments at the end of the year are as follows:		
	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Contracted but not provided for - Property, plant and equipment - Investment in an associate	34,265 19,823	40,759 27,161
	54,088	67,920

At 31 December 2023, the acquisition of an associate was secured by the pledge of property, plant and equipment held by the Group with carrying value of approximately HK\$5,812,000 (2022: HK\$12,047,000), the acquisition is not yet completed.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW

Lithium Ion Motive Battery Business

In 2023, new energy storage technologies such as hydrogen fuel cells, sodium ion battery, compressed air energy storage, flow battery energy storage, and flywheel energy storage constantly emerged and developed, while lithium ion battery energy storage still played a key role in new energy storage technologies. Though experienced a lower yearly market growth, investments in new energy industry still increased by more than 34% in 2023 compared to last year in the PRC. Total lithium ion battery production exceeded 940GWh, representing a year-on-year increase of 25%, value of the industry's total output exceeded RMB1.4 trillion, total lithium ion battery exports increased by more than 33% and reached RMB457.4 billion.

The majority of the Group's customer was manufacturers of household appliance, electric two-wheeled vehicles and other small electric tools. During the year, solid performance was seen in the household appliance market, a growth of 7% in sales revenue was recorded comparing to last year. Certain non-traditional household products such as floor scrubbers even had a 45% increase in terms of sales quantity. Regarding new energy vehicles, a total of 6.69 million pure electric vehicles were sold in 2023 in the PRC, representing a year-on-year increase of 24.6%. Currently, the number of electric two-wheeled vehicles reached 350 million, sales volume exceeded 50 million in the two consecutive years from 2022.

Notwithstanding the increase in production scale and sales volume, product prices of the lithium ion battery dropped significantly by more than 50% during the year. The price decline was mainly driven by the increase in production capacity across the supply and industrial chains, coupled with growth in market demand which was weaker than expected. In the short run, overcapacity of the industry is likely to exert a downward pressure on the prices of the lithium ion battery products.

The overall decline in market price also caused downward adjustment on price of the Group's lithium ion battery products. Though revenue for the year increased to HK\$129,159,000, gross profit had narrowed down to HK\$2,192,000.

Internet Sales Business

The Group's Internet Sales Business was in limited operation in the year, the management will remeasure its continuance and may discontinue this business in the near future.

Prospect

In the future, the Group will better deploy its resources to further develop its current production base in Weinan in order to enlarge production capacity to meet the expected increase in sales orders. The Group will focus on research and development on production of 18650 lithium ion battery products, at the meantime explore the feasibility of production on other battery products, which may include lithium iron phosphate battery, prismatic lithium ion battery, or other kinds of battery products in order to further diversify its product portfolio and expand its customer base, eventually strengthen its position in the battery market.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue and gross profit ratio

During the year, the Group's revenue was derived from its Lithium Ion Motive Battery Business, which had been increased from HK\$93,791,000 to HK\$129,159,000 mainly due to the increase in sales to current customers. Gross profit dropped from HK\$8,016,000 to HK\$2,192,000 as a result of adjustments to product price.

Other income and loss, net

Other income and loss, net for the year increased to approximately HK\$23,857,000 (2022: HK\$6,547,000), mainly represented gain on waiver of account payables of HK\$17,401,000 and gain on disposal of right-of-use assets of HK\$8,114,000.

Distribution and selling expenses

During the year, the Group incurred distribution and selling expenses at approximately HK\$4,760,000 (2022: HK\$5,934,000) which mainly consisted of staff costs and entertainment expenses.

Administrative expenses

As the Group's Interest Sales Business was inactive in the year, together with other cost-control policy implemented, administrative expenses dropped from HK\$126,539,000 to HK\$117,525,000, which mainly represented depreciation of HK\$47,148,000 (2022: HK\$39,945,000) and staff cost of HK\$22,252,000 (2022: HK\$31,470,000).

Finance costs

Finance costs for the year decreased to approximately HK\$4,777,000 (2022: HK\$6,771,000) due to partial settlement of other borrowings during the year and late 2022.

Basic and diluted loss per share

Basic and diluted loss per share in the year ended 31 December 2023 were both (i) HK6.05 cents (2022: HK15.54 cents).

In anticipation of the funds required for the development of the Lithium Ion Motive Battery Business, the Board does not recommend the payment of a final dividend for the year.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The Group had bank and cash balances of approximately HK\$2,598,000 (31 December 2022: HK\$6,252,000). The gearing ratio of the Group (which was expressed as a percentage of total borrowings over total equity) was about 21.15% as at 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: 15.50%).

EMPLOYMENT

As at 31 December 2023, the Group had approximately 294 employees (2022: 341), most of whom were working in the Company's subsidiaries in the PRC. During the year, the total employees' costs including Directors' emoluments were approximately HK\$31,129,000 (2022: HK\$37,613,000).

The Group has developed its human resources policies and procedures based on performance and merit. Employees are rewarded on a performance basis within the general framework of its salary and bonus system. Discretionary bonus is linked to the performance of the Group as well as individual performance. Benefits include staff accommodation, medical schemes, share option scheme, Mandatory Provident Fund for employees in Hong Kong and state-sponsored retirement plans for employees in the PRC. The Group has also developed training programs for its management and employees to promote career advancement of the staffs.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

Since sales and purchase for the Lithium Ion Motive Battery Business are denominated in RMB, the management considers that the Group's exposure to exchange risks is minimal. However, the Company faces foreign exchange risks when it conducts fund raising activities in Hong Kong (in HK\$) and remits funds to its subsidiaries in the PRC (in RMB). The Board will continue to monitor foreign exchange exposure in the future.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2023, the Group did not have any material contingent liabilities (2022: nil).

PLEDGE OF ASSETS

Details of pledged assets as at 31 December 2023 are set out in Note 16 to this announcement.

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 1 February 2024, the Company completed the rights issue to the qualifying shareholders on the basis of three (3) rights share for every four (4) existing shares held on the record date at the subscription price of HK\$0.1 per rights share on a non-underwritten basis, as a result, a total of 593,365,583 rights shares were allotted and issued. As at the date of this announcement, 2,076,852,283 ordinary shares were issued by the Company.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

During the year ended 31 December 2023, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company's corporate governance practices are based on the principles (the "**Principles**") and code provisions (the "**Code Provisions**") as set out in the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report (the "**CG Code**") contained in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "**Listing Rules**").

The Company and the Directors strive to follow the internal control manuals and put in place sufficient resources to comply with the CG Code. During the year ended 31 December 2023, save for the deviations disclosed below, the Company had complied with all the applicable provisions set out in the CG Code:

Pursuant to the Code Provision C.1.6, independent non-executive Directors and non-executive Directors should attend general meetings of the Company. However, two independent non-executive Directors were absent from the annual general meeting of the Company held on 23 June 2023 due to other business commitments. To ensure compliance with the CG Code in the future, the Company has arranged and will continue to arrange to furnish all Directors with appropriate information on all general meetings of the Company and take all reasonable measures to schedule meetings in such a way that all Directors can attend the general meetings.

Code Provision C.2.1 of the CG Code stipulates the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Tin Kong has been serving as the chairman and the chief executive officer of the Company (the "CEO") following the resignation of Mr. Sheng Siguang as the CEO which was effective from 1 August 2019. Such practice deviates from Code Provision C.2.1 of the CG Code. The Board considers that consolidation of these roles by Mr. Tin Kong provides strong and consistent leadership to the Company which facilitates effective planning and efficient management of the Company. The Board will keep reviewing this arrangement from time to time and should candidate with suitable knowledge, skill and experience be identified, the Company will make an appointment to fill the post as appropriate.

The Board will continue to review and improve the corporate governance practices and standards of the Company to ensure the business activities and decision making processes of the Company are regulated in a proper and prudent manner.

DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transaction by Directors of Listed Issuer (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules for securities transactions.

Having made specific enquiry with all Directors, the Company is pleased to report that the Directors confirmed that they had complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code during the year ended 31 December 2023. The Model Code also applies to other specified senior management of the Group.

REVIEW BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company has reviewed the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed with the management its risk management and internal controls systems and financial reporting matters including the review of the annual results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

SCOPE OF WORK OF ZHONGHUI ANDA CPA LIMITED

The figures in respect of the Group's consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, and the related notes thereto for the year ended 31 December 2023 as set out in this announcement have been agreed by the Group's auditor, ZHONGHUI ANDA CPA Limited, to the amounts set out in the Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. The work performed by ZHONGHUI ANDA CPA Limited in this respect did not constitute an assurance engagement in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and consequently no assurance has been expressed by ZHONGHUI ANDA CPA Limited on this announcement.

PUBLICATION OF THE ANNUAL RESULTS AND ANNUAL REPORT

This announcement is published on the respective websites of the Stock Exchange (https://www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (http://www.tessonholdings.com). The annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023 containing all the information as required by the Listing Rules will be available on the aforesaid websites and dispatched to the Shareholders in due course.

By order of the Board
TESSON HOLDINGS LIMITED
Tin Kong

Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 28 March 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Tin Kong, Mr. Chan Wei, Ms. Cheng Hung Mui, Ms. Liu Liu and Ms. Yu Xiaolei as executive Directors, and Dr. Ng Ka Wing, Mr. See Tak Wah and Mr. Wang Jinlin as independent non-executive Directors.

* for identification purpose only