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中國水務集團有限公司*

China Water Affairs Group Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 855)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		2025	2024	Changes
		HK\$ million	HK\$ million	%
		,	,	<i>Note</i> (1)
Revenue	Total	11,655.6	12,858.5	(9.4)
	Pipeline direct drinking water supply operations and pipeline direct drinking water supply			
	installation and maintenance services Pipeline direct drinking water supply construction	357.9	426.0	(16.0)
	services	219.8	1,274.6	(82.8)
	City water supply operations and city water supply installation and maintenance services	4,858.2	4,969.1	(2.2)
	City water supply construction services	2,832.8	3,927.6	(27.9)
	Sewage treatment and drainage operations services Sewage treatment and water environmental	641.4	377.4	69.9
	renovation construction services	729.5	654.5	11.5
Segment profit	Pipeline direct drinking water supply	243.2	591.7	(58.9)
C I	City water supply	2,492.9	2,490.2	0.1
	Environmental protection	555.8	354.2	56.9
EBITDA (Note		4,720.0	5,152.5	(8.4)
	ling expected credit loss on trade and other receivables, n on investment properties and write-down of			
	operties held for sale which are non-cash nature	5,256.6	5,162.5	1.8
	ear attributable to owners of the Company	1,074.7	1,533.5	(29.9)
Earnings per sh	are – Basic	HK\$0.66	HK\$0.94	(29.8)
Final dividend	per share	HK15 cents	HK15 cents	_
1	The average exchange rate of Renminbi to Hong inancial reporting purpose depreciated by approxecures ponding year.			

(2) Calculated as profit before finance costs, income tax, depreciation and amortisation.

^{*} For identification purpose only

RESULTS

The Board of Directors (the "Directors") of China Water Affairs Group Limited (the "Company") announces the consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 31 March 2025 together with the comparative figures for the previous year as follows:

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Revenue	3	11,655,565	12,858,515
Cost of sales	-	(7,250,587)	(8,082,551)
Gross profit		4,404,978	4,775,964
Other income, net Selling and distribution costs Administrative expenses Expected credit loss on trade and other receivables	3	544,506 (222,035) (702,201) (497,735)	372,709 (265,942) (822,560) (10,000)
Operating profit	5	3,527,513	4,050,171
Finance costs Share of results of associates	6	(847,116) 69,748	(724,654) 44,141
Profit before income tax		2,750,145	3,369,658
Income tax expense	7	(722,067)	(778,301)
Profit for the year	<u>.</u>	2,028,078	2,591,357

	Notes	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Profit for the year attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		1,074,663	1,533,543
Non-controlling interests		953,415	1,057,814
		2,028,078	2,591,357
Earnings per share for profit attributable to owners of the Company during the year	9	HK\$	HK\$
owners of the company during the year		1114	Πη
Basic		0.66	0.94
Diluted		0.66	0.94

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Profit for the year	2,028,078	2,591,357
Other comprehensive loss Items that have been or may be reclassified subsequently		
to profit or loss: - Currency translation - Recycling of currency translation differences	(315,316)	(1,617,922)
upon deregistration or disposal of subsidiaries, net	(1,130)	26
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		
 Change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income Share of other comprehensive income/(loss) 	13,397	(111,890)
of an associate	17,068	(5,128)
Other comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax	(285,981)	(1,734,914)
Total comprehensive income for the year	1,742,097	856,443
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	880,949	227,264
Non-controlling interests	861,148	629,179
	1,742,097	856,443

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		2,532,627	3,422,496
Right-of-use assets		1,332,683	1,388,089
Investment properties		1,457,690	1,306,249
Investment in associates		2,266,806	2,151,263
Financial assets at fair value through other		2/1.211	245,220
comprehensive income		361,214	345,320
Goodwill		1,362,565	1,371,118
Other intangible assets Propagator deposits and other receivebles		34,155,770	31,847,158 686,960
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables Contract assets		679,244 2,080,110	1,798,014
Receivables under service concession		2,000,110	1,790,014
arrangements		2,043,187	2,049,741
urungement			
		48,271,896	46,366,408
		10,271,070	10,500,100
Current assets			
Properties under development		610,162	1,199,731
Properties held for sale		1,328,890	1,049,150
Inventories		672,520	667,498
Contract assets		2,936,615	2,220,961
Receivables under service concession			
arrangements		151,464	120,796
Trade and bills receivables	10	2,527,194	2,135,973
Financial assets at fair value through profit or			
loss		5,435	491,668
Amounts due from non-controlling equity			
holders of subsidiaries		394,652	214,792
Amounts due from associates		1,118,031	394,240
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		2,424,756	2,830,658
Pledged deposits		678,233	745,396
Cash and cash equivalents		4,771,795	4,804,799
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		17,619,747	16,875,662

	Notes	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Current liabilities			
Lease liabilities		47,059	38,613
Contract liabilities		854,323	1,069,563
Trade and bills payables	11	8,087,089	6,849,362
Accrued liabilities, deposits received and other payables		2,995,083	2,685,314
Amounts due to associates		29,995	21,764
Borrowings		5,735,988	6,971,524
Amounts due to non-controlling equity holders			
of subsidiaries		212,917	126,857
Provision for tax		3,446,970	2,984,412
		21,409,424	20,747,409
Net current liabilities		(3,789,677)	(3,871,747)
Total assets less current liabilities		44,482,219	42,494,661
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings		19,449,230	17,878,737
Lease liabilities		408,271	332,314
Contract liabilities		249,810	254,574
Amounts due to non-controlling equity holders			010.406
of subsidiaries Deferred government grants		777,323	818,436 190,700
Deferred tax liabilities		180,534 1,544,365	1,567,358
Deferred tax fraomities			1,307,330
		22,609,533	21,042,119
Net assets		21,872,686	21,452,542
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of			
the Company Share capital		16,323	16,323
Reserves		13,155,624	12,770,470
		13,171,947	12,786,793
Non-controlling interests		8,700,739	8,665,749
Total equity		21,872,686	21,452,542

Notes:

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS"). The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investment properties, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, which are carried at fair value.

As at 31 March 2025, the Group's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by approximately HK\$3,790 million. Whilst the Group has cash and cash equivalents of HK\$4,772 million, the current liabilities are significant which would require the Group to accelerate its collection of receivables and to secure sufficient financing to meet with its obligation as and when they fall due.

In view of such circumstances, the directors of the Company have given careful consideration to the future liquidity and performance of the Group and its available sources of financing in assessing whether the Group will have sufficient financial resources to continue as a going concern, taking into consideration a number of plans and measures as set out below:

On 21 March 2025, the Company, Silver Dragon Water Supply Group Limited ("Silver Dragon") and Silver Dragon Water Affairs Investments Co., Ltd. (being the "Silver Dragon Water Affairs") (both of which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company), entered into the equity investment agreement with Taikang Assets Management Co., Ltd ("Taikang Assets"), pursuant to which, Taikang Assets has conditionally agreed to invest RMB1.5 billion (equivalent to approximately HK\$1.6 billion) into Silver Dragon Water Affairs by cash in return for the equity interests in the Silver Dragon Water Affairs. The first tranche of RMB1.3 billion was completed on 15 May 2025 and the corresponding proceed was received on 15 May 2025. The second tranche of RMB0.2 billion will be completed before 31 December 2025 after the approval by Taikang Asset's internal investment committee.

The proceeds from this investment are being strategically deployed to strengthen the Group's financial position. The funds will be used to repay external borrowings, support planned capital expenditure, fulfil payment to creditors, and to finance the general working capital of Silver Dragon Water Affairs and the Group.

Besides, the Group is also actively looking for other strategic investors to invest in the Group so as to enhance the capital structure and reduce overall financing expenses of the Group.

As at 31 March 2025, the Group had unutilised committed banking facilities of approximately HK\$1,993 million in the PRC and unutilised committed banking facilities of HK\$719 million in Hong Kong, both of which are for general working capital purpose. The Group has letter of intent received from various local PRC banks to provide credit facilities to the Group totalling of approximately HK\$8,140 million. Also, the Group has obtained approval from National Association of Financial Market Institutional Investors for the issuance of RMB3,000 million panda bond of which RMB700 million was issued within the financial year ended 31 March 2025. Subsequent to 31 March 2025, the Group has obtained new borrowings for general working capital purpose in Hong Kong amounting to HK\$833 million and HK\$1,290 million in the PRC, mainly for its projects.

The Group has maintained good track record in compliance with the terms and conditions of its existing borrowings. The directors of the Company are confident that the aforementioned financing arrangement will be available as and when needed for the next twelve months from 31 March 2025.

- As at 31 March 2025, the Group had contract assets of HK\$2,937 million, trade and bills receivables of HK\$2,527 million (of which HK\$943 million are over 180 days due), and other receivables of HK\$2,117 million. To improve the Group's liquidity position, management has implemented a dedicated plan focused on the improvement in turnover and collection of its current assets. This involves proactively pursuing the collection of outstanding amounts, particularly the aged and construction-related receivables, through more direct communication with the local governments and agreement of repayment schedules.
- As at 31 March 2025, the Group had trade and bills payables of HK\$8,087 million amongst which HK\$2,499 million was over 180 days overdue and other payables of HK\$2,504 million. The Group will reduce these liabilities by using the cash proceeds from the Taikang Assets investment, other available financing and collection of receivables balances. The directors of the Company are of the view that they have the ability to manage the progress of the projects from time to time and will negotiate with the creditors to agree on settlement schedules.

Alongside this, a key component of the Group's plan is to control its capital expenditure. Based on the Group's latest understanding of relevant local government policies and the overall economic conditions, management is actively optimising its project pipeline to prioritise essential investments and defer non-core projects, thereby reducing capital expenditure while meeting its operational needs.

The directors of the Company have reviewed the Group's cash flow projections prepared by management which covers a period of not less than twelve months from 31 March 2025. After assessing the Group's current and forecasted cash positions, the directors of the Company are of the opinion that, (i) considering the equity investment by Taikang Assets, (ii) the available financing resources, (iii) the dedicated plan for collection of receivables balances, (iv) the agreement of settlement schedules and (v) the management of capital expenditure, the Group will have sufficient working capital to finance its operations and to meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due within twelve months from 31 March 2025. Accordingly, the directors of the Company consider that it is appropriate to prepare the Group's consolidated financial statements on a going concern basis.

2. NEW AND AMENDED STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE GROUP

During the year, the Group adopted the following new and amended standards which are mandatory for the year ended 31 March 2025.

HKAS 1 (Amendments)

HKAS 1 (Amendments)

HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7 (Amendments)

HKFRS 16 (Amendments)

HKGRS 16 (Amendments)

HKFRS 16 (Amendments)

HKFRS 16 (Amendments)

HONG Kong Interpretation 5 (Revised)

Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

Non-current Liabilities with Covenants

Supplier Finance Arrangements

Lease Liability in Sale and Leaseback

Presentation of Financial Statements – Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that Contains a

Repayment on Demand Clause

The above new and amended standards adopted by the Group did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

3. REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

Revenue derived from the Group's principal activities, which is also the Group's turnover, recognised during the year is as follows:

	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Revenue:	πφ σσσ	m_{ψ} 000
Point in time		
City water supply operations	3,525,711	3,310,678
Pipeline direct drinking water supply operations	314,587	293,426
Sales of goods (Note 1)	1,097,504	490,854
Sales of properties	333,839	187,351
Others	277,106	250,229
	5,548,747	4,532,538
Overtime		
City water supply installation and maintenance		
services	1,332,454	1,658,418
Pipeline direct drinking water supply installation and	42.262	122.560
maintenance services City water supply construction services	43,263 2,832,823	132,560 3,927,636
Pipeline direct drinking water supply construction	2,032,023	3,927,030
services	219,760	1,274,642
Sewage treatment and drainage operations services	641,414	377,438
Sewage treatment and water environmental renovation		
construction services	729,528	654,534
Hotel and rental income	109,389	108,726
Finance income	58,550	54,811
Handling income Others	41,965 97,672	41,681 95,531
Others		93,331
	6,106,818	8,325,977
Total	11,655,565	12,858,515
Other income, net:		
Interest income	185,482	191,674
Government grants and subsidies (<i>Note 2</i>)	144,256	193,393
Amortisation of deferred government grants	10,425	13,205
Dividend income from financial assets	6,465	5,542
Fair value gain on investment properties	55,908	_
Gain/(loss) on disposal of other intangible assets, net Gain/(loss) on deregistration or disposal of	214	(866)
subsidiaries, net	28,960	(6,515)
Gain/(loss) on disposal of property, plant and		
equipment, net	179	(1,009)
Gain/(loss) on disposal of right-of-use assets	4,410	(406)
Miscellaneous income/(loss), net	108,207	(22,309)
Total	544,506	372,709

Notes:

- 1. Sales of goods included sales of pipeline direct drinking water equipment of HK\$78,121,000 (2024: HK\$23,942,000).
- 2. Government grants and subsidies mainly comprised unconditional subsidies for subsidising the Group's water supply and other businesses.

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group identifies operating segments and prepares segment information based on the regular internal financial information reported to the executive directors, which are the Group's chief operating decision-maker for their decisions about resources allocation to the Group's business components and for their review of the performance of those components. The business components in the internal financial information reported to the executive directors are determined following the Group's major product and service lines.

The Group has identified the following reportable segments:

- (i) "City water supply" involves the provision of city water supply operations and construction, installation and maintenance services and other services;
- "Pipeline direct drinking water supply" involves the provision of pipeline direct drinking water supply operations and construction, installation and maintenance services and other services;
- (iii) "Environmental protection" involves the provision of sewage treatment and drainage operations and construction services, solid waste and hazardous waste business, environmental sanitation and water environment management;
- (iv) "Main contractor construction" involves the provision of municipal public construction services by the Group's subsidiary which possesses Grade 1 main contractor qualification; and
- (v) "Property development and investment" segment involves development of properties for sale and investment in properties for long-term rental yields or for capital appreciation.

Information about other business activities and operating segments that are not reportable are combined and disclosed in "All other segments".

Each of these operating segments is managed separately as each of the product and service lines requires different resources as well as marketing approaches. All inter-segment transfers are carried out at arm's length prices.

The measurement policies the Group use for reporting segment results under HKFRS 8 are the same as those used in its consolidated financial statements prepared under HKFRSs, except that finance costs, share of results of associates, corporate income, corporate expense, income tax expense, expected credit loss on other receivables and gain/loss on deregistration or disposal of subsidiaries, net are excluded from segment results.

Segment assets exclude corporate assets (mainly comprises cash and cash equivalents and pledged deposits), financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and investment in associates. Segment liabilities exclude items such as taxation and other corporate liabilities (mainly comprises corporate borrowings).

Unallocated corporate income mainly comprises interest income and dividend income from financial assets.

Unallocated corporate expenses mainly comprise salaries and wages, operating leases and other operating expenses of the Company and the investment holding companies.

No asymmetrical allocations have been applied to reportable segments.

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	City water supply HK\$'000	Pipeline direct drinking water supply HK\$'000	Environmental protection <i>HK\$</i> '000	Main contractor construction <i>HK</i> \$'000	Property development and investment HK\$'000	All other segments <i>HK\$</i> '000	Inter-segment elimination HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$</i> '000
Revenue From external customers From inter-segment	7,498,114 157,861	656,787 2,843	1,523,478 51,569	664,363 895,489	361,323	951,500 -	- (1,107,762)	11,655,565
Segment revenue	7,655,975	659,630	1,575,047	1,559,852	361,323	951,500	(1,107,762)	11,655,565
Segment profit	2,492,882	243,153	555,837	553,591	47,820	4,695		3,897,978
Unallocated corporate income Unallocated corporate expense Finance costs Share of results of associates	17,299	(338)	52,205	-	-	582	-	198,129 (568,594) (847,116) 69,748
Profit before income tax Income tax expense								2,750,145 (722,067)
Profit for the year								2,028,078
Other segment information Additions of investment	3,367				106,365			100 722
properties Additions to other non-current segment assets	2,968,136	450,106	154,756	-	100,303	86,714	-	109,732 3,659,712
Amortisation of deferred government grants	7,736	28	2,661	-	-	-	-	10,425
Amortisation of other intangible assets Depreciation of property,	(837,456)	(28,646)	(17,697)	-	-	(7,151)	-	(890,950)
plant and equipment and right-of-use assets Property, plant and equipment	(80,936)	(33,728)	(39,566)	(1,668)	(7,920)	(67,977)	-	(231,795)
written off Write-down of completed	(343)	(500)	(121)	-	(4)	(11)	-	(979)
properties held for sale Expected credit loss on trade	-	-	-	-	(94,789)	-	-	(94,789)
receivables Trade receivables written off	(28,585) (859)	(4,084) (179)		-	-	-	-	(40,840) (1,038)
Cost of consumables and raw materials	(1,319,533)	(255,594)	(517,377)	(390,163)	(248,518)	(29,667)		(2,760,852)

	C'A	Pipeline direct	F-1	Main	Property development	All of	
	City water supply HK\$'000	drinking water supply <i>HK</i> \$'000	Environmental protection HK\$'000	contractor construction HK\$'000	and investment <i>HK</i> \$'000	All other segments HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$</i> '000
Segment assets Other financial assets	37,110,742	4,453,330	6,776,555	2,892,173	4,035,119	1,656,089	56,924,008 366,649
Investment in associates Other corporate assets	259,243	3,197	1,868,513	-	-	135,853	2,266,806 6,334,180
							65,891,643
Segment liabilities Deferred tax liabilities Provision for tax Other corporate liabilities	6,530,550	975,171	327,115	4,579,609	209,069	409,336	13,030,850 1,544,365 3,446,970 25,996,772
							44,018,957

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	City water supply HK\$'000	Pipeline direct drinking water supply HK\$'000	Environmental protection HK\$'000	Main contractor construction HK\$'000	Property development and investment HK\$'000	All other segments HK\$'000	Inter-segment elimination HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Revenue From external customers From inter-segment	8,276,397 60,886	1,721,929 8,264	1,071,518	826,840 1,669,394	207,482	754,349	(1,766,814)	12,858,515
Segment revenue	8,337,283	1,730,193	1,071,518	2,496,234	235,752	754,349	(1,766,814)	12,858,515
Segment profit	2,490,175	591,716	354,163	610,535	41,056	10,601	_	4,098,246
Unallocated corporate income Unallocated corporate expense Finance costs Share of results of associates	29,941	(176)	13,402	-	-	974	-	203,197 (251,272) (724,654) 44,141
Profit before income tax Income tax expense								3,369,658 (778,301)
Profit for the year								2,591,357
Other segment information Additions of investment								
properties Additions to other non-current	-	-	-	-	28,786	-	-	28,786
segment assets Amortisation of deferred	3,941,930	1,511,007	102,275	706	-	125,605	-	5,681,523
government grants Amortisation of other intangible	8,079	28	5,098	-	-	-	-	13,205
assets Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and	(793,520)	(17,253)	(15,843)	-	-	(7,230)	-	(833,846)
right-of-use assets Property, plant and equipment	(79,891)	(32,265)	(27,696)	(742)	(8,142)	(75,606)	-	(224,342)
written off Expected credit loss on trade	(115)	(9)	(30)	-	-	(123)	-	(277)
receivables Trade receivables written off	(7,910) (817)	(2,090)	-	-	-	-	-	(10,000) (817)
Cost of consumables and raw materials	(1,665,916)	(344,726)	(214,516)	(744,256)	(158,662)	(23,038)		(3,151,114)

	City water supply HK\$'000	Pipeline direct drinking water supply HK\$'000	Environmental protection HK\$'000	Main contractor construction HK\$'000	Property development and investment $HK\$'000$	All other segments HK\$'000	Total <i>HK</i> \$'000
Segment assets Other financial assets	34,154,999	4,027,574	5,984,634	2,214,353	3,983,930	3,158,194	53,523,684 836,988
Investment in associates Other corporate assets	263,423	2,202	1,818,969	-	-	66,669	2,151,263 6,730,135
							63,242,070
Segment liabilities Deferred tax liabilities Provision for tax Other corporate liabilities	5,891,785	963,102	150,090	4,078,455	428,799	140,161	11,652,392 1,567,358 2,984,412 25,585,366
							41,789,528

For the years ended 31 March 2025 and 2024, the Group did not depend on any single customer under each of the segments.

The Group's revenue from external customers and its non-current assets located in geographical areas other than the People's Republic of China ("the PRC") are less than 10% of the aggregate amount of all segments.

5. OPERATING PROFIT

Profit from operation is arrived at after charging the following:

		2025	2024
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Cost of consumables and raw materials	2,760,852	3,151,114
	Subcontracting costs	824,242	1,569,195
	Cost of utilities used	462,146	428,497
	Cost of raw water and water resources	460,693	460,146
	Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	146,694	150,308
	Depreciation of right-of-use assets	85,101	74,034
	Amortisation of other intangible assets	890,950	833,846
	Write-down of completed properties held for sale	94,789	_
	Trade receivables written off	1,038	817
	Expected credit loss on trade and other receivables	497,735	10,000
	Short-term lease and low-value assets lease expenses in respect of:		
	- leasehold land and buildings	7,406	6,822
	 other property, plant and equipment 	2,515	2,142
	Staff costs (including directors' emoluments):	,	
	– Direct labour costs	293,910	345,510
	 Salaries and wages 	352,880	436,505
	 Pension scheme contribution 	183,150	186,881
	 Other staff costs 	67,932	69,212
	•	897,872	1,038,108
	Property, plant and equipment written off	979	277
	Net foreign exchange loss	(18,006)	41,943
6.	FINANCE COSTS		
		2025	2024
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Interest on bank loans	1,120,712	1,108,450
	Interest on other loans	343,425	277,480
	Interest on amounts due to non-controlling equity holders of		
	subsidiaries	9,587	5,009
	Interest on lease liabilities	23,963	18,420
	Total borrowing costs	1,497,687	1,409,359
	Less: interest capitalised included in property, plant and equipment, investment properties, contract assets, other		
	intangible assets and properties under development	(650,571)	(684,705)
		847,116	724,654

7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Income tax expense in the consolidated income statement represents:

			2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
		ent income tax the PRC	702,917	456,988
	Defe	rred tax	19,150	321,313
	Tota	l income tax expense	722,067	778,301
8.	DIV	IDENDS		
	(a)	Dividends attributable to the year		
			2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
		Interim dividend of HK\$0.13 (2024: HK\$0.13) per ordinary share Proposed final dividend of HK\$0.15 (2024: HK\$0.15)	212,202	212,202
		per ordinary share	244,132	244,848
			456,334	457,050
		The final dividends proposed after the reporting date f 2024 were not recognised as a liability at the reporting subject to the shareholders' approval at the forthcoming	date. In addition, the	e final dividend is

(b) Dividends attributable to the previous financial year, approved and paid during the year

	2025	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Final dividend in respect of the previous financial year		
of HK\$0.15 (2024: HK\$0.18) per ordinary share	244,848	293,818

9. EARNINGS PER SHARE FOR PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit for the year attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$1,074,663,000 (2024: HK\$1,533,543,000) and the weighted average of 1,631,799,000 (2024: 1,632,322,000) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

Diluted earnings per share is the same as basic earnings per share as there were no potential dilutive ordinary shares outstanding during the years ended 31 March 2025 and 2024.

10. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES

The Group has a policy of allowing trade customers with credit terms of normally within 90 days except for certain construction, installation and maintenance projects for which settlement is made in accordance with the terms specified in the contracts governing the relevant transaction. The ageing analysis of trade and bills receivables based on the invoice dates is as follows:

	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
0 to 90 days 91 to 180 days Over 180 days	1,271,916 312,754 942,524	1,092,879 275,241 767,853
	2,527,194	2,135,973

11. TRADE AND BILLS PAYABLES

The credit terms of trade and bills payables vary according to the terms agreed with different suppliers. The ageing analysis of trade and bills payables based on the invoice dates is as follows:

	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
0 to 90 days	3,954,796	3,510,096
91 to 180 days	1,632,956	1,183,315
Over 180 days	2,499,337	2,155,951
	8,087,089	6,849,362

12. EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 21 March 2025, the Company, Silver Dragon and Silver Dragon Water Affairs Investments Co., Ltd. (being the "Target Company") (each a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company), entered into the equity investment agreement with Taikang Assets, pursuant to which, Taikang Asset has conditionally agreed to invest RMB1.5 billion (equivalent to approximately HK\$1.6 billion) into the Target Company by cash, which shall be completed and settled in two tranches of RMB1.3 billion and RMB0.2 billion respectively, in return for the equity interests in the Target Company.

Upon the first completion, the Company (through Silver Dragon) and Taikang Asset will hold approximately 83.95% and 16.05% equity interest in the Target Company, respectively. Upon the second completion, the Company (through Silver Dragon) and Taikang Asset will hold approximately 81.93% and 18.07% equity interest in the Target Company, respectively. On the same day, the Company, Silver Dragon, the Target Company and Taikang Asset also entered into the shareholders' agreement which sets out the rights and obligations of the parties thereto in relation to the management and operations of the Target Company and shall take effect from the first completion date. Further details of which had been disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 21 March 2025.

The first completion took place on 15 May 2025 and the Company (through Silver Dragon) and Taikang Asset hold approximately 83.95% and 16.05% equity interest in the Target Company, respectively.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FINANCIAL RESULTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025, the Group recorded a revenue of HK\$11,655.6 million, representing a decrease of 9.4% from HK\$12,858.5 million in last year. The Group recorded a gross profit of HK\$4,405.0 million, representing a decrease of 7.8% from HK\$4,776.0 million in last year. For the year under review, the Group recorded a profit for the year attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$1,074.7 million, representing a decrease of 29.9% from HK\$1,533.5 million in last year. The basic earnings per share decreased by 29.8% to HK\$0.66 in current year.

DIVIDENDS

The Directors recommended a final dividend of HK15 cents (2024: HK15 cents) per ordinary share, which is subject to the approval by the shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to be held on Friday, 19 September 2025 and will be payable on or about Friday, 14 November 2025 to the shareholders whose names appear on the register of members on Tuesday, 30 September 2025.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

For Annual General Meeting

The register of members will be closed from Tuesday, 16 September 2025 to Friday, 19 September 2025 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to be held on Friday, 19 September 2025, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and appropriate transfer forms must be lodged with the office of the Company's Share Registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Admiralty, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 15 September 2025.

For Entitlement to Proposed Final Dividend

The register of members will be closed from Monday, 29 September 2025 to Tuesday, 30 September 2025 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for entitlement to the proposed final dividend, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and appropriate transfer forms must be lodged with the office of the Company's Share Registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Admiralty, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 26 September 2025. Subject to the approval by shareholders of the Company at the forthcoming annual general meeting, the proposed final dividend will be paid on or around Friday, 14 November 2025.

BUSINESS REVIEW

The Group's total revenue decreased from HK\$12,858.5 million for the year ended 31 March 2024 to HK\$11,655.6 million for the year ended 31 March 2025, representing a decrease of 9.4%. The Group optimised its development strategy to enhance project management on core business. The Group put more emphasis on the return of projects and allocated resources by prioritising projects with the best return which in turn led to slowdown in the construction activities and thus decline in relevant construction revenue. For the year under review, the total revenue attributable to the "City water supply", "Pipeline direct drinking water supply" and "Environmental protection" segments decreased from HK\$11,069.8 million to HK\$9,678.4 million. This represented a decrease of segments revenue by 12.6%, which was mainly because of overall decrease in installation and maintenance and construction works in "City water supply" and "Pipeline direct drinking water supply" segments during the year.

(i) City Water Supply Business Analysis

City water supply projects of the Group are well spread in various provincial cities and regions across China, including Hunan, Hubei, Henan, Hebei, Guizhou, Hainan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Guangdong (including Shenzhen), Chongqing, Shandong, Shanxi and Heilongjiang.

For the year under review, the revenue from city water supply segment amounted to HK\$7,498.1 million (2024: HK\$8,276.4 million), representing a decrease of 9.4% as compared with the last corresponding year. The city water supply segment profit amounted to HK\$2,492.9 million (2024: HK\$2,490.2 million), representing an increase of 0.1% as compared with the last corresponding year. This was mainly due to the net effect of cost control of cost of sales and overall decrease in installation and maintenance and construction works during the year.

(ii) Pipeline Direct Drinking Water Supply Business Analysis

Pipeline direct drinking water supply projects of the Group are well spread in various provincial cities and regions across China, including Hunan, Hubei, Henan, Hebei, Guizhou, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Guangdong (including Shenzhen), Guangxi, Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing, Shandong, Shanxi, Anhui, Zhejiang, Yunnan, Sichuan, Ningxia, Fujian, Heilongjiang, Hainan, Liaoning and Shaanxi.

For the year under review, the revenue from pipeline direct drinking water supply segment amounted to HK\$656.8 million (2024: HK\$1,721.9 million), representing a decrease of 61.9% as compared with the last corresponding year. The pipeline direct drinking water supply segment profit amounted to HK\$243.2 million (2024: HK\$591.7 million), representing a decrease of 58.9% as compared with the last corresponding year. This was mainly because of overall decrease in installation and maintenance and construction works during the year.

(iii) Environmental Protection Business Analysis

Environmental protection projects of the Group are well spread in various provincial cities and regions across China, including Beijing, Tianjin, Guangdong (including Shenzhen), Henan, Hebei, Hunan, Hubei, Guizhou, Jiangxi, Shaanxi, Heilongjiang and Sichuan.

For the year under review, the revenue from environmental protection segment amounted to HK\$1,523.5 million (2024: HK\$1,071.5 million), representing an increase of 42.2% as compared with the last corresponding year. The environmental protection segment profit amounted to HK\$555.8 million (2024: HK\$354.2 million), representing an increase of 56.9% as compared with the last corresponding year. This was mainly attributable to the increase of sewage treatment operation services from new sewage treatment projects in current year.

(iv) Main Contractor Construction Business Analysis

Main contractor construction projects were carried out by the Group's subsidiary which possesses Grade 1 main contractor qualification for nationwide municipal public construction works in China.

For the year under review, the revenue from external customers of the main contractor construction segment amounted to HK\$664.4 million (2024: HK\$826.8 million), representing a decrease of 19.7% as compared with the last corresponding year. The main contractor construction segment profit amounted to HK\$553.6 million (2024: HK\$610.5 million), representing a decrease of 9.3% as compared with the last corresponding year, which was mainly due to the decrease of construction work for water supply projects in current year.

(v) Property Business Analysis

The Group held various property development and investment projects which are mainly located in Beijing, Chongqing, Jiangxi, Hunan, Hubei and Henan provinces of China.

For the year under review, the revenue from the property business segment amounted to HK\$361.3 million (2024: HK\$207.5 million). The total property business segment profit amounted to HK\$47.8 million (2024: HK\$41.1 million), representing an increase of 16.5% as compared with the last corresponding year. This was mainly due to the net effect of fair value gain on investment properties of HK\$55,908,000 (2024: Nil) and the write-down of completed properties held for sale of HK\$94,789,000 (2024: Nil) and the decrease of profit margin in sales of property projects in current year.

For the year under review, expected credit loss on trade and other receivables amounting to HK\$497,735,000 (2024: HK\$10,000,000) was recognised due to slow recovery of the PRC's economy (in particular the real estate sector). In addition, the share of results of Kangda International Environmental Company Limited, whose ordinary shares are listed on the Mainboard of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), amounted to HK\$52.0 million (2024: HK\$39.0 million).

ISSUE OF GUARANTEED BLUE BONDS

On 21 January 2025, the Company (as the issuer) entered into the subscription agreement with Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility ("CGIF") (as the guarantor), a trust fund of the Asian Development Bank, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, China International Capital Corporation Hong Kong Securities Limited, Barclays Bank PLC, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited and China CITIC Bank International Limited (as the joint global coordinators, joint bookrunners and joint lead managers) in connection with the issue of RMB1,000,000,000 3.45% guaranteed blue bonds due January 2030. The Company intended to use the net proceeds from the bonds issue for repayment of certain offshore indebtedness and in accordance with the Company's green & blue finance framework. Further details of which had been disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 21 January 2025.

PROSPECTS

Into 2025, global geopolitical conflicts are intensifying. Faced with multiple challenges such as escalating trade tensions, slowing external economies, and prolonged domestic demand recovery, the central government has launched a comprehensive policy package—including monetary easing and fiscal expansion— to "stabilize growth and expand domestic demand." The long-term trend of China's economy maintaining steady and positive momentum remains unchanged. Benefiting from a low inflation environment and accelerated marketization of water tariff mechanisms, multiple cities nationwide have already initiated procedures to adjust water tariffs. The recent implementation of water tariff reform plans in Guangzhou and Shenzhen is expected to catalyze similar tariff upward adjustments across other cities. The overall resilience of the water industry has become evident, with improving profitability trends gradually emerging. Coupled with interest rate cuts and reserve requirement ratio reductions in mainland China, a turning point in declining financing costs is emerging, suggesting continued profit recovery for water supply companies.

Looking ahead, the Group will consistently adhere to its mission of "Water oriented and kindness to society" seizing opportunities from policy benefits and technological innovation to promote a sustainable development mode of integrating asset-light and asset-heavy model. We will continue focusing on the core business of differentiated water supply, reinforcing synergistic development between traditional water supply and direct drinking water businesses, and advancing from "safe water usage" to "healthier water consumption" through technological upgrades and service enhancements. The Group will leverage green, low-carbon transformation opportunities to expand coverage of value-added services such as direct drinking water projects, building distinctive competitive advantages and fostering new drivers for sustainable growth. By upgrading differentiated water supply technology and iterating our smart water management systems, we aim to solidify our leadership in the industry while delivering high-quality services to meet public needs and creating long-term value and returns for our shareholders.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

During the year ended 31 March 2025, the Group maintained a satisfactory liquidity level. As at 31 March 2025, the Group has total cash and cash equivalents and pledged deposits of approximately HK\$5,450.0 million (31 March 2024: HK\$5,550.2 million), which are mainly in Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi and United States dollars. The gearing ratio, calculated as a percentage of total liabilities to total assets, is 66.6% (31 March 2024: 66.1%) as at 31 March 2025.

As at 31 March 2025, the Group's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by HK\$3,789.7 million (31 March 2024: net current liabilities of HK\$3,871.7 million). The decrease in net current liabilities was mainly due to drawdown of various long-term loans to repay short-term loans and decrease in capital expenditure of non-current nature during the year ended 31 March 2025. In the opinion of the directors of the Company, after taken into account the cashflow generated from operations, the internal financial resources, available loan and financing facilities and offers, and new loan and financing facilities currently under negotiation, the Group will have sufficient working capital to meet its financial obligation in full as they fall due in the next twelve months.

As at 31 March 2025, the Group's aggregate outstanding borrowings amounted to HK\$25,185.2 million (31 March 2024: HK\$24,850.3 million), which are mainly in Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi and United States dollars. The increase in overall borrowings was mainly due to the loans raised related to the capital expenditure, repayment of indebtedness and working capital requirements of the Group. 67.1% of such outstanding borrowings was arranged on floating rate basis and the balance of 32.9% was at fixed rate basis. According to the repayment schedule, HK\$5,736.0 million was repayable within one year and the balance of HK\$19,449.2 million was repayable after one year. As at 31 March 2025, the total unutilised loan facilities, offers and notes registered principle amount available to the Group amounted to HK\$13,351.2 million (31 March 2024: HK\$9,864.1 million).

During the year under review, the Company continued to deepen its cooperation with the existing banks, broaden the financing channels by cooperating with new banks and financial institutions and optimise its debt structure by means of refinancing outstanding loans repayable within one year with long-term loans which could gradually enhance the Group's liquidity position.

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

During the year ended 31 March 2025 and subsequent to the reporting date and up to the date of this announcement, the Company repurchased its own shares on The Stock Exchange as follows:

Month/Year	Number of shares repurchased	Highest price per share HK\$	Lowest price per share HK\$	Aggregate consideration (excluding expenses) HK\$
October 2024	380,000	5.17	4.90	1,918,000
February 2025	2,160,000	6.05	5.78	12,948,000
March 2025	2,234,000	5.80	5.45	12,649,000
April 2025	836,000	6.00	5.77	4,968,000

During the year ended 31 March 2025, the Company repurchased a total of 4,774,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company at an aggregate price of approximately HK\$27,515,000. Those repurchased shares were held as treasury shares as at the date of this announcement.

Subsequent to the reporting date and up to the date of this announcement, the Company repurchased a total of 836,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company at an aggregate price of approximately HK\$4,968,000. Those repurchased shares were held as treasury shares as at the date of this announcement.

The purchase of the Company's shares was effected by the directors, pursuant to the mandate from shareholders received at the last annual general meeting.

Save as disclosed above, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the year.

TREASURY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group adopted conservative treasury policies in cash and financial management for the year under review. Cash was generally placed in short-term deposits. The Group's liquidity and financing requirements were reviewed regularly.

As Hong Kong dollar was pegged with the United States dollar, the directors of the Company considered that the Group was exposed to limited risk in this aspect.

Majority of the subsidiaries of the Company operates in the PRC with most of its transactions denominated and settled in RMB. Fluctuations of exchange rates may result in exchange gain/loss and would also impact the Group's net asset value due to currency translation in the preparation of the Group's consolidated financial statements. If RMB appreciates/depreciates against Hong Kong dollar, the Group would record a(n) increase/decrease in the Group's net asset value. As at 31 March 2025, the Group has entered into cross currency swap contracts of RMB against USD in an aggregate notional amount of approximately USD110.0 million with bank to reduce its exposure to foreign exchange risk arising from its non-Renminbi borrowings. In addition, the Group manages foreign currency risk by closely monitoring the foreign exchange markets, the proportion of its non-Renminbi borrowings and optimising the treasury and financial management strategies.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company is committed to maintaining good corporate governance standard and procedures to ensure the integrity, transparency and quality of disclosure in order to enhance the shareholders' value. The Board reviews its corporate governance system from time to time in order to meet the rising expectations of shareholders and comply with the increasingly tightened regulatory requirements.

During the year ended 31 March 2025, the Company has complied with all the applicable provisions of the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix C1 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"), save and except for the deviations from code provisions C.2.1, B.2.2 and C.1.6.

Under code provision C.2.1, the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Duan Chuan Liang serves as the Chairman of the Company. The function of chief executive officer is collectively performed by the executive directors. The Board considers that this structure will not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Company. The Board continues to believe that this structure is conducive to strong and consistent leadership, enabling the Company to make and implement decisions promptly and efficiently. The Board has strong confidence in the executive directors and believes that this structure is beneficial to the business prospects of the Company.

Under code provision B.2.2, every director should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. According to the Company's bye-laws, at each annual general meeting, one third of the directors shall retire from office by rotation provided that notwithstanding anything therein, the Chairman of the Board of the Company shall not be subject to retirement by rotation or taken into account in determining the number of directors to retire. As continuation is a key factor to the successful long term implementation of business plans, the Board believes that the role of the chairman provides the Group with strong and consistent leadership and allow more effective planning and execution of long-term business strategy. As such, the Board is of the view that the chairman of Board should not be subject to retirement by rotation.

Under code provision C.1.6, independent non-executive directors and other non-executive directors should attend general meetings and develop a balanced understanding of the views of shareholders. Certain independent non-executive directors and non-executive directors were unable to attend the Company's annual general meeting held on 9 September 2024 due to their other business commitments.

HUMAN RESOURCES

As at 31 March 2025, the Group has employed approximately 11,000 staff. Most of them are stationed in the PRC and Hong Kong. The remuneration package of the employees is determined by various factors including their experience and performance, the market condition, industry practice and applicable employment law.

The Company had adopted a share option scheme to incentivise the directors, senior management and employees of the Group. During the year ended 31 March 2025, no option was granted by the Company pursuant to the share option scheme.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers ("Model Code") as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules as its code of conduct regarding securities transactions of Directors. The Company has made specific enquiry to all Directors regarding any non-compliance with the Model Code throughout the year ended 31 March 2025 and they all confirmed that they have fully complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code.

AUDIT COMMITTEE AND REVIEW OF ANNUAL RESULTS

The audit committee of the Company currently comprises four independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Chau Kam Wing (chairman of audit committee), Mr. Siu Chi Ming, Ms. Ho Ping and Mr. Xiao Zhe. The annual results of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2025 have been reviewed by the audit committee.

The financial figures in respect of the announcement of the Group's consolidated results for the year ended 31 March 2025 have been agreed by the Company's auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers ("PwC"), to the amount set out in the Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the year. The work performed by PwC 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 PwC on this announcement.

PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL RESULTS AND ANNUAL REPORT

This results announcement is published on the Stock Exchange's website (http://www.hkex.com.hk) and the Company's website (http://www.chinawatergroup.com). The annual report will be dispatched to the shareholders and will be available on websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company in due course.

On Behalf of the Board

China Water Affairs Group Limited

Duan Chuan Liang

Chairman

Hong Kong, 30 June 2025

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises four executive Directors, being Mr. Duan Chuan Liang, Ms. Ding Bin, Mr. Li Zhong and Mr. Duan Jerry Linnan, four non-executive Directors, being Mr. Li Hao, Mr. Bai Li, Ms. Wang Xiaoqin and Ms. Liu Yu Jie, and four independent non-executive Directors, being Mr. Chau Kam Wing, Mr. Siu Chi Ming, Ms. Ho Ping and Mr. Xiao Zhe.