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日照港裕廊股份有限公司

RIZHAO PORT JURONG CO., LTD.

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# **Corporate Information**

# **COMPANY NAME (IN CHINESE)**

日照港裕廊股份有限公司

# **COMPANY NAME (IN ENGLISH)**

RIZHAO PORT JURONG CO., LTD.

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# LISTING DATE

19 June 2019

# **PLACE OF LISTING**

Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

# **STOCK ABBREVIATION (IN ENGLISH)**

RIZHAO PORT JR

# **STOCK ABBREVIATION (IN CHINESE)**

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# Corporate Information (Continued)

# INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

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Mr. Gao Zhiyuan *(Chairman)* Mr. Li Weiqing Mr. Tham Wai Kong

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# **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Zhang Zixue *(Chairman)* Mr. Wu Xibin Mr. Fang Lei

# **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Cui Liang *(Chairman)* Mr. Lee Man Tai Mr. Zhang Zixue Mr. Wu Xibin Mr. Seow Kok Leong Terence

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# Definitions

In this annual report, the following expressions have the following meanings unless otherwise specified:

"AGM"	the 2023 annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof of the Company to be convened at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 28 May 2024 at Office Building of Rizhao Port Jurong Co., Ltd.
"Articles of Association"	the articles of association of the Company, as amended from time to time
"Asia Symbol"	Asia Symbol Shandong Co., Ltd. (亞太森博山東漿紙有限公司)
"Audit Committee"	the audit committee of the Company
"Board"	board of Directors
"CG Code"	the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix C1 of the Listing Rules
"China" or "PRC"	People's Republic of China, excluding, for the purposes of this annual report only, Hong Kong, Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan
"Company", "we"	Rizhao Port Jurong Co., Ltd. (日照港裕廊股份有限公司)
"Director(s)"	director(s) of the Company
"Domestic Share(s)"	ordinary shares in the share capital of the Company, with a nominal value of RMB1.00 each, which are subscribed for and paid up in RMB by PRC natural persons or entities established under PRC laws
"H Share(s)"	overseas listed shares in the share capital of the Company with a nominal value of RMB1.00 each in the share capital of the Company, listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange and traded in HK\$
"HK\$"	Hong Kong Dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"Hong Kong"	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"independent third party(ies)"	an individual or a company which, to the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, is not a connected person of the Company within the meaning of the Listing Rules
"Listing Date"	19 June 2019
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (as amended from time to time)
"Model Code"	Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules

# Definitions (Continued)

"Nomination Committee"	the nomination committee of the Company
"Prospectus"	the prospectus of the Company dated 31 May 2019
"Qingdao Port Group"	Shandong Port Qingdao Port Group Co., Ltd.* (山東港口青島港集團有限公司)
"Qingdao Port International"	Qingdao Port International Co., Ltd. (青島港國際股份有限公司)
"Remuneration Committee"	the remuneration committee of the Company
"Reporting Period"	the financial year ended 31 December 2023
"Rizhao Port"	Rizhao Port Co., Ltd. (日照港股份有限公司)
"Rizhao Port Container"	Rizhao Port Container Development Co., Ltd.* (日照港集裝箱發展有限公司)
"Rizhao Port Group"	Shandong Port Rizhao Port Group Co., Ltd. (山東港口日照港集團有限公司)
"Rizhao Port Lanshan"	Rizhao Port Lanshan Port Services Co., Ltd.* (日照港股份嵐山港務有限公司)
"RMB"	Renminbi Yuan, the lawful currency of the PRC
"RPG Finance"	Rizhao Port Group Finance Co., Ltd (日照港集團財務有限公司), the predecessor entity of SPG Finance upon completion of the absorption and merger with SPG Finance
"SDP Logistics Group"	Shandong Port Luhai International Logistics Group Co., Ltd.* (山東港口陸海國際 物流集團有限公司)
"SDP Shanhai Property"	SDP Shanhai Property (Rizhao) Co., Ltd.* (山港山海物業(日照)有限公司), a company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shandong Port Group
"SDP Shipping Group"	Shandong Port Shipping Group Co., Ltd.* (山東港口航運集團有限公司)
"SDP Technology Group"	Shandong Port Technology Group Co., Ltd.* (山東港口科技集團有限公司)
"SFO"	Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong) (as amended from time to time)
"Shandong Gangwan"	Shandong Gangwan Construction Group Co., Ltd. (山東港灣建設集團有限公司)
"Shandong Port Finance Group"	Shandong Port Investment Holding Co., Ltd.* (山東港口投資控股有限公司), previously known as Shandong Port Finance Holding Co., Ltd.* (山東港口金融控 股有限公司)
"Shandong Port Group"	Shandong Port Group Co., Ltd. (山東省港口集團有限公司)
"Shandong Port International Trade Rizhao Company"	Shandong Port International Trade Group Rizhao Co., Ltd* (山東港口國際貿易集 團日照有限公司)

# Definitions (Continued)

"Shandong SASAC"	Shandong Provincial State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission
"Share(s)"	share(s) of RMB1.00 each in the share capital of the Company, comprising the Domestic Shares and the H Shares
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of the Shares
"SPG Finance"	Shandong Port Group Finance Co., Ltd.* (山東港口集團財務有限責任公司), previously known as Qingdao Port Finance Co., Ltd. (青島港財務有限責任公司), the surviving merging party upon completion of the absorption and merger with RPG Finance
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Supervisor(s)"	supervisor(s) of the Company
"Supervisory Committee"	the supervisory committee of the Company
"Third Harbor Branch of Rizhao Port"	Third Harbor Branch of Rizhao Port Container Development Co., Ltd.* (日照港集 裝箱發展有限公司第三港務分公司), previously known as Third Harbor Branch of Rizhao Port Co., Ltd.* (日照港股份有限公司第三港務分公司)
"%"	per cent

\* Unofficial English translation denotes for identification purposes only

# Chairman's Statement

#### Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company, I hereby present to you the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

In 2023, the Company's grain business maintained stable growth with the steady and robust improvement of its profitability as the Company overcame unfavorable factors such as fluctuations in its cargo mix and sources; and seized market opportunities, optimised port tariffs, expanded incremental yard space, focused on service quality improvements, and optimised resource allocation and advanced development of industrial integration by means of its adherence to customer-centricity concept, active implementation of the concept of "spring service" as well as the advantages of integration reform and inclusive development, therefore satisfying Shareholders with a great answer.

# OVERALL SOLID OPERATING RESULTS, HIGHLIGHTING THE RESILIENCE OF HIGH-QUALITY DEVELOPMENT

The Company registered a cargo throughput of 28.91 million tonnes, a decrease of 1.49 million tonnes or 4.9% compared to the same period in 2022. Operating revenue was RMB826 million, a decrease of RMB7.682 million or 0.92% compared to the same period in 2022; gross profit was RMB321 million, an increase of RMB23.776 million or 8% compared to the same period in 2022; profit before tax of RMB291 million was achieved, representing an increase of RMB22.418 million or 8.32% compared to the same period in 2022; and net profit stood at RMB218 million, an increase of RMB17 million or 8.45% compared to the same period in 2022. Total assets was RMB3.301 billion, representing a year-on-year increase of 7%.

# ADHERENCE TO SCIENTIFIC AND EFFECTIVE OPERATION AND ABUNDANT HIGHLIGHTS OF PRODUCTION AND OPERATION ON DISPLAY

Grain throughput has exceeded 10 million tonnes for four consecutive years, and throughput for soybeans has surpassed 10 million tonnes for the first time, the Company continues to be the largest port in China for soybeans imports due to its efforts in integrating into the Chinese national grain reserve layout and its contribution to the industrial chain, giving full play to the "front port and rear factory" value proposition and magnifying the effects of industrial clusters. With a target of reducing turnaround time from three days to two days for unloading of grains via efficient resource allocation, the Company optimised its processes, refined its five-day scheduling plans, and established a single-vessel assessment mechanism, realising efficient unloading of ships and rapid port evacuation. Focusing on lean enterprise management, the Company successfully secured the "three systems" and energy system certifications, and passed the "4-star China Green Port" on-site assessment, becoming the first bulk grain terminal in China to achieve the 4-star green port certification.

# Chairman's Statement (Continued)

# STANDARDISE THE OPERATION OF THE COMPANY'S GENERAL MEETINGS, BOARD MEETINGS AND MEETINGS OF SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE, AND IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

In accordance with the corporate governance requirements, the Company has promoted greater information disclosure and better investor relations. The Company strictly complied with the relevant provisions of information disclosure and duly performed information disclosure procedures for periodic reports and provisional announcements, and improved its quality and timeliness of information disclosure. 4 shareholders' meetings, 6 Board meetings, 2 meetings of the Supervisory Committee were convened during the year, in compliance with the respective procedural rules, and in accordance with laws and regulations, maintaining good relationship with Shareholders.

# **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

To secure food security and ensure consumer demands are met with stable supply, global grain trade and international production capacity continue to grow, cargo types and sources remain diversified. In terms of domestic demand, China's consumption of imported grains has been increasing, especially in the use of corn and barley for animal feed. Imported grain continues to grow due to a widening domestic supply gap driven by recent trends in expansion of Chinese national breeding scale and strong demand for grain feed materials and soy protein.

2024 is of significance in the Company's history, and marks both the fifth anniversary of the establishment of Shandong Port Group and the fifth anniversary of the Company's listing on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. The Company's approximate RMB1.44 billion investment in the construction of cement silos amounting to 496,000 tonnes of storage capacity (the "**Rizhao Port Grain Base**") will be put into operation and is expected to support expansion of the Company's grain business. The Company intends to focus on:

# Stabilising capacity enhancement, strengthening quality and increasing efficiency

Centered on customer satisfaction, the Company will stabilise inventory, deeply integrate with major customers, and consolidate a basic volume of 10 million tonnes of soybeans; improve efficiency by leveraging its resources, coordinating berths and yards, and maximising efficiency of collection and distribution; boost incremental growth by capturing production opportunities of grain bases and promote production efficiency; and comprehensively enhance the quality of cargo transportation management and customer satisfaction, strengthening the Company's brand recognition.



### Tapping on potential and improving efficiency, strengthening production organisation

The Company will proactively contact customs, maritime authorities, border inspection, pilotage and relevant port units to facilitate timely cargo clearance and ships docking and quarantine; and coordinate berth availability, optimise vessel berthing, unloading and relocation plans, expedite vessel turnaround and efficiency. The Company will reinforce planning formulation and leverage on pre-planning meetings to obtain knowledge of vessel and cargo flows in advance, and achieve greater efficiency.

#### Focusing on cost control and strengthening budget execution

The Company will carry out cost reduction and efficiency enhancement campaign, set up the "cost reduction" campaign team, emphasise immediate cost control, widen single-ship and single-machine accounting, streamline its operating model, launch accounting of "cargo types and segments", and realise full-cost budgeting and control of all indexes. The Company will also establish budget execution and control system to strengthen execution of its budget and for dynamic budget assessment.

### Focusing on equipment management and enhancing protection capability

Driven by innovation and leveraging on technology, the Company will deeply integrate its production and management systems, and enhance automation and intelligence of operation management and production organisation. The Company aims to promote lean equipment management; apply cutting-edge technologies such as remotely controlled cleaning of holds on board woodchip ships; innovate equipment inspection for precise monitoring operations on conveyor belts; and research and develop key technologies for unmanned cleaning of silos.

Rizhao Port Jurong Co., Ltd. Chairman Cui Liang

28 March 2024

# **Financial Highlights**

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>	Change %
		(Restated)	/0
Summary of Statement of Profit or Loss			
Operating revenue	825,808	833,490	(0.92)
Gross profit	321,040	297,264	8.00
Operating profit	291,840	269,422	8.32
Net profit attributable to shareholders of the parent	, i		
company	218,252	201,250	8.45
Basic earnings per share (RMB cents)	13.15	12.12	8.50
Summary of Statement of Financial Position			
Cash and cash equivalents	608,747	852,658	(28.61)
Net current assets	417,736	754,365	(44.62)
Total assets	3,300,604	2,904,297	13.65
Lease liabilities	330,257	232,138	42.27
Gearing ratio (%)	12.08	9.08	(33.04)
Net assets per share (RMB)	1.65	1.54	7.14
Return on net assets (%)	7.98	7.87	1.4
Summary of Statement of Cash Flows			
Net cash flow from operating activities	326,470	339,781	(3.92)
Net cash flow used in investing activities	(491,332)	(3,974)	12,263.66
Net cash flow used in financing activities	(79,049)	(75,818)	4.26
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash			
equivalents	(243,911)	259,989	(193.82)

# INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC SITUATION

### **Overall Situation**

In 2023, the Chinese economy continued on a steady recovery, the Company made efforts to expand and optimise its domestic throughput and operation structure. The annual GDP of China in 2023 was RMB126,058.2 billion, representing a nominal increase of 5.2% over the previous year. Its total import and export trade amounted to US\$5.93683 trillion, representing a year-on-year decrease of 5.0%, and a trade surplus of US\$823.22 billion was achieved. (Source: National Bureau of Statistics of China, General Administration of Customs of China)

As per General Administration of Customs of the PRC, China's grain import volume in 2023 was 161.964 million tonnes, representing a year-on-year increase of 11.7%, and the total import value was RMB578.05 billion, representing a year-on-year increase of 6.6%, with soybeans taking up approximately 61.44% of the imported grains: soybeans imports amounted to 99.41 million tonnes, representing a year-on-year increase of 11.6%; and wheat imports amounted to 12.1 million tonnes, representing a year-on-year increase of 31.6%; and wheat imports amounted to 12.1 million tonnes, representing a year-on-year increase of 31.6%; and wheat imports amounted to 12.1 million tonnes, representing a year-on-year increase of 31.6%; and wheat imports amounted to 12.1 million tonnes, representing a year-on-year increase of 21.5%. The Company benefited from China's strong domestic demand, as well as diversification requirements to ensure stability of grain imports and cope with the uncertainties in the international grain trade environment. (Source: General Administration of Customs of the PRC)

# **Operation of the Port Industry**

Since 2023, the Chinese economy has continued to a steady recovery, supporting throughput growth. The cargo throughput of China's coastal ports has reached 13.17 billion tonnes, representing a year-on-year increase of 6.6%. According to the China Ports & Harbours Association, throughput of grain by major port enterprises across the country stood at 188.1821 million tonnes, representing a year-on-year increase of 6.9%, including foreign trade grain achieving throughput of 103.6259 million tonnes, representing a year-on-year increase of 11.8%. There has been a general growth in grain imports across China's national ports. (Source: Ministry of Transport of the PRC and China Ports & Harbours Association)

Ports are foundational and pivotal facilities that play a crucial role in economic development. Shandong Port Group, the controlling shareholder of the Company, has accelerated the construction of its core competitive advantages, created a "first-class supply chain integrated service", and comprehensively upgraded the capacity of its supply chain services. In 2023, Shandong Port Group completed annual cargo throughput of 1.71 billion tonnes and container throughput of 41.32 million TEUs, representing a year-on-year increase of 5.6% and 10.8% respectively, and played a crucial role in driving regional economic and social development and ensuring the stability and smooth operation of the global industrial and supply chains. (Source: Shandong Port Group)

# **BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Overall Review**

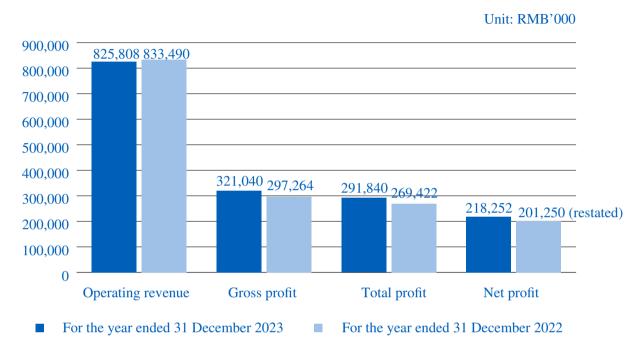
In 2023, as integrated reforms continue to advance, the Company remains steadfast in its customer-centric approach. The Company focused on its cost reduction and efficiency enhancement campaigns which drove production results.

With improvements in its service capacity, the throughput of grain has maintained steady growth, and throughput of soybean exceeded 10 million tonnes for the first time. This reflects the enhanced effect of an industrial cluster.

The Company has embarked on further developments to solidify its core grain business with construction of cement silos with a storage capacity of 496,000 tonnes at West-6 berth (the "**Rizhao Port Grain Base**"). With an emphasis on lean enterprise management, the Company successfully secured the certification of the "three systems" and energy system, passed an on-site evaluation of the "4-star China Green Port", becoming the first bulk grain terminal in China to achieve the 4-star green port certification.

During the Reporting Period, the Company achieved cargo throughput of 28.91 million tonnes, representing a decrease of 4.9% compared to the same period in 2022. In comparison to 2022, throughput of grain recorded an increase while woodchips and other cargoes recorded a decline, and berth leasing remained the same. Overall business revenue remained stable and profit before tax as well as net profit have achieved steady growth compared to the same period in 2022 as a result of comprehensive budget management and cost reduction measures.

Management Discussion and Analysis (Continued)



**Comparison of Major Performance Indicators** 

During the Reporting Period, the Company achieved an operating revenue of RMB825.808 million, a decrease of RMB7.682 million or 0.92% compared to the same period in 2022.

During the Reporting Period, the Company achieved a gross profit of RMB321.040 million, an increase of RMB23.776 million or 8.00% compared to the same period in 2022.

During the Reporting Period, the Company achieved a profit before income tax of RMB291.840 million, an increase of RMB22.418 million or 8.32% compared to the same period in 2022.

During the Reporting Period, the Company achieved a net profit of RMB218.252 million, an increase of RMB17.002 million or 8.45% compared to the same period in 2022.

### **Financial Review**

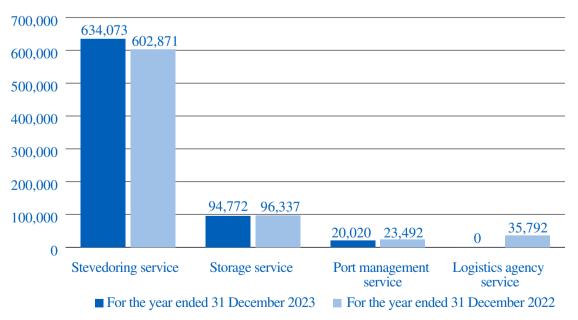
During the Reporting Period, the Company's total revenue decreased by RMB7.682 million or 0.92% compared to the same period last year. This was mainly attributable to a decrease of RMB9.627 million in revenue from contracts with customers.

#### (1) Total revenue

	For the year ended 31 December			
	Change			Percentage
	2023	2022	in amount	of change
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Revenue from contracts with customers	748,865	758,492	(9,627)	(1.27%)
Rental income from investment properties				
and certain ports	76,943	74,998	1,945	2.59%
Total revenue	825,808	833,490	(7,682)	(0.92%)

#### (2) Revenue from contracts with customers by service type

# **Major Types of Business Revenue**



Unit: RMB'000

# Management Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

	For the year ended 31 December			
	Change during the period			g the period
			Change in	Percentage
	2023	2022	amount	change
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Stevedoring service	634,073	602,871	31,202	5.18%
Storage service	94,772	96,337	(1,565)	(1.62%)
Port management service	20,020	23,492	(3,472)	(14.78%)
Logistics agency service	-	35,792	(35,792)	(100%)
Total	748,865	758,492	(9,627)	(1.27%)

During the Reporting Period, growth in stevedoring service mainly attributable to an expansion in the scope of in-port stevedoring subcontracts drove the increase in revenue from stevedoring services whereas the growth in revenue from grain cargo was partially offset by the lower revenue from woodchips. Overall, stevedoring business grew 5.18% year-on-year.

During the Reporting Period, revenue from storage service was affected by the cargo storage cycle and port efficiency, and experienced a decrease of 1.62% compared to the same period last year, but remained stable overall.

During the Reporting Period, port management services decreased compared to the same period last year due to cancellation of certain port management revenue under stevedoring service, overall revenue remained stable.

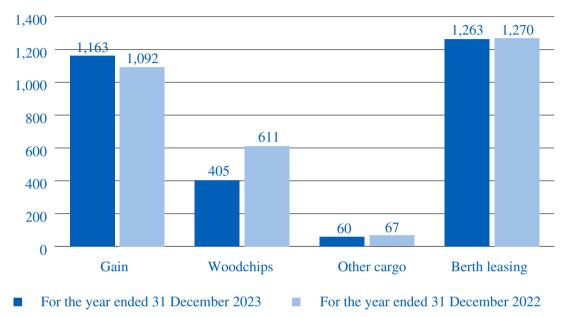
During the Reporting Period, revenue from logistics agency service decreased as compared with the same period of last year, mainly attributable to the cancellation of logistics service by customers.

Throughput

Unit: '0000 tonnes, except percentage

	202	3	2022	2	
Cargo type	Throughput	Proportion	Throughput	Proportion	Change
Grain	1,163	40.2%	1,092	35.9%	6.5%
Woodchips	405	14.0%	611	20.1%	(33.7%)
Other cargo	60	2.1%	67	2.2%	(10.4%)
Berth leasing (Asia Symbol)	1,263	43.7%	1,270	41.8%	(0.6%)
Total	2,891	100.0%	3,040	100.0%	(4.9%)

# Management Discussion and Analysis (Continued)



Comparison of Throughput by Cargo Type

Unit: '0000 Tonnes

#### Grain

In 2023, China's accumulated grain imports amounted to 161.964 million tonnes, representing a yearon-year increase of 11.7% (Source: General Administration of Customs of the PRC), of which, soybeans imports amounted to 99.41 million tonnes, representing a year-on-year increase of 11.4% and accounting for approximately 61.44% of the total imported grains. With stable demand for grains and edible oil industry, proximity to the port, and efficient road and rail transportation, the Company's throughput of grains has grown steadily and amounted to 11.63 million tonnes, representing a year-on-year increase of 6.5% and an increase of 4.3 percentage points in the proportion of throughput by cargo type.

In terms of the mix of grain types, the Company's soybean throughput amounted to 10.09 million tonnes, representing a year-on-year increase of 10.2%. The Company's throughput of maize and other grains amounted to 1.54 million tonnes, a decrease of 0.23 million tonnes compared to the same period last year. Overall, the total throughput of grains achieved steady growth, compensating for the decrease in revenue from the decline in woodchips.

In terms of port logistics, the Company seized opportunities for development in both upstream and downstream industries, comprehensively enhanced the efficiency of ship stevedoring operations, and coordinated in-port and out-of-port storage resources to ensure accurate tracking of cargo flows and logistics vehicles. Three transportation modes, being trucking, waterway and railway, were efficiently combined, accounting for 47%, 27%, and 22% respectively, and have enhanced the efficiency of grain collection, distribution and transportation. The Company continues to maintain its industry leading position in China as the primary port for grain imports.

Woodchips

Core customers have reduced their imports of raw materials due to fluctuations in the downstream product market, and this has had an impact on the Company's stevedoring revenue. The Company handled 1.54 million tonnes in the first half of 2023, representing a year-on-year decrease of 46.3%. There was a recovery in the second half of 2023, but the import volume remained lower than that of the corresponding period in 2022, with a cumulative handling of 4.05 million tonnes for the whole year of 2023, representing a year-on-year decrease of 33.7%.

#### Other cargo

With the capacity of existing berths and storage facilities, the Company prioritised the handling of grains over other cargo. At the present stage, there is no more room for handling other small cargoes and an annual unloading capacity of 600,000 tonnes for other small cargoes were handled with minimal impact on the Company's revenue and profitability.

#### Berth leasing

The Company signed a long-term lease agreement to lease the West-4 berth, Wood-2 berth and Wood-3 berth owned by the Company to Asia Symbol, an independent third party engaged in wood pulp production. Throughput arising from berth leasing was mainly from the import and transfer of woodchips by Asia Symbol. Asia Symbol pays the Company a fixed rent each year, and is responsible for the maintenance of the leased berth and related berthing equipment.

#### Cost of sales

During the Reporting Period, the cost of sales of the Company amounted to RMB504.768 million, a decrease of RMB31.458 million or 5.87% from RMB536.226 million for the same period in 2022, due to the Company's intensified efforts in cost management, precise implementation of comprehensive budget management, cost reduction and efficiency enhancement measures which resulted in the decrease in variable cost expenses and provided support for the Company's profit growth.

#### **Gross profit**

During the Reporting Period, the Company achieved a gross profit of RMB321.040 million, an increase of RMB23.776 million or 8.00% from RMB297.264 million for the same period in 2022 due to a decrease of cost from stevedoring and storage service.

# Management Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

#### Administrative expenses

During the Reporting Period, the total administrative expenses of the Company amounted to RMB25.700 million, a decrease of RMB3.251 million or 11.23% from RMB28.951 million for the same period in 2022 due to a decrease in research and development expense.

#### Other income

During the Reporting Period, other income of the Company amounted to RMB11.648 million, a decrease of RMB15.695 million or 57.40% from RMB27.343 million for the same period in 2022 due to a decrease in the interest income and value added tax credit.

#### **Finance costs**

During the Reporting Period, finance costs of the Company amounted to RMB20.658 million, a decrease of RMB1.042 million or 4.80% from RMB21.700 million for the same period in 2022 due to modification of certain storage yards leases during the year.

#### Income tax expense

During the Reporting Period, the income tax expense of the Company amounted to RMB73.588 million, an increase of RMB5.416 million or 7.94% from RMB68.172 million (restated) for the same period in 2022 due to an increase in profit before tax of the Company.

#### Total comprehensive income for the period

Due to the foresaid reasons, the total comprehensive income of the Company during the Reporting Period was RMB218.252 million, an increase of RMB17.002 million or 8.45% from RMB201.250 million (restated) for the same period in 2022.



# LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company adopts a prudent treasury management policy to maintain a healthy financial position. The Company monitors its cash flows and cash balance on a regular basis and strives to maintain an optimum liquidity that meets its working capital needs.

The Company funds its operations principally from cash flow generated from operating activities. The Company's primary uses of cash are for working capital and to meet its capital expenditure needs.

As at 31 December 2023, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of RMB608.747 million (2022: RMB852.658 million) denominated in RMB.

As at 31 December 2023, the Company had no bank borrowings (2022: Nil).

The Company's current ratio (being the ratio of total current assets to total current liabilities) was 2.81 (2022: 7.66) as at 31 December 2023.

As at 31 December 2023, the Company's gearing ratio (being the ratio of total interest-bearing borrowings to total equity) was 12.08% (2022: 9.08% (restated)).

During the Reporting Period, the Company's net cash from operating activities amounted to RMB326.470 million (the corresponding period of 2022: RMB339.781 million). The Company's net cash used in investing activities during the Reporting Period amounted to RMB491.332 million (the corresponding period of 2022: RMB3.974 million). The Company's net cash used in financing activities during the Reporting Period amounted to RMB79.049 million (the corresponding period of 2022: RMB75.818 million).

# PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 31 December 2023, the Company did not have any pledge of assets (2022: Nil).

### **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2023, the Company did not have any contingent liabilities (2022: Nil).

# **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

The Company's capital expenditure comprised mainly additions to property, plant and equipment. The Company's capital expenditure in the Reporting Period amounted to RMB535.767 million (the corresponding period of 2022: RMB18.791 million).

# Management Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

# SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS

In order to consolidate and enhance the Company's position as a grain transshipment and distribution hub among China's coastal ports, the Company invested in the construction of the Rizhao Port Grain Base, covering reconstruction of West-6 berth with an investment amount of approximately RMB1.44 billion which is expected to be completed and in use in 2024.

Save as disclosed above, no significant investment was made by the Company during the Reporting Period.

# MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSAL

During the Reporting Period, the Company had no material acquisitions and disposal of subsidiaries or associated companies.

# FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS AND CAPITAL ASSETS

Save as disclosed in this annual report, the Company had no plans authorised by the Board for material investments or additions of capital assets as at the date of this annual report.

# **EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD**

There are no material events undertaken by the Company after the Reporting Period.

# FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK MANAGEMENT

The operations of the Company are mainly located in the PRC, and substantially all of business assets, liabilities, operating revenue and expenses of the Company are denominated in or settled in RMB, while liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are mainly used to pay overseas agency fees. As such, the Company considers there is no material foreign exchange exposure. As at 31 December 2023, the Company did not enter into any derivative contracts to hedge the foreign exchange exposure.

# **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES**

As at 31 December 2023, the Company had a total of 341 full-time employees, all of whom are based in the PRC (2022: 335 employees). During the Reporting Period, the employees costs of the Company amounted to RMB84.590 million (2022: RMB84.591million).

The remuneration policy of the Company links the remunerations of employees with performance, according to their positions, qualifications, work performance and the Company's production and operation results. For the senior management of the Company, the Company implements a basic salary and a performance-based salary policy. The employees' remunerations are reviewed and adjusted by the Company annually. The Company also provides employees with various benefits in accordance with the relevant national, municipal, and city-level laws and regulations in the PRC.

In addition, to actively establish a learning enterprise and cultivate employees with active learning, the Company offers internal trainings on safety and security, business operations and technical skills to the employees for their improvement of skills related to their roles.

# **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

In terms of global grain trade, global grain trade and international production capacity continues to grow, and cargo types and sources remain diversified. Grain trade is of great significance to ensure food security of various countries and the consumer demand is steady with an overall stable supply. In terms of domestic demand, China's consumption of imported grains has been increasing, especially in the use of corn and barley for animal feed. Imported grain continues to grow due to a widening domestic supply gap driven by recent trends in expansion of Chinese national breeding scale and strong demand for grain feed materials and soy protein.

The year of 2024 is of significance in the Company's history, and marks both the fifth anniversary of the establishment of Shandong Port Group and the fifth anniversary of the Company's listing on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. The Company's approximate RMB1.44 billion investment in the construction of the Rizhao Port Grain Base will be put into operation and is expected to support expansion of grain business.

The Company intends to focus on:

### Stabilising capacity enhancement, strengthening quality and increasing efficiency

Centered on customer satisfaction, the Company will stabilise inventory, deeply integrate with major customers, and consolidate a basic volume of 10 million tonnes of soybeans; improve efficiency by leveraging its resources, coordinating berths and yards, and maximising efficiency of collection and distribution; boost incremental growth by capturing production opportunities of grain bases and promote production efficiency; and comprehensively enhance the quality of cargo transportation management and customer satisfaction, strengthening the Company's brand recognition.

## Tapping on potential and improving efficiency, strengthening production organisation

The Company will proactively contact port units to facilitate timely cargo clearance and ships docking and quarantine; and coordinate berth availability, optimise vessel berthing, unloading and relocation plans, expedite vessel turnaround and efficiency. The Company will reinforce planning formulation and leverage on pre-planning meetings to obtain knowledge of vessel and cargo flows in advance, and achieve greater efficiency.

### Focusing on cost control and strengthening budget execution

The Company will carry out cost reduction and efficiency enhancement campaign, set up the "cost reduction" campaign team, emphasise immediate cost control, widen single-ship and single-machine accounting, streamline its operating model, launch accounting of "cargo types and segments", and realise full-cost budgeting and control of all indexes. The Company will also establish budget execution and control system to strengthen execution of its cost and for dynamic budget assessment.

### Focusing on equipment management and enhancing protection capability

Driven by innovation and leveraging on technology, the Company will deeply integrate its production and management systems, and enhance automation and intelligence of operation management and production organisation. The Company aims to promote lean equipment management; apply cutting-edge technologies such as remotely controlled cleaning of holds on board woodchip ships; innovate equipment inspection for precise monitoring operations on conveyor belts; and research and develop key technologies for unmanned cleaning of silos.



# **Corporate Governance Report**

# **CULTURE, VALUES, AND STRATEGY**

The Company adheres to the mission of "developing ports, serving the society, and achieving employee value", with the vision of "building an international first-class port". We uphold the values of "integrity, responsibility, hard work, and innovation", and promote the spirit of "striving for excellence". We strive to create a sustainable business, build a green port, fulfil our economic, environmental and social responsibilities.

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

The Company is committed to achieving a high standard of corporate governance which is critical to the development of the Company and essential for protecting the interests of Shareholders and other stakeholders. The Company has adopted the applicable code provisions of the CG Code as set out in Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules as its code of corporate governance, and reviews its corporate governance practices from time to time in order to ensure its relevance.

The Company has complied with the relevant requirements of the applicable code provisions of the CG Code for the year ended 31 December 2023.

# MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules as its code of conduct for its Directors and Supervisors in the conduct of securities transactions. Having made specific enquiries to the Directors and Supervisors, each Director and Supervisor has confirmed that he/she has complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code during the Reporting Period.

# THE BOARD

### **Board Composition**

In compliance with code provision B.1.2 of the CG Code, an updated list of the Directors identifying their role and function are available on the websites of the Company (www.rzportjurong.com) and HKEXnews (www.hkexnews.hk). The Company will review the composition of the Board from time to time to ensure that the Board possesses the appropriate and necessary expertise, skills and experience to meet the needs of the Company's business and to enhance the Shareholders' value.

The Board currently comprises nine Directors in total, including one executive Director, five non-executive Directors and three independent non-executive Directors. The composition of the Board during the year and up to the date of this annual report is set out as follows:

#### **Executive Directors**

Mr. Zhang Feng (resigned on 15 February 2023) Mr. Qin Yuning (appointed on 15 February 2023)

#### **Non-executive Directors**

Mr. Cui Liang *(Chairman)* Mr. Seow Kok Leong Terence Mr. Nyan Ming Ren Francis Mr. Fang Lei Mr. Chen Lei

#### Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Zhang Zixue Mr. Lee Man Tai Mr. Wu Xibin

Pursuant to the Articles of Association, Directors shall be elected or replaced at shareholders' general meetings and serve a term of three years. Directors are eligible for re-election upon the expiration of their terms. If the Board appoints a new director to fill a temporary vacancy, the appointed director shall be subject to election by the Shareholders at the first shareholders' general meeting after his or her appointment.

Biography of each Director is set out in the section titled "Brief Biographies of Directors, Supervisors and Senior Management" in this annual report.

The Directors have no financial, business, family or other material/relevant relationships with each other.

### **Board Meetings and General Meetings**

According to the Articles of Association, Board meetings shall be held at least 4 times a year. At least 14 days' notice shall be given for a regular board meeting. At least 3 days' notice shall be given in the event of an extraordinary board meeting. Notice of the annual general meeting of the Company shall be served to all shareholders 21 days before the meeting is held, and notice of the extraordinary general meeting shall be served to all shareholders 15 days before the meeting is held. The company secretary of the Company shall assist the chairman of the Board in preparing the agenda for each meeting. The agenda and board papers shall be despatched at least 3 days before the date of the regular board meeting to enable the Directors to have full and timely access to relevant information. The Board decisions are voted upon at the board meetings. The company secretary of the Company records all matters considered and decisions reached by the Board and any concerns raised or dissenting views expressed by the Directors. Minutes of the meetings are kept by the company secretary.

A Board meeting shall be attended by more than half of the Directors. The Directors may attend the board meeting in person or authorise another director in writing to attend the Board meeting on his or her behalf.

During the Reporting Period, the Board held 6 board meetings and convened 4 shareholders' general meetings in total. The attendance record of the Directors of the above meetings is set out below:

	ing Directors' Tenure Number of		
Name of Directors	Number of Board Meetings Required to Attend	Number of Annual General Meetings Required to Attend	Extraordinary General Meetings Required to Attend
<i>Executive Directors</i> Mr. Zhang Feng <i>(Note 1)</i> Mr. Qin Yuning <i>(Note 2)</i>	1/1 5/5	_ 1/1	1/1 2/2
<i>Non-executive Directors</i> Mr. Cui Liang Mr. Seow Kok Leong Terence Mr. Fang Lei Mr. Nyan Ming Ren Francis Mr. Chen Lei	6/6 6/6 6/6 6/6 6/6	1/1 1/1 1/1 1/1 1/1	3/3 3/3 3/3 3/3 3/3 3/3
<i>Independent non-executive Directors</i> Mr. Zhang Zixue Mr. Lee Man Tai Mr. Wu Xibin	6/6 6/6 6/6	1/1 1/1 1/1	3/3 3/3 3/3

Notes:

1. Mr. Zhang Feng resigned as an executive Director on 15 February 2023.

2. Mr. Qin Yuning was appointed as an executive Director on 15 February 2023.

In addition to Board meetings, a meeting of the Chairman and the independent non-executive Directors without the presence of other Directors and the management was held in 2023.

### **Responsibilities of the Board and Management**

The Board shall act in the interests of all the Shareholders and shall be accountable to the general meeting. The Board shall mainly be responsible for: implementing the resolutions of the general meeting; determining the operation plan and investment program of the Company; formulating the annual financial budget plan and final accounting plan of the Company; formulating the profit distribution plan of the Company; determining the establishment of internal management bodies and formulating the basic management system of the Company, etc. The Company has established three committees under the Board to oversee specific matters of the Company, namely the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee, and the Nomination Committee. The Board has delegated relevant duties to the respective committees, which are contained in the terms of reference of the relevant committees. Besides, the management of the Company will provide sufficient consultation with the Board and the Board committees when appropriate to facilitate the Directors in making informed decisions.

### Nomination, Appointment and Removal of Directors

The Company has formulated a formal and transparent procedure for the appointment of new directors to the Board. Nomination and appointment of new directors is first considered by the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee whose recommendations will then be put to the Board for consideration. All newly nominated directors are subject to the approval of the shareholders at the Company's general meetings. For details of the Company's policy for nomination of Directors, please refer to the paragraph titled "Board Committees – Nomination Committee – Policy for the Nomination of Directors" in this annual report. Removal of members of the Board and their remuneration and payment terms are also subject to the approval of the Shareholders at the Company's general meetings.

#### **Independent Non-executive Directors**

The Company has received from each independent non-executive Director an annual confirmation of their independence in accordance with Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. Based on their confirmations, the Company considers that, as at the date of this annual report, the independent non-executive Directors are independent from the Company.

### Independent Views of the Board

In compliance with code provision B.1.4 of the CG Code, the Company has established mechanisms to ensure that independent views and inputs are available to the Board (the "**Mechanisms**"). The Mechanisms ensure adequate time is allocated for discussion of issues tabled to the Board for deliberation; the minutes of the Board and Board committee meetings accurately reflect the deliberations and decisions made, including any dissenting views and if any Director had abstained from voting or deliberating on a particular matter and that Board committee meetings are conducted separately from the Board meeting to enable independent discussion during the respective meetings, particularly the Audit Committee of which the members comprise a majority of independent non-executive Directors. The Board will review the implementation and effectiveness of the Mechanisms annually. At the meeting held on 28 March 2024, the Board has reviewed the implementation and effectiveness of the Mechanisms during the Reporting Period and considered that the Mechanisms remain effective.



### **Training and Professional Development of Directors**

During the Reporting Period, the Directors have participated in continuous professional development to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills by participating in seminars or trainings or reading materials on the following topics:

Name of Directors	Training contents
Executive Directors	
Mr. Zhang Feng <i>(resigned on 15 February 2023)</i>	-
Mr. Qin Yuning (appointed on 15 February 2023)	(1) (2)
Non-executive Directors	
Mr. Cui Liang	(1) (2)
Mr. Seow Kok Leong Terence	(1) (2)
Mr. Fang Lei	(1) (2)
Mr. Nyan Ming Ren Francis	(1) (2)
Mr. Chen Lei	(1) (2)
Independent Non-executive Directors	
Mr. Zhang Zixue	(1)(2)
Mr. Lee Man Tai	(1) (2)
Mr. Wu Xibin	(1) (2)
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Notes:

- (1) Director's duties
- (2) Legal and compliance

# CHAIRMAN AND GENERAL MANAGER OR DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER

The posts of chairman and general manager or deputy general manager of the Company are separate and held by different persons to ensure their respective independence of responsibility and accountability and the balance of power and authority between them. The chairman (Mr. Cui Liang, a non-executive Director) plays a crucial role in setting the development strategy of the Company, and is responsible for ensuring that the Board is functioning properly and with well-formulated corporate governance practices and procedures, whilst Mr. Zhang Feng (from 1 January 2023 until 13 January 2023) and Mr. Qin Yuning (from 13 January 2023 until 28 March 2024) as the general manager or Mr. Chen Zhou as the deputy general manager from 28 March 2024 is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Company's operations, including organising the implementation of strategies set by the Board, making day-to-day decisions and coordinating overall business operations.

# **BOARD COMMITTEES**

The Board has established the Audit Committee, the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee, all with specific terms of reference clearly defining the powers and responsibilities of the respective Board committees. All Board committees are required by their terms of reference to report to the Board in relation to their decisions, findings or recommendations.

During the Reporting Period, the attendance record of Directors at the meeting of each Board Committee is as follows:

	Attendance/Number of Meetings Required to Attend During Directors' Tenure			
		Remuneration	Nomination	
Name of Directors	Audit Committee	Committee	Committee	
Executive Directors				
Mr. Zhang Feng <i>(Note 1)</i>	-	-	-	
Mr. Qin Yuning <i>(Note 2)</i>	_	_	_	
Non-executive Directors				
Mr. Cui Liang	_	-	2/2	
Mr. Seow Kok Leong Terence	_	-	2/2	
Mr. Fang Lei	_	4/4	_	
Mr. Nyan Ming Ren Francis	_	-	_	
Mr. Chen Lei	4/4	-	_	
Independent Non-executive Directors				
Mr. Zhang Zixue	4/4	4/4	2/2	
Mr. Lee Man Tai	4/4	_	2/2	
Mr. Wu Xibin	-	4/4	2/2	

Notes:

1. Mr. Zhang Feng resigned as an executive Director on 15 February 2023.

2. Mr. Qin Yuning was appointed as an executive Director on 15 February 2023.



### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee was established by the Company with written terms of reference in compliance with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules and the CG Code. Its main responsibilities are to review and supervise the financial report and internal audit system of the Company, oversee the audit process, engage, renew or remove external auditors, review and oversee the existing and potential risks of the Company and perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Board.

On 28 March 2024, Mr. Chen Lei has tendered his resignation as a non-executive Director, which will take effect from the date of the approval of the Shareholders on the appointment of a new non-executive Director at a general meeting of the Company. As at 31 December 2023, the Audit Committee consisted of two independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Lee Man Tai and Mr. Zhang Zixue and one non-executive Director, namely Mr. Chen Lei, and the chairman of the Audit Committee was Mr. Lee Man Tai.

During the Reporting Period, the Audit Committee held 4 meetings and performed the following duties:

- (a) reviewed the Company's annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022;
- (b) reviewed the Company's interim report and interim unaudited financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2023;
- (c) reviewed the non-exempted continuing connected transactions and connected transactions of the Company;
- (d) considered the re-appointment of Grant Thornton Hong Kong Limited ("**Grant Thornton**") as the independent auditor during the Reporting Period and made recommendations to the Board; and
- (e) reviewed the risk management and internal control procedures of the Company.

The Audit Committee has, together with the management of the Company and the external auditors, reviewed the audited financial statements in this annual report. They have also discussed the key risks and the internal control and risk management issues, and reviewed the audit plan, internal control performance and the effectiveness of the internal control system.

#### **Remuneration Committee**

The Remuneration Committee was established by the Company with written terms of reference in compliance with Rule 3.25 of the Listing Rules and the CG Code. The Remuneration Committee has adopted the model described in code provision E.1.2(c) of the CG Code in its terms of reference that it shall make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration packages of individual executive Directors and senior management. Its other main responsibilities are to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration policy and structure for the Directors, the Supervisors and senior management, on the establishment of a formal and transparent procedure for the formation of a remuneration policy and on the remuneration of non-executive Directors, and review and/or approve matters relating to share schemes under Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

As at 31 December 2023, the Remuneration Committee consisted of two independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Zhang Zixue and Mr. Wu Xibin and one non-executive Director, namely Mr. Fang Lei, and the chairman of the Remuneration Committee was Mr. Zhang Zixue.

During the Reporting Period, the Remuneration Committee held 4 meetings and performed the following duties:

- (a) considered the remuneration of the executive Directors, non-executive Directors, independent non-executive Directors and Supervisors of the Company for the year of 2022;
- (b) reviewed the Company's remuneration policy; and
- (c) considered the remuneration package for the newly appointed executive Director and senior management and made recommendations to the Board.

Pursuant to code provision E.1.5 of the CG Code, details of the remuneration of members of the senior management by band are as follows:

Remuneration band (RMB)	Number of persons		
0 – 500,000	4		
500,001 - 1,000,000	1		
1,000,001 - 1,500,000	_		

Further details of the remunerations of Directors and the five highest paid employees are disclosed in Notes 11 and 12 to the financial statements of this annual report.

### **Nomination Committee**

The Nomination Committee was established by the Company with written terms of reference in compliance with the CG Code. Its main responsibilities are to review the structure, size and members of the Board, make recommendations to the Board on the appointment and removal of Directors, and review independence of independent non-executive Directors.

On 28 March 2024, Mr. Cui Liang has tendered his resignation as a non-executive Director, which will take effect from the date of the approval of the Shareholders on the appointment of a new non-executive Director at a general meeting of the Company. As at 31 December 2023, the Nomination Committee consisted of three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Lee Man Tai, Mr. Zhang Zixue and Mr. Wu Xibin and two non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Cui Liang and Mr. Seow Kok Leong Terence, and the chairman of the Nomination Committee was Mr. Cui Liang.

During the Reporting Period, the Nomination Committee held 2 meetings and performed the following duties:

- (a) considered the suitability of the nominee of the executive Director (Mr. Qin Yuning) and made recommendations to the Board;
- (b) assessed the independence of independent non-executive Directors; and
- (c) reviewed the training and continuous professional development of director and senior management of the Company.

### Policy for the Nomination of Directors

The directors shall be elected or replaced at the general meeting of shareholders and serve a term of three years. Directors are eligible for re-election upon expiration of their terms of office. The Chairman of the Board shall be elected and removed by more than half of all the members of the Board. The term of the Chairman is three years and may be re-elected. The term of independent non-executive directors is three years and subject to re-election with a term of not more than nine years, unless otherwise stipulated by relevant laws and regulations.

The first session of director candidates shall be nominated by the promoters; the next session of director candidates shall be nominated by the last Board and shareholders who individually or jointly hold more than 3% of the Company's shares. In terms of the specific procedures for nomination of the Board of last session, in order to control the number of the directors of the last session within the number specified in the Articles of Association, a list of proposed candidates for directors based on the number of proposed candidates for election shall be submitted to the Board for review. After the Board has reviewed and passed a resolution to determine the candidates for directors, it shall submit a written proposal to the general meeting. The nomination methods and procedures of independent non-executive directors shall be implemented in accordance with the relevant provisions of laws, administrative regulations and departmental rules.

In respect of any shareholder's submission to the Company of (i) a notice of his intention to recommend a director candidate and (ii) a notice to the Company by that the director candidate indicates his acceptance of nomination, the deadline for giving the said notice shall not be earlier than the latest date of issue of the notice of such election meeting nor expiries 7 days prior to the date of the meeting; however, such notice shall be given within at least 7 days.

- A. The Nomination Committee will recommend to the Board for the selection, election and re-election of a Director including an independent non-executive Director in accordance with the following procedures and process. The Nomination Committee (i) will, giving due consideration to the current composition and size of the Board, develop a list of desirable skills, perspectives and experience at the outset to focus the search effort; (ii) may consult any source it considers appropriate in identifying or selecting suitable candidates, such as referrals from existing shareholders and Directors with due consideration given to the criteria which include but are not limited to: (a) diversity in the aspects of, amongst others, gender, age, cultural and educational background, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service; (b) commitment for responsibilities of the Board in respect of available time and relevant interest; (c) qualifications, both academic and professional, including accomplishment and experience in the relevant industries in which the Company's business is involved; (d) independence (for independent non-executive Directors); and (e) reputation for integrity.
- B. Where an executive Director, a non-executive Director and a candidate for independent non-executive Director are considered, the Remuneration Committee will make the recommendation to the Board on the policy and structure for the remuneration;
- C. The Board may select to arrange for the selected candidate to be interviewed by the members of the Board who are not members of the Nomination Committee and the Board will thereafter deliberate and decide the appointment as the case may be;
- D. All appointment of Directors will be confirmed by the filing of the consent to act as director of the relevant Director (or any other similar filings requiring the relevant Director to acknowledge or accept the appointment as Director, as the case may be) to be filed with the relevant regulatory authorities, if required; and

E. Where the Board proposes a resolution to elect or re-elect a candidate as Director at the following general meeting, the relevant information of the candidate will be disclosed in the circular to Shareholders and/or explanatory statement accompanying the notice of the relevant general meeting in accordance with the Listing Rules and/or applicable laws and regulations.

# **Board Diversity Policy**

The Company has adopted the board diversity policy which sets out the objective and approach to achieve and maintain diversity of the Board in order to enhance the effectiveness of the Board. Pursuant to the board diversity policy, the Company seeks to achieve Board diversity through the consideration of a number of factors, including but not limited to gender, age, race, language, cultural background, educational background, industry experience and professional experience. The ages of Directors of the Company range from 37 to 56, and all Directors have extensive working experience in their respective fields, including strategic management, business development, legal, financial, auditing and accounting experience.

In identifying and selecting suitable candidates to serve as a director of the Company, the Nomination Committee would consider the above criteria necessary to complement the corporate strategy and achieve Board diversity, where appropriate, before making recommendations to the Board. The Board and the Nomination Committee will continue to apply the principle of appointments based on merits with reference to the board diversity policy as a whole.

Having reviewed the Board composition, the Board recognises the importance and benefits of gender diversity at the Board level, which can be improved given its current composition of all male directors, and shall continue to take initiatives to identify female candidate(s) to enhance the gender diversity among the Board members. On 28 March 2024, with the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, the Board proposed to nominate Ms. Liu Rong (劉榮) as a non-executive Director. Upon the approval of the Shareholders on the appointment of Ms. Liu as the non-executive Director at the AGM, the composition of the Board will satisfy the requirement under Rule 13.92 of the Listing Rules regarding gender diversity of the Board. We will continue with our endeavor to increase female representation in our Board.

Our diversity policy including the gender diversity was generally followed in the workforce throughout the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023. As at the date of this annual report, 79.5% of our total workforce were male and 20.5% of our total workforce were female.



# SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

The Supervisory Committee is the supervisory authority of the Company and shall be accountable to the general meeting of the Shareholders. Supervisors shall act independently to protect the legal interests of the Shareholders and the Company in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations and the Articles of Association.

The authority and duties of the Supervisory Committee include but not limited (a) to review the financial statements, business report and profit distribution plan prepared by the Board and may retain certified accountant or certified auditor to review the financial information; (b) to supervise the financial activities of the Company; (c) to demand the rectification of acts of the Directors, Chairman and senior management which are against the interests of the Company; and (d) to exercise other power, authority and duties in accordance with the Articles of Association.

On 31 August 2023, Mr. Li Weiqing has tendered his resignation as a shareholder representative Supervisor to the Supervisory Committee, which will take effect from the date of the approval of the Shareholders on the appointment of a new shareholder representative Supervisor at a general meeting of the Company. As at 31 December 2023, the Supervisory Committee consisted of three members, namely Mr. Gao Zhiyuan, Mr. Li Weiqing and Mr. Tham Wai Kong, and the chairman of the Supervisory Committee was Mr. Gao Zhiyuan.

Particulars of the Supervisors are set out in the section titled "Brief Biographies Details of Directors, Supervisors and Senior Management" of this annual report. The work of the Supervisory Committee is set out in the Supervisors' Report in this annual report.

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FUNCTIONS**

The corporate governance function of the Company is carried out by the Board with written terms of reference in compliance with code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code. The main responsibilities are to develop and review the policies and practices on corporate governance of the Company, review and monitor the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, review and monitor the training and continuous professional development of Directors and senior management and review the Company's compliance with the CG code and the disclosure in the Corporate Governance Report in this annual report.

During the Reporting Period, the Board performed the following duties:

- (a) reviewed the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance;
- (b) reviewed the training and continuous professional development of the Directors; and
- (c) reviewed the Company's compliance with the CG Code and the disclosure in the corporate governance report.

# **EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION**

For the Reporting Period, the remuneration paid and payable to the external auditor of the Company in respect of audit and non-audit services were HK\$740,000 and HK\$90,000, respectively, which has been reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee. The non-audit services were in relation to the Company's 2023 interim report.

The Audit Committee had considered the external auditor's dependence and objectivity as required under the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accounts, reviewed the terms of their engagement, nature and scope of the audit and reporting obligations.

The Audit Committee is satisfied with the findings of their review of the engagement process.

# **ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT**

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for preparation and publication of the timely financial statements and ensure that they are prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements and applicable accounting standards. In preparing the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, the Directors have adopted suitable accounting policies which are pertinent to the Company's operations and relevant to the financial statements and have presented an understandable assessment of the Company's position and prospects.

The Directors confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, the accounts is prepared on a going concern basis and they are not aware of any material uncertainties relating to the events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

A statement by the external auditor about their reporting responsibilities is set out on pages 77 to 81 of this annual report.

# JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

During the Reporting Period, Mr. Zheng Shiqiang, joint company secretary of the Company, and Ms. Ho Yin Kwan, another joint company secretary from SWCS Corporate Services Group (Hong Kong) Limited, confirmed that they have complied with the requirements on a minimum of 15 hours dedicated for relevant professional training as set out in Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules. The main contact person of Ms. Ho Yin Kwan is Mr. Zheng Shiqiang, one of the joint company secretaries of the Company.



# **RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL**

One of the major functions and responsibilities of the Board is to maintain adequate risk management and internal control systems to safeguard shareholders' investments and the Company's assets. The risk management and internal control measures are designed to manage and mitigate rather than eliminate the risks inherent in the Company's business, and can only provide reasonable assurance against material misstatement, loss or fraud.

The Company reviews the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems every year. The review covers all important aspects that need to be monitored, including finance, operation and compliance as well as risk management. The Company has defined the lines of authority and monitoring responsibilities for risk management and internal control of each business unit of the Company, and established a risk management department so as to ensure clear division of responsibilities and effective accountability. The Company has also set up internal procedures and management manuals to supervise the operations.

To establish effective risk management and internal control, the Company has adopted the following measures:

# **Compliance Control**

The Company has established a set of compliance management mechanism to promote compliance operation of the Company. The Company has also complied with the requirements under the Listing Rules, SFO and the Guidelines on Disclosure of Inside Information which regulates information disclosure. The Company has formulated and shall strictly implement the Management Regulations Governing Information Disclosure (the "**Regulations**"), and shall gradually establish the comprehensive process of reporting, identifying and disclosing inside information; the Supervisory Committee shall review the implementation of the Regulation from time to time and urge the Board to rectify any deviation from the Regulation. In order to deal with the compliance in connected transactions, the Company has fully established an early warning system for connected transactions. The Company's securities affairs office, finance office and other departments closely cooperate to verify the amount of connected transactions every month. From the two dimensions of "time schedule" and "transaction amount", the Company has implemented and differentiated color warnings for continuing connected transactions, and strengthened the supervision and control of the internal audit department, so as to prevent the occurrence of violations.

# **Operation Control**

The Company has endeavored to establish a systematic and complete corporate operational monitoring mechanism to reduce corporate risks. The Company has formulated a contract management system, seal management and other systems to strengthen contract risk control. The Company has established and improved the safety responsibility system and safety management system to ensure safe production and operation of the port.

## Corporate Governance Report (Continued)

#### **Finance Control**

The Company has strictly abided by a series of financial management regulations and measures, including business outsourcing, fixed assets leasing, receivables, financing management and notes management, etc. to effectively prevent and reduce financial risks. The Company has introduced comprehensive budget management and promoted budget's process control, which provide quantitative index of finance and operation for the Board and the management. The Audit Committee communicates with auditors regularly to review the regular reports, as well as supervise the financial operation of the Company. The Company also pays high attention to the job qualifications and professional integrity of accounting and financial personnel, and the Company takes full consideration of resources and budget of continuous trainings.

#### **Internal Audit Control**

The Company establishes an internal audit department with corresponding supervision and audit responsibilities in order to assist the Audit Committee and the Supervisory Committee to review and supervise the factuality, legitimacy and efficiency for the Company's financial condition, construction projects and related economic activities.

The Board and the Audit Committee has conducted its regular and annual review of the effectiveness of the Company's risk management and internal control systems in respect of the Reporting Period to ensure effective measures are in place to protect material assets and identify business risks of the Company. Such review did not reveal any major issues and the Board considers the risk management and internal control systems effective and adequate.

#### **INVESTOR RELATIONS**

The Company considers that effective communication with the Shareholders is essential for enhancing investor relations and understanding of the Company's business, performance and strategies. The secretary of the Board is responsible for the overall coordination and arrangement of the management work of investor relations and the investor relations personnel is responsible for the specific implementation. The Company is committed to setting up an efficient communication bridge between management and investors. The Company also recognises the importance of timely and non-selective disclosure of information, which will enable Shareholders and investors to make the informed investment decisions. The Company has established several communication channels, including (a) the annual and extraordinary general meetings, road shows, reverse roadshows as well as inviting investors to pay site visits, which provide a forum for the Shareholders to communicate directly with the Board; (b) corporate communications published on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange or in printed form despatched to the Shareholders (if requested); (c) announcement disseminating the latest activities of the Company on the websites of the Company's website providing an electronic means of communication. Furthermore, the secretary of the Board regularly reports to the management on the investors' perception of the Company and relevant development, so that the management can understand the concerns of investors and the changes of relevant policies and requirements in time, thus improving its work on investor relations.

The Company reviewed the implementation and effectiveness of the shareholders' communication policy and considered it to be effective during the Reporting Period.



#### SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

#### **Convening of Extraordinary General Meeting**

Pursuant to the Articles of Association, shareholders holding individually or collectively 10% or more of the Company's shares may request in writing for the convening of an extraordinary general meeting and shall follow the following procedures:

- (a) Two or more shareholders individually or jointly holding 10% or more of the shares carrying voting rights at the meeting sought to be held may sign one or more written requests of identical form of content requesting the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting and stating the subject of the meeting.
- (b) The Board shall convene an extraordinary general meeting as soon as possible after having received the aforesaid written request.
- (c) If the Board fails to issue a notice of convening such meeting within 30 days upon receipt of the above written request, the shareholders who made such request may request the Supervisory Committee to convene the extraordinary general meeting.
- (d) If the Supervisory Committee fails to issue a notice of convening such meeting within 30 days upon receipt of the above written request, shareholders, for more than 90 consecutive days, individually or jointly holding 10% or more of the shares carrying voting rights at the meeting sought to be held may convene the meeting of their own accord within four months upon the Board having received such request. The convening procedures shall, to the greatest extent possible, be identical to procedures according to which the shareholders' general meetings are to be convened by the Board.

## **Corporate Governance Report (Continued)**

#### **Procedures for Proposal at the General Meeting**

Pursuant to the Articles of Association, shareholders individually or jointly holding 3% or more of the total voting shares of the Company are entitled to propose new resolutions in writing to the Company and submit them to the convener 10 days before the meeting. The convener of the shareholders' general meeting shall issue a supplementary notice of the shareholders' general meeting to other shareholders within two days upon the receipt of such proposal.

#### Enquiry to the Board

Shareholders and investors of the Company may send their enquiries and concerns to the Company by addressing them to the office of the Board. The contact details are as follows:

Office of the Board Telephone: +86 0633 7381 569 Fax: +86 0633 7381 530 E-mail: rzgyl@rzportjurong.com Address: South End, Haibin 5th Road, Rizhao City, Shandong Province, PRC

#### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

The Board may declare dividends after considering (a) the operational results, financial position, cash requirements and availability and capital expenditure requirements of the Company; (b) the previous dividend payout ratio of the Company; (c) reference to other companies in the same industry listed on the Stock Exchange; and (d) other factors it may deem relevant at that time. Any declaration and payment and the amounts of dividends shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association and the relevant laws and regulations of the PRC.

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS**

In order to conform with the uniform set of 14 core standards for shareholder protections set out in Appendix A1 of the Listing Rules and to incorporate other consequential and housekeeping amendments, amendments have been made to the Articles of Association during the Reporting Period. The amendments to the Articles of Association were considered and approved at the Company's annual general meeting held on 18 May 2023. The amended Articles of Association has taken effect upon the approval at the aforementioned meeting. For details of the amendments, please refer to the circular of the Company dated 27 April 2023. The revised Articles of Association is available on both the Company's website and the Stock Exchange's website.

#### DIRECTORS

#### **Executive and Non-executive Directors**

**Mr. Cui Liang (崔亮)**, aged 56, was appointed as the chairman of the Board and non-executive Director of the Company on 24 November 2021. He is mainly responsible for overseeing the management and strategic development of the Company.

Mr. Cui graduated from Shandong Normal University with a major in Chinese Language and Literature in 1993, holds a college degree and is a political engineer. He successively served as deputy manager of Third Harbor Company of Rizhao Port (日照港第三港務分公司) from August 2008 to November 2013; chief dispatcher of production business department of Rizhao Port Group from November 2013 to September 2015; manager of marketing branch of Rizhao Port Group from September 2015 to January 2017; head of the production business department of Rizhao Port Group from January 2017 to January 2020; member of the Party Committee and chairman of the Labor Union of Rizhao Port Group from January 2020 to August 2021 and chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Rizhao Port from July 2020 to August 2021; and director of Rizhao Port from September 2021 to August 2022.

Mr. Cui is currently a member of the Party Committee of Qingdao Port International, a member of the Party Committee, the deputy general manager and chief coordinator of Qingdao Port Group, the chairman of Qingdao Port Pilot Station Co., Ltd., a director of Qingdao Port International Container Development Co., Ltd., the chairman of Qingdao Port International Haiye Mercuria Logistics Co., Ltd., and the directors of a number of joint ventures and associates of Qingdao Port International.

**Mr. Qin Yuning (秦玉寧)**, aged 50, was appointed as an executive Director and the authorised representative of the Company under Rule 3.05 of the Listing Rules on 15 February 2023. He is primarily responsible for overseeing strategic development, overall operation and management of the Company.

Mr. Qin has over 17 years in the port industry. He has served as the deputy general manager of the Company since January 2023. From March 2020 to July 2021 and since November 2022, he has served as a member of the party committee and deputy general manager (executive level) of the Company. From July 2021 to November 2022, he served as a member of the party committee and deputy manager of the First Port Branch of Rizhao Port Co., Ltd. (日 照港股份有限公司第一港務分公司). From April 2019 to March 2020, he served as a member of the party committee and deputy general manager of the Company. From August 2010 to April 2019, he served various positions in the Third Port Branch of Rizhao Port (日照港第三港務分公司), including member of the party committee and deputy manager, secretary and director of the party branch of the production dispatching center, director of the production scheduling center and head of the production and business department. From May 2005 to August 2010, he worked in the warehouse team and production and business department of Third Port Branch of Rizhao Port.

Mr. Qin obtained a bachelor's degree in management specialising in national economic management from Qingdao University.

**Mr. Seow Kok Leong Terence (蕭國良)**, aged 54, was appointed as a non-executive Director on 28 December 2022. He is primarily responsible for participating in formulating the Company's corporate and business strategies.

Mr. Seow has acted as the chief executive officer of Jurong Port since September 2022. Mr. Seow served as the assistant chief executive officer of Enterprise Singapore from 2011 to 2014. From 2014 to August 2022, Mr. Seow served as the assistant chief executive officer of JTC Corporation. Mr. Seow graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He also has a master's degree in Public Administration from Columbia University, through a scholarship awarded by Enterprise Singapore. In 2018, Mr. Seow was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) by the Government of Singapore in recognition of his contribution to the public service.

**Mr. Nyan Ming Ren Francis (嚴明仁)**, aged 52, was appointed as a non-executive Director on 28 December 2022. He is primarily responsible for participating in formulating the Company's corporate and business strategies.

Mr. Nyan has acted as the chief financial officer of Jurong Port since October 2022. Mr. Nyan served in various roles at DBS Singapore from 1996 to 2019, he was the Managing Director and Head of Capital and Funding prior to leaving DBS Singapore. From 2019 to September 2022, he served as the Director of Treasury and Payment at JTC Corporation. Mr. Nyan graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree (First Class Honours) from University of Oxford under DBS Overseas Scholarship Award. He attained his master's degree of arts with Benjamin Batson Gold Medal from the National University of Singapore. Mr. Nyan's professional qualifications include Chartered Financial Analyst, Certified Financial Risk Manager and Singapore Chartered Accountant Qualification Programme.

**Mr. Fang Lei (房磊)**, aged 53, was appointed as a non-executive Director on 28 December 2022. He is primarily responsible for participating in formulating the Company's corporate and business strategies.

Mr. Fang has a title of senior economist. He graduated from Shandong University in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in scientific socialism, and obtained a master's degree in law from the University of International Business and Economics in 2001. Mr. Fang has extensive experience in port management, and has been working in Rizhao Port Group since 1990. From August 2004 to November 2005, he served as the deputy head of the investment promotion section of the corporate development department of Rizhao Port Group. From November 2005 to April 2011, he served as the head of the investment promotion section of the corporate development department of Rizhao Port Group. From April 2011 to September 2011, he served as the assistant to the general manager of Rizhao Port Jurong Terminals Co., Ltd. From September 2011 to December 2016, he was appointed as the deputy general manager, financial controller and chairman of labor union of Rizhao Port Jurong Terminals Co., Ltd. From December 2016 to June 2018, he served as the deputy director of the corporate development department of Rizhao Port (presiding over the work). Mr. Fang has served as the director of the corporate development department of Rizhao Port from March 2019 to November 2022, and from November 2022 to present, he has served as Party Secretary and Executive Vice President of the Party School of Rizhao Port Co., Ltd..

**Mr. Chen Lei (陳磊)**, aged 37, was appointed as a non-executive Director on 20 May 2021. He is mainly responsible for participating in formulating the Company's corporate and business strategies.

Mr. Chen has held various positions in Rizhao Port Group since 2012. Mr. Chen worked in the financial budget department of Rizhao Port Group as a financial supervisor from August 2012 to December 2016. He worked in asset finance department of Rizhao Port Group as a supervisor from December 2016 to February 2020. From February 2020 to April 2020, he concurrently served as the deputy minister of asset finance department and the financial statement and accounting management of Rizhao Port Group. He concurrently served as the deputy minister of asset finance department second level supervisor from April 2020 to June 2020. He served as the deputy minister of the asset finance department of Rizhao Port Group and has served as the deputy minister of the financial management department of Rizhao Port Group from June 2020 to September 2020 and has served as the deputy minister of the financial management department of Rizhao Port Group since September 2020. Mr. Chen graduated from Chang'an University (長安大學) with a major in accounting in 2012, obtaining a master's degree in management.

#### **Independent Non-executive Directors**

**Mr. Zhang Zixue (張子學)**, aged 55, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director of the Company on 20 December 2018. Mr. Zhang is primarily responsible for supervising and providing independent judgment to the Board.

From May 1997 to September 2016, Mr. Zhang worked at the China Securities Regulatory Commission and held positions of director of supervision department of listed companies, full-time member of administrative penalty committee and deputy chief of the administrative punishment committee. He has been serving as a professor at Civil, Commercial and Economic Law School of China University of Political Science and Law (中國政法大學民商經濟法學院) since September 2016. He has also been the independent director of Zhejiang Juhua Co., Ltd (浙江巨化股份有限公司) (a company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, stock code: 600160) since December 2019 and TangShan Port Group Co., Ltd.\* (唐山港集團股份有限公司) (a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, stock code: 002735) from December 2018 to 21 February 2022. He has been an independent director of Minmetals Capital Company Limited (五礦資本股份有限公司) (a company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, stock code: 600390) since May 2023, and an independent director of Henan XinNing Logistics Co.,Ltd. (河南新寧物流股份有限公司) (a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, stock code: 600390) since May 2023, and an independent director of Henan XinNing Logistics Co.,Ltd. (河南新寧物流股份有限公司) (a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, stock code: 600390) since May 2023, and an independent director of Henan XinNing Logistics Co.,Ltd. (河南新寧物流股份有限公司) (a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, stock code: 600390) since May 2023, and an independent director of Henan XinNing Logistics Co.,Ltd. (河南新寧物流股份有限公司) (a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, stock code: 600390) since May 2023, and an independent director of Henan XinNing Logistics Co.,Ltd. (河南新寧物流股份有限公司) (a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, stock code: 300013) since March 2023.

Mr. Zhang obtained a bachelor's degree in law in July 1989 and a master's degree in litigation law in January 1993 from Renmin University of China (中國人民大學). He also received a master of law degree from Temple University in the U.S. in May 2002. He received his doctorate degree in corporate law and securities law from China University of Political Science and Law (中國政法大學) in June 2008. Mr. Zhang was granted the Certificate of Qualification of Lawyer of the People's Republic of China by the Beijing Judicial Bureau in June 1991.

**Mr. Lee Man Tai (李文泰)**, aged 47, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director of the Company on 17 December 2019. Mr. Lee is primarily responsible for supervising and providing independent judgment to the Board.

Mr. Lee has approximately 21 years of working experience in financial industry. From October 2006 to October 2012, he acted as the chief financial officer and company secretary of China Yuanbang Property Holdings Limited (中國元邦房 地產控股有限公司), a company listed on Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange Limited (stock code: CYBP.SP or BCD. SI). From October 2012 to May 2014, he acted as the chief financial officer and company secretary of China 33 Media Group Limited (中國三三傳媒集團有限公司), a company listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 8087). He acted as the chief financial officer and company secretary of Flying Financial Service Holdings Limited (匯聯金融服務控 股有限公司), a company listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 8030) from July 2014 to April 2015 and from August 2014 to April 2015, respectively. He also acted as the financial controller and company secretary of Chanco International Group Limited (卓高國際集團有限公司) (now known as China International Development Corporation Limited (中聯發展控股集團有限公司)), a company listed on Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 264) from April 2015 to January 2016 and from April 2015 to September 2015, respectively. Since January 2016, Mr. Lee has been an independent non-executive director of China Energy Development Holdings Limited (中國能源開發控股有限公 司), a company listed on Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 228). Since November 2016, he has been an independent non-executive director of Progressive Path Group Holdings Limited (進昇集團控股有限公司), a company listed on Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 1581). Since June 2021, he has served as an independent non-executive director of Yunhong Guixin Group Holdings Limited (運鴻硅鑫集團控股有限公司) (previously known as MEIGU Technology Holding Group Limited (美固科技控股集團有限公司)), a company listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 8349). Mr. Lee has also served as the chief financial officer and company secretary of China New Consumption Group Limited (中國新消費集團有限公司) (formerly known as Beaver Group (Holding) Company Limited (永勤集團(控股)有限公司)), a company listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 8275), since June 2021 and August 2021, respectively.

Mr. Lee graduated from Lingnan University, Hong Kong in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2010 with a master's degree in business administration. He was admitted as a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in the United Kingdom and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants in 2012. He obtained the qualification as a licensed representative for advising on dealing in securities (type 1) and advising on corporate finance (type 6) promulgated by the Securities and Futures Commission in 2017 and became the person-in-charge in 2020.

**Mr. Wu Xibin (吳西彬)**, aged 54, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director of the Company on 10 January 2019. Mr. Wu is primarily responsible for supervising and providing independent judgement to the Board.

Mr. Wu served as securities lawyer at Henan Jinyan Law Firm (河南金研律師事務所) from August 1993 to October 2001 and Beijing Liwen Law Finn (北京李文律師事務所) from October 2001 to August 2006. From May 2006 to February 2013, he served as partner at Beijing Honor Base Law Firm (北京市衡基律師事務所). He has been the senior partner of Beijing Great Wall Law Firm (北京華城律師事務所) since June 2013.

He has been an independent director at NAURA Technology Group Co., Ltd. (北方華創科技集團股份有限公司) (a company listed on Shenzhen Stock Exchange, stock code: 002371) since October 2016. He has been an independent director of Huayuan Property Co., Ltd. (華遠地產股份有限公司, a company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 600743)) since May 2021 and has served as an external non-executive director of China Siwei Surveying and Mapping Technology Co., Ltd. (中國四維測繪技術有限公司) (a holding subsidiary of China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation) since December 2021.

Mr. Wu obtained his bachelor's degree in law at Zhongnan College of Political Science and Law (中南政法學院, later merged into Zhongnan University of Economics and Law (中南財經政法大學)) in July 1992. He received his master's degree in business administration at China Europe International Business School (中歐國際工商學院) in September 2012. Mr. Wu was granted the securities law business qualification certificate by the Ministry of Justice of People's Republic of China in October 1996.

#### **SUPERVISORS**

**Mr. Gao Zhiyuan (高志願)**, aged 36, was elected as the employee representative Supervisor at the employee representatives' meeting of the Company held on 2 August 2022 and was appointed as the chairman of the Supervisory Committee at the meeting of the Supervisory Committee convened on 19 August 2022. Mr. Gao is mainly responsible for supervising the performance of duties by Directors and senior management.

Mr. Gao has rich experience in accounting and auditing. Mr. Gao served as the accountant of the financial department of the Company from June 2011 to October 2015, the deputy head of the business department of the Company from October 2015 to January 2017, the deputy captain of the operation team of the Company from January 2017 to April 2018, and the deputy captain of warehouse team of the Company from April 2018 to July 2019. Mr. Gao worked as the deputy director of the general office of the Company from July 2019 to October 2020 while also serving as the deputy director of the internal audit office of the Company from August 2019 to October 2020 and became the director of the general office of the Company from Port Group executive level) from October 2020 to October 2021. Mr. Gao was also a member of the Party Branch Committee of the Company from July 2019 to October 2021. Since October 2021, Mr. Gao has served as the secretary of the Institutional Party Branch Committee of the Company and the office manager of the Company (Shandong Port Group supervisor level).

Mr. Gao graduated from Yanshan College of Shandong Economics University (山東經濟學院燕山學院) with a bachelor's degree in financial management in July 2010. In April 2021, Mr. Gao was awarded the master's degree of business administration by Shanghai Maritime University (上海海事大學). Mr. Gao obtained the qualification of junior accountant in 2015 and the qualification of intermediate economist in 2018.

**Mr. Li Weiqing (李維慶)**, aged 57, was appointed as a Supervisor of the Company on 26 February 2018. Mr. Li is primarily responsible for supervising the performance of duties by Directors and senior management.

Mr. Li worked at Lanshan Port Authority (嵐山港務局) and held positions of deputy chief of the accounting division from June 1989 to January 1993, chief of the accounting division from January 1993 to September 1997, chief accountant from September 1997 to July 2002, and deputy director from July 2002 to May 2003. He served as deputy manager at Rizhao Port Group Lanshan Port Company Limited (日照港集團嵐山港務有限公司) from May 2003 to September 2015 and from December 2016 to November 2017. He worked at Rizhao Port Group Lanshan Port Company Limited from September 2015 to December 2016. He has been the deputy director of audit department at Rizhao Port since December 2017. He worked as the director of the legal audit department at Rizhao Port from March 2019 to November 2022. Mr. Li is currently an audit specialist of the legal audit department at Rizhao Port.

Mr. Li was recognised as senior accountant by Accounting Qualification Senior Review Committee of Shandong Province in December 2003.

Mr. Li graduated from Shandong Economics College (山東經濟學院) (later merged into Shandong University of Finance and Economics (山東財經大學)) in statistics and accounting in June 1985.

**Mr. Tham Wai Kong (譚偉光)**, aged 50, was appointed as a Supervisor of the Company on 14 May 2014. Mr. Tham is primarily responsible for supervising the performance of duties by Directors and senior management.

Mr. Tham served as senior lawyer at Allen & Gledhill LLP from 1999 to 2003. He served as Asian legal adviser at Tyco International Inc, Asia from 2003 to 2007 and Asian legal adviser at United Technologies Corporation from 2007 to 2012. He has been vice president of legal and company secretariat at Jurong Port Pte Ltd since February 2013.

Mr. Tham graduated from King's College London with a bachelor's degree of Laws (Honors) in 1997. Mr. Tham was admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1999.

#### SENIOR MANAGEMENT

**Mr. Chen Zhou (陳周)**, aged 52, was appointed as the deputy general manager of the Company on 28 March 2024 and is primarily responsible for overseeing strategic development, overall operation and management of the Company.

Mr. Chen graduated from the English Department of Sichuan International Studies University with major in English, and is an engineer. He joined Rizhao Port Group in November 1994 and has 30 years of experience in port management. From May 2008 to August 2022, he served as assistant to the manager of Rizhao Port Lanshan, secretary of the Party Branch and director of the production scheduling center, deputy director of the safety production department, deputy manager of the Machinery Company of Rizhao Port Lanshan Port Services Limited (日照港嵐山港務有限公司). From August 2022 to November 2022, he served as member of the Party Committee and deputy general manager of Shandong Port Rizhao Port Shankang Terminal Co., Ltd. and assistant to the manager of Rizhao Port Lanshan; from November 2022 to July 2023, he was the deputy manager and safety director of Rizhao Port Lanshan. He is currently a member of the Party Committee, deputy general manager (presiding over the work) and safety director of the Company.

**Mr. Liu Baojun (劉保軍)**, aged 42, was appointed as the Deputy General Manager of the Company on 26 May 2022 and is in charge of production organisation and safety management and environmental protection in production.

Mr. Liu graduated from the School of Management of Shandong University in July 2002, majoring in business administration. Mr. Liu Baojun served in various positions in Rizhao Port Group and the Company from September 2002 to October 2011, and was the deputy director of the Company's office from October 2011 to October 2015, the captain of the Company's operation team from October 2015 to December 2017, and the secretary of the party branch and captain of the Company's operation team from December 2017 to May 2020. From May 2020 to October 2021, he was the secretary of the party branch and captain of the Company's operation team (provincial port group supervisory level), and from October 2021 to June 2023, he was the secretary of the party branch and director of the Company's dispatch centre. From June 2023 to the present, he has been the secretary of the party branch and director of the Company's production business centre.

**Mr. Ding Dong (丁東)**, aged 47, was appointed as financial director of the Company on 24 September 2021. He is mainly responsible for financial and investment management.

Mr. Ding successively worked for Rizhao Port First Harbor Company (日照港第一港務分公司) from November 1997 to June 1999, Rizhao Port Industry Corporation (日照港口實業總公司) from June 1999 to April 2002, planning and finance division of Rizhao Port Authority from April 2002 to June 2003 and finance and budget department of Rizhao Port Group from June 2003 to February 2008. He served as chief of the agency affairs division of finance and budget department at Rizhao Port Group from February 2008 to June 2010. He served as finance manager at Rizhao Shihua Crude Oil Terminal Co., Ltd. (日照實華原油碼頭有限公司) from June 2010 to March 2017. He served as director of planning and finance office at the Second Harbor Branch of Rizhao Port (日照港集團股份第二港務分公司) from March 2017 to October 2017. He served as deputy director of asset and finance department at Rizhao Port Group from October 2017 to December 2018. He served as financial director of the Company from December 2018 to December 2019, and financial director of Rizhao Port from December 2019 to September 2021.

Mr. Ding graduated from Qingdao University (青島大學) in accounting in July 1997, and received his bachelor's degree of economics. He obtained his master's degree in business administration from Huazhong University of Science and Technology (華中科技大學) in March 2016.

**Mr. Zheng Shiqiang (鄭世強)**, aged 53, is the member of the Party Committee, secretary of the Board of the Company and chairman of the Labor Union. He is mainly responsible for the Board related matters, information disclosure and liaison with the securities regulatory authority. He worked at the Company as marketing manager from May 2011 to March 2013. He has been director of general office of the Company from May 2013 to March 2019. He served as the maintenance team leader of the Company from March 2019 to July 2019, and has served as the director of the securities office of the Company from August 2019 to October 2021.

Prior to joining our Company, Mr. Zheng worked as accountant at Rizhao Port Authority Railway Transportation Company from September 1992 to February 1993 and at planning and finance division of Rizhao Port Authority from February 1993 to March 1998. He served as financial manager at Port Service Center of Rizhao Port Industry Corporation (日照港口實業總公司港口服務中心) from March 1998 to June 1999. He served as the chief of production preparation group and executive finance team of Rizhao Port Wood and Chip Terminal (日照港大片碼頭) from June 1999 to March 2001. He worked at the Third Harbor Company of Rizhao Port Authority as deputy office manager from January 2001 to June 2001 and office manager from June 2001 to April 2003. He worked at Rizhao Port Container as officer manager from April 2003 to December 2006. He served as office manager at the Third Harbor Branch of Rizhao Port Group from December 2006 to April 2011.

Mr. Zheng was recognised as accountant in 1998 and senior economist by Human Resources and Social Security Department of Shandong Province in 2006.

Mr. Zheng obtained his bachelor's degree in finance and accounting from China University of Mining and Technology (中 國礦業大學) in July 1992. After graduation, he participated in a Postgraduate training course of Shandong University on industrial economics.

## **Directors' Report**

The Company is pleased to present the annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **PRINCIPAL BUSINESS**

As at the date of this annual report, the Company is principally engaged in comprehensive port-related services, including stevedoring, berth leasing, port management, storage, and logistics agency services. The primary cargo types we handled are soybeans, woodchips, dried tapioca, and other small-volume cargo types including maize and wheat. There was no significant change in the nature of the Company's major business during the Reporting Period.

During the Reporting period, the Company had no subsidiary. Details of the Company operating results for the Reporting Period by business segments are set out in Note 6 to the financial statements of this annual report.

#### RESULTS

The results of the Company for the Reporting Period are set out in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on page 82 of this annual report.

#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Financial highlights in respect of the Company's results, assets and liabilities for the years of 2022 and 2023 are set out on page 10 of this annual report. This summary does not form part of the audited financial statements.

#### **PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment of the Company during the Reporting Period are set out in Note 17 to the financial statements.

## FINAL DIVIDEND, WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAX AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Board has resolved to recommend the payment of a final dividend of RMB0.024 per share (tax inclusive) for the year ended 31 December 2023 to all Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 7 June 2024, subject to the consideration and approval of the same by Shareholders at the AGM. The final dividend is expected to be paid on or before 31 July 2024.

For a non-resident enterprise Shareholder of the Company's H shares (i.e., any Shareholder holding the Company's H shares in the name of a non-individual Shareholder, including but not limited to any holders of H shares registered in the name of HKSCC Nominees Limited, or any other nominee or trustee, or any other organisation or group), the Company shall withhold the corporate income tax for the final dividend at the tax rate of 10% on their behalf in accordance with the Corporate Income Tax Law of the PRC and other relevant tax laws, regulations and tax treaties.

Pursuant to the requirements of Notice of the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation on Certain Policies Regarding Individual Income Tax (Cai Shui Zi [1994] No. 020), the foreign individual Shareholders who hold the H Shares of the Company are exempted from individual income tax on dividends and bonus received from the Company (as foreign invested enterprises in the PRC). If otherwise stipulated by other relevant tax laws, regulations and tax treaties, the Company will withhold and pay the individual income tax for the dividends and bonus at the rate and with the procedures in accordance with relevant provisions.

In order to determine the holders of H shares who will be entitled to the proposed final dividends of H shares, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 3 June 2024 to Friday, 7 June 2024 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of H shares will be registered. The holders of H shares whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Friday, 7 June 2024 are entitled to the proposed final dividend. In order for the holders of H shares to qualify for receiving the proposed final dividend, all completed share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's H share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, and in any case no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 31 May 2024.

The Company is not aware of arrangements under which the Shareholders have waived or agreed to waive any dividend.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The AGM of the Company will be held on Tuesday, 28 May 2024 and the notice convening such meeting will be published and dispatched to the Shareholders in the manner as required by the Listing Rules in due course.

In order to determine the holders of H shares who will be entitled to attend the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 23 May 2024 to Tuesday, 28 May 2024 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of H shares will be registered. In order for the holders of H shares to qualify for attending the AGM, all completed share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's H share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, and in any case no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 May 2024.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

A review of the Company's business, a discussion and analysis of the Company's performance during the year, the material underlying factors of its results and financial position, certain important events occurred since the end of the Reporting Period and the future development of the Company's business have been set out in the section titled "Management Discussion and Analysis" of this annual report.

#### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company's business, financial position, operation results and growth prospects may be affected by risks and uncertainties directly or indirectly pertaining to the Company's businesses. The risk factors set out below are not exhaustive or comprehensive, and there may be other risks which are not known to the Company or which may not be material now but would become material in the future.

#### (a) Risks of economic volatility

The Company's operation results may be affected by macroeconomic factors such as the economic growth rate and level of trade development which may impact cargo throughput at the ports in the PRC.

#### (b) Risks relating to changes in the PRC policies

The future development of the Company's business will become uncertain due to the change in regulatory requirements, governmental policies, development plans and relevant laws and regulations in the PRC.

#### (c) Foreign exchange risk

Details of the Company's foreign exchange risk management are set out in the section titled "Management Discussion and Analysis" of this annual report.

#### **Environmental Policies and Performance**

The Company will publish a separate 2023 Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance Report together with this annual report in accordance with the requirements of Appendix C2 of the Listing Rules. This section summarises the chapters on practicing green and environmental protection.

The Company has strictly complied with applicable environmental laws and regulations, including Law of Environmental Protection of the PRC, Law of Marine Protection of the PRC, Law of the PRC on the Prevention and Control of Air Pollution, Law of the PRC on the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution, Law of the PRC on the Prevention and Control of Environmental Pollution by Solid Waste, Law of the PRC on Conserving Energy and Law of the PRC on the Promotion of Cleaner Production, etc. The Company strives to combine its effort in port development and resource utilisation, emission management and environmental protection. We will continue to pursue sustainable development, optimal growth and large economics of scale while minimising energy consumption and environmental pollution towards a green and intelligent port.

In the current year, the Company formulated and issued the "Key Points of Construction on Green Port in 2023", which combines six environmental protection management systems, including "Environmental Protection Management Measures" and "Management Regulations on Energy of Rizhao Port Jurong Co., Ltd." for specific and practicable environmental objectives. The Company has stipulated detailed provisions on environmental supervision and management, environmental protection management of construction projects, pollution prevention and control management, energy management, environmental contingency management, performance appraisal management, environmental research and education, and corresponding reward and punishment measures for the continuous strengthening of port environmental protection, and prevention and control port environmental pollution.

The Company strives to improve energy efficiency and utilisation in all aspects of production and operation, and achieve energy conservation and consumption reduction through technological renovation, process optimisation and introduction of clean energy, and various technical innovation. The Company has established a pollutant emission management system, actively carries out special rectification works and emergency drill activities, reducing the impact of emissions on the environment, and ensuring compliance with regulations relating to treatment of emissions.

The Company formulated the "5S" Lean Site Enhancement Program, with "One Policy for One Distinct" Environmental Control Assessment and Management Measures, and the Company's List of Key Environmental Issues and Environmental Rectification Tasks with the objectives of active environmental rectification and optimisation of overall port environment. In 2023, the Company participated in environmental remediation activities with a total of 1,200 people flushing and cleaning more than 5,000 meters of guardrails and isolation blocks, 95,000 meters of road sanitation, painting about 500 isolation blocks, and completing 22 key rectification tasks.

For more details on the environmental matters of the Company, please refer to the "2023 Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance Report of Rizhao Port Jurong Co., Ltd." to be published by the Company separately, which will be available on the Company's website.

#### **Compliance with the Relevant Laws and Regulations**

To the best knowledge and information of the Company, the Company has complied with the relevant laws, regulations and other applicable requirements that have a significant impact on the Company during the Reporting Period.

#### Key Relationship with Employees, Customers and Suppliers

#### (a) Employees

As at 31 December 2023, the Company had a total of 341 employees. Details of our employees and remuneration policies are set out in the section titled "Management Discussion and Analysis" of this annual report.

#### (b) Customers

The Company is committed to creating values for our customers by providing quality services to meet their needs and upholding service integrity. Through evaluation and analysis of industry background, scale of operation and credibility of the customers, we have established long-term relationships with our customers by making efforts to offer our customers personalised and refined services.

#### (c) Suppliers

The Company conducts supplier assessment on a regular basis to evaluate and analyse their operation qualification, product quality, business integrity, industry background and historical performance for the purpose of ensuring our normal operation, quality of performance while minimising costs. We have established a long-term and trusted cooperation relationship with our suppliers.

#### **MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS**

During the Reporting Period, revenue generated from the Company's five largest customers accounted for 54.04% of the Company's total revenue and our single largest customer accounted for 12.98% of the Company's total revenue.

During the Reporting Period, the Company's five largest suppliers are the controlling shareholders of the Company and their subsidiaries as well as other purchasers and the procurement therefrom accounted for 29.20% of the Company's total purchases. For the same period, procurement from our single largest supplier accounted for 8.58% of the Company's total purchases.

During the Reporting Period, save as disclosed above, to the best knowledge of the Directors, none of the Directors, their close associates or Shareholders which, to the best knowledge of the Directors, hold more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital, had any interest in the Company's five largest customers or suppliers.

#### **USE OF NET PROCEEDS FROM LISTING**

The Company was listed on the Stock Exchange on 19 June 2019 by way of a global offering, under which a total of 460,000,000 H shares (including H shares issued upon full exercise of the over-allotment option) were issued at an offer price HK\$1.50 per share, raising total net proceeds of RMB546.414 million after deducting professional fees, underwriting commissions and other related listing expenses (the "**IPO Proceeds**").

As stated in the Prospectus, the Company had plans to use the IPO Proceeds. As at 31 December 2023, the Company had used approximately RMB382.49 million for the acquisition of the West-6 berth; approximately RMB36.486 million for the procurement of equipment and machinery for the West-6 berth; and approximately RMB54.641 million for working capital and general corporate purposes.

	Utilised amount as at 31 December 2022 <i>RMB'000,000</i>	Unutilised amount as at 31 December 2022 <i>RMB</i> '000,000	Utilised amount during the Reporting Period RMB'000,000	Unutilised amount as at 31 December 2023 <i>RMB'000,000</i>	Expected timeline for utilising the remaining IPO Proceeds <sup>(Note)</sup>
Acquisition of the	382.49	0	0	0	
West-6 berth					
Procurement of equipment and machinery	7.615	101.667	28.871	72.796	Expected to be fully utilised on or before 30 June 2025
Working capital and general corporate use	54.641	0	0	0	
Total	444.746	101.667	28.871	72.796	

*Note:* In accordance with the schedule for the construction of the Rizhao Port Grain Base, the Company is currently in the reconstruction phase of West-6 berth to ensure the smooth operation of the Rizhao Port Grain Base project. The foundational works at West-6 berth has been completed, and it is expected to be ready for trial operation by the end of June 2024.

The Company does not have any intention to change the purposes of the IPO Proceeds as set out in the Prospectus, and will gradually utilise the residual amount of the IPO Proceeds in accordance with the intended purposes.



### **NON-COMPETITION UNDERTAKINGS**

On 16 November 2018 and 24 May 2019, Rizhao Port and Rizhao Port Group provided non-competition undertakings (the "**Non-competition Undertakings**") to the Company, respectively. Details of the Non-competition Undertakings are set out in the section "Relationship with Controlling Shareholders – Non-competition Undertakings" of the Prospectus.

The independent non-executive Directors have reviewed the compliance of the relevant undertakings for the year ended 31 December 2023 and have confirmed that, to the best of their knowledge, Rizhao Port and Rizhao Port Group had not been in breach of the Non-competition Undertakings during the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### RESERVES

Details of movements in reserves of the Company during the Reporting Period are set out in the statement of changes in equity on pages 87 to 88 of this annual report.

#### **DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES**

As at 31 December 2023, the Company's reserves available for distribution were RMB705 million, which was calculated in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles of the PRC.

#### DONATIONS

During the Reporting Period, no charitable and other donations were made by the Company.

#### **SHARE CAPITAL**

The share capital structure of the Company as at 31 December 2023 is set out as follows:

Class of shares	Number of shares	Proportion %	
Domestic Shares	840,000,000	50.60	
H Shares	820,000,000	49.40	
Total	1,660,000,000	100.00	

Details of the movements in the share capital of the Company during the Reporting Period are set out in Note 31 to the financial statements.

### DEBENTURES

During the Reporting Period, the Company did not issue any debentures.

#### **PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS**

Pursuant to the Articles of Association and the laws of the PRC, there are no provisions for pre-emptive rights which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro-rata basis to the existing shareholders.

#### SHARE SCHEME

The Company has not adopted any share scheme.

#### PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

During the Reporting Period, no purchase, sale or redemption of the Company's listed securities were made.

#### **DIRECTORS AND SUPERVISORS**

During the Reporting Period and as at the date of this annual report, the Directors and the Supervisors of the Company include:

#### **Executive Director**

Mr. Zhang Feng (resigned on 15 February 2023 due to change in work arrangements) Mr. Qin Yuning (appointed on 15 February 2023)

#### **Non-executive Directors**

Mr. Cui Liang *(Chairman)* Mr. Seow Kok Leong Terence Mr. Nyan Ming Ren Francis Mr. Fang Lei Mr. Chen Lei

#### Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Zhang Zixue Mr. Wu Xibin Mr. Lee Man Tai



#### Supervisors

Mr. Gao Zhiyuan Mr. Li Weiqing Mr. Tham Wai Kong

According to the Articles of Association, the Directors and the Supervisors are appointed for a term of three years and subject to re-election upon the expiry of their terms.

## CHANGES IN INFORMATION RELATING TO DIRECTORS, SUPERVISORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Name of Director /chief executive	Details of changes
Mr. Cui Liang	• resigned as a non-executive Director and the chairman of the Board on 28 March 2024 with effect from the date of the approval of the Shareholders on the appointment of a new non-executive Director at a general meeting of the Company
Mr. Qin Yuning	• resigned as the general manager of the Company with effect from 28 March 2024
	• resigned as the executive Director on 28 March 2024 with effect from the date of the approval of the Shareholders on the appointment of a new executive Director at a general meeting of the Company
Mr. Chen Lei	• resigned as a non-executive Director on 28 March 2024 with effect from the date of the approval of the Shareholders on the appointment of a new non-executive Director at a general meeting of the Company
Mr. Zhang Zixue	• appointed as an independent director of Minmetals Capital Company Limited (a company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, stock code: 600390) on 17 May 2023
	• appointed as an independent director of Henan XinNing Logistics Co., Ltd. (a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, stock code: 300013) on 27 March 2023
Mr. Yang Juntian	• resigned as the deputy general manager of the Company with effect from 28 March 2024
Mr. Chen Zhou	• appointed as the deputy general manager of the Company with effect from 28 March 2024

Save as disclosed in this annual report, there was no change in any information in relation to the Directors, the Supervisors and the chief executive of the Company required to be disclosed under Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF DIRECTORS, SUPERVISORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Biographical details of the current Directors, Supervisors and senior management of the Company are set out on pages 39 to 47 of this annual report.

#### DIRECTORS' AND SUPERVISORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS

The Company has entered into service contracts with each of the Directors and Supervisor for a term of not more than three years effected until the expiry of the term of office of the current session of the Board or the Supervisory Committee, which shall be terminated pursuant to relevant terms of the respective contracts.

None of the Directors and the Supervisors has a service contract which is not determinable by the Company within one year without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation).

## REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS AND SUPERVISORS AND THE FIVE HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS

Details of the remuneration of the Directors, the Supervisors and the five highest paid individuals during the Reporting Period are set out in Notes 11 and 12 to the financial statements.

# INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND SUPERVISORS IN CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Save for the service contract, none of the Directors or Supervisors or their connected entities had a material interest, either directly or indirectly, in any transactions, arrangements or contracts of significance in relation to the business of the Company to which the Company, its parent company or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries was a party, subsisting during or at the end of the Reporting Period.

#### CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE WITH CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDERS

Save as disclosed in the paragraph titled "Connected Transactions" in this annual report, there were no contract of significance between the Company and a controlling shareholder of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or for the provision of services to the Company by a controlling shareholder of the Company or any of its subsidiaries subsisting during or at the end of the Reporting Period.

#### INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND SUPERVISORS IN COMPETING BUSINESS

None of the Directors and the Supervisors holds any interest in business which directly or indirectly competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Company.

# RIGHTS OF DIRECTORS, SUPERVISORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Save as otherwise disclosed in this annual report, at no time during the Reporting Period was the Company, its parent company or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangement that would enable the Directors, the Supervisors and chief executive of the Company, or their respective spouse or children under the age of 18 to acquire benefits by means of acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate, and none of the Directors, the Supervisors and chief executive of the Company, or their respective spouse or children under the age of 18 were granted any right to subscribe for the equity or debt securities of the Company or any other body corporate or had exercised any such right.

### DIRECTORS', SUPERVISORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 31 December 2023, to the best knowledge of the Directors, none of the Directors, the Supervisors or the chief executives of the Company had or was deemed to have any interest or short position in the Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) that was required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have taken under such provisions), or required to be recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

# SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 31 December 2023, to the best knowledge of the Directors, the following persons (not being a Director, Supervisor or chief executive of the Company) had interests or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares which fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO:

Name of Shareholder	Capacity/Nature of Interest	Number of shares interested		Long/ short position	Percentage of shareholding to the relevant class of shares <sup>(3)</sup> %	Percentage to total issued share capital <sup>(4)</sup> %
Shandong Port Group (1)	Interest in controlled corporation	840,000,000	Domestic Shares	Long position	100	50.60
Rizhao Port Group (1)	Interest in controlled corporation	840,000,000	Domestic Shares	Long position	100	50.60
Rizhao Port <sup>(1)</sup>	Beneficial owner	840,000,000	Domestic Shares	Long position	100	50.60
Jurong Port Pte Ltd (" <b>Jurong Port</b> ") <sup>(2)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	360,000,000	H Shares	Long position	43.90	21.69
Jurong Port Rizhao Holding Pte Ltd (" <b>Jurong Port Holding</b> ") <sup>(2)</sup>	Beneficial owner	360,000,000	H Shares	Long position	43.90	21.69
Orient Fund Management Co., Ltd.	Trustee	58,520,000	H Shares	Long position	7.14	3.52

- (1) Shandong Port Group directly held 100% of the equity interests of Rizhao Port Group, which was in turn the controlling shareholder of Rizhao Port and directly held 43.6% of the equity interests of Rizhao Port, and indirectly held 0.88% of the equity interests of Rizhao Port through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Rizhao Port Group Lanshan Port Company Limited (日照港集團嵐 山港務有限公司), as at 31 December 2023. Therefore, each of Shandong Port Group and Rizhao Port Group is deemed to be interested in the 840,000,000 Domestic Shares held by Rizhao Port.
- (2) Jurong Port directly held 100% of the equity interest of Jurong Port Holding as at 31 December 2023. Therefore, Jurong Port is deemed to be interested in the 360,000,000 H Shares held by Jurong Port Holding.
- (3) The calculation is based on the percentage of shareholding in the Domestic Shares or H Shares (as the case may be) as at 31 December 2023.
- (4) The calculation is based on the total number of 1,660,000,000 Shares in issue comprising 840,000,000 Domestic Shares and 820,000,000 H Shares as at 31 December 2023.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2023, the Directors were not aware of any persons (who were not Directors, Supervisors or chief executives of the Company) who had an interest or short position in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed under Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which would be required, pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein.



### **MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

During the Reporting Period, no contract in respect of the management or administration of the entire business or any substantial part of business of the Company was entered into or maintained by the Company.

### **EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENTS**

During the Reporting Period, the Company did not enter into any equity-linked agreements.

#### PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISION

During the Reporting Period, the Company has purchased liability insurance valid for the Reporting Period for Directors, Supervisors and senior management of the Company.

#### **CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS**

During the Reporting Period, the Company entered into the following connected transactions as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules required to be disclosed in this annual report.

#### **Connected Transactions**

#### (a) Major and connected transaction – construction contract in respect of Rizhao Port Grain Base Project (Technology Part)

On 31 March 2023, the Company entered into the construction contract with Shandong Gangwan, pursuant to which the Company agreed to engage Shandong Gangwan as the contractor for the Rizhao Port Grain Base Project (Technology Part), which is the technological aspect of the construction project of building 41 silos for storing grains, reconstructing the pier and building ancillary infrastructure at Shijiu port area in Rizhao port, which involves, among other things, the design, manufacturing, delivery, inspection and test run of equipment and systems. The contract price is RMB536,209,668.98, subject to (i) adjustments on the raw materials price in the event that prices of reinforcement steel, steel and concrete used in construction works fluctuate from the relevant benchmark price published by the local authorities or benchmark price stated in the website of an industry data service provider; and (ii) completion and settlement audit report issued by an independent third party audit institution appointed by the Company. Shandong Port Group, a controlling shareholder of the Company, owns 95.6% equity interests of Shandong Gangwan. Accordingly, Shandong Gangwan is an associate of Shandong Port Group pursuant to Rule 14A.13(1) of the Listing Rules, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. For more details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 31 March 2023 and the Company's circular dated 11 May 2023.

#### (b) Discloseable and connected transaction – acquisition of properties

On 31 March 2023, the Company entered into the land use right transfer contracts with Rizhao Port Group, pursuant to which, Rizhao Port Group agreed to transfer the land use rights of (i) no. 1 warehouse, (ii) woodchip stacking yard fire pump room, (iii) bulk grain phase two, maize stevedoring electricity substation, (iv) bulk grain phase one and two silo area which are located at South of Shanghai Road, east of Haibin 5th Road, Rizhao City, Shandong Province, the PRC (中國山東省日照市上海路以南、海濱五路以東), (v) bulk grain phase three, no. 2 electricity substation and (vi) the bulk grain phase three, central control building located at East of Beijing Road, South of Xinliang Road, Shijiu Street, Rizhao City, Shandong Province, the PRC (中國山東省日照市石臼街道北京 路以東、新良路以南), to the Company at an aggregate consideration of RMB107,856,000. Rizhao Port Group is a controlling shareholder of the Company and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. For more details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 31 March 2023 and the Company's circular dated 27 April 2023.

#### (c) Connected transaction – disposal of assets

On 31 March 2023, the Company entered into the asset transfer agreement with Third Harbor Branch of Rizhao Port, pursuant to which, the Company has conditionally agreed to sell, and Third Harbor Branch of Rizhao Port has conditionally agreed to acquire no. 3 warehouse which is located at West-18 berth, west district of Shijiu port area, Rizhao City, Shandong Province, the PRC (中國山東省日照市石臼港區西區西十八泊位), at a consideration of RMB31,364,000. Third Harbor Branch of Rizhao Port is currently a branch of Rizhao Port Container, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rizhao Port, which is a controlling shareholder of the Company and therefore Third Harbor Branch of Rizhao Port is a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. For more details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 31 March 2023.

#### (d) Connected transaction – construction contract

On 27 April 2023, the Company entered into the construction contract with Shandong Gangwan, pursuant to which the Company agreed to engage Shandong Gangwan as the contractor for the Gangxi 7th Road Connecting Bridge Project, being construction of a connecting bridge located at Gangxi 7th Road of Rizhao city above the power plant access canal between the south district and west district of Shijiu port area. The contract price is RMB24,691,011.08, subject to (i) adjustments on the raw materials price in the event that the prices of reinforcement steel, steel and concrete used in construction works fluctuates from the relevant benchmark price published by the local authorities or benchmark price stated in the website of an industry data service provider; and (ii) completion and settlement audit report issued by an independent third party audit institution appointed by the Company. Shandong Port Group, a controlling shareholder of the Company, owns 95.6% equity interests of Shandong Gangwan. Accordingly, Shandong Gangwan is an associate of Shandong Port Group pursuant to Rule 14A.13(1) of the Listing Rules, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. For more details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 27 April 2023.

#### (e) Connected transaction – licence agreement

On 28 December 2023, the Company entered into the licence agreement with Rizhao Port Container, pursuant to which Rizhao Port Container agreed to license to the Company the right to use the West-18 berth located at west operation area, Shijiu port area, Rizhao, Shandong Province, the PRC for a term commencing from 1 January 2024 and ending on 31 December 2025. The Company shall pay a fixed berth licence fee to Rizhao Port Container in the amount of RMB12,220,000 per annum (including value-added tax) on a monthly basis. In accordance with IFRS 16 – Leases, such berth licence fees payable by the Company will be recognised as a right-of-use asset and the value of the right-of-use asset to be recognised by the Company is estimated to be approximately RMB21,360,000, which is the present value of the aggregated fixed berth licence fees payable for the entire term of the licence agreement adopting a discount rate of 4.65% per annum. Rizhao Port Container is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rizhao Port, which is a controlling shareholder of the Company. Accordingly, Rizhao Port Container is an associate of Rizhao Port pursuant to Rule 14A.13(1) of the Listing Rules, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. For more details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 28 December 2023.

#### **Continuing Connected Transactions**

A summary of the continuing connected transactions for the Reporting Period is set out as follows:

Continuing connected transactions	Connected persons involved	Annual cap permitted under the Listing Rules <i>RMB</i>	Transaction amount in 2023 <i>RMB</i>
Property lease (sale) framework agreement	Rizhao Port Group	27,760,000	7,596,000
Port-related service (sale) framework agreement	Rizhao Port Group	19,400,000	13,077,000
Property lease (procurement) framework agreement	Rizhao Port Group	120,051,000	107,139,000
General service (procurement) framework agreement	Rizhao Port Group	161,510,000	130,991,000

Continuing connected transactions	Connected persons involved	Annual cap permitted under the Listing Rules <i>RMB</i>	Transaction amount in 2023 <i>RMB</i>
Financial service framework agreement	SPG Finance		
- Maximum daily balance of deposits		360,000,000	358,885,000
- Interest income		7,000,000	3,600,000
Operation Outsourcing Agreement 2023	Rizhao Port Lanshan	25,000,000	7,460,000
Shandong Port International Trade Rizhao Company Framework Agreement	Shandong Port International Trade Rizhao Company	30,000,000	19,000
SDP Shipping Group Port-related Service (Sale) Framework Agreement	SDP Shipping Group	10,000,000	1,843,000
SDP Shipping Group General Service (Procurement) Framework Agreement	SDP Shipping Group	5,000,000	_
Shandong Port Finance Group Framework Agreement	Shandong Port Finance Group	600,000	_
SDP Logistics Group Port-related Service (Sale) Framework Agreement	SDP Logistics Group	5,000,000	_
SDP Logistics Group General Service (Procurement) Framework Agreement	SDP Logistics Group	60,000,000	_
SDP Technology Group General Service (Procurement) Framework Agreement	SDP Technology Group	12,520,000	180

(a) On 26 November 2021, the Company entered into the following framework agreements with Rizhao Port Group (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries). On 7 December 2022, the Company entered into the property lease (procurement) supplemental framework agreement with Rizhao Port Group (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries). Rizhao Port Group is the controlling shareholder of the Company, and is hence a connected person of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. For more details, please refer to the Company's announcements dated 26 November 2021 and 7 December 2022 and the Company's circulars dated 15 January 2022 and 20 January 2023.

#### Property lease (sale) framework agreement 2022

Nature of the transaction:	Rizhao Port Group agreed to lease from the Company the West-1 berth, West-2 berth, West-6 berth and temporarily leased berths and other relevant properties from time to time
Term:	From 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024
Pricing policy:	The rent in respect of the lease of the West-1 berth, West-2 berth and temporarily leased berths were determined by both parties through arm's length negotiation with reference to (a) area leased, geographic location and profile of the surrounding area; (b) historical rent; and (c) depreciation costs of such assets plus an expected rate of return.

#### Port-related service (sale) framework agreement 2022

Nature of the transaction:	The Company agreed to provide stevedoring services and cargo supervision services to Rizhao Port Group and other port-related services the Company may provide to Rizhao Port Group in the future from time to time
Term:	From 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024
Pricing policy:	The service fee rates in relation to the port-related services were determined through arm's length negotiation with reference to (i) the cost of the relevant services; and (ii) the comparable service fee rate charged by the Company for such services provided for independent third parties.

## Property lease (procurement) framework agreement 2022 (as amended by the property lease (procurement) supplemental framework agreement)

Nature of the transaction:	The Company agreed to lease from Rizhao Port Group (a) land occupied by West-18 berth and the land behind it; (b) warehouses; (c) complex building; (d) anticipated new lease of lands; and (e) other properties the Company may lease from Rizhao Port Group in the future from time to time
Term:	From the date of the Company's extraordinary general meeting held on 31 January 2022 to 31 December 2024
Pricing policy:	The rent amount was determined after arm's length negotiations between the parties after considering the following factors, (i) the size of the leased area, geographical location and general situation of the surrounding area; (ii) historical rent; and (iii) rents charged by independent third parties for similar offices in the vicinity (applicable to the complex building only). In addition, 50% of the profit from the West-18 berth will be paid to Rizhao Port Group as part of the rental fee for the land occupied by and behind the West-18 berth.

#### General service (procurement) framework agreement 2022

Nature of the transaction:	port-r servic (vii) u	Company agreed to procure from Rizhao Port Group services including (i) elated services; (ii) railway services; (iii) security services; (iv) maintenance ces; (v) port-related technology services; (vi) office and logistics services; and tilities and consumables, and other services the Company may procure from o Port Group in the future from time to time
Term:		the date of the Company's extraordinary general meeting held on 31 January to 31 December 2024
Pricing policy:	(i)	For port-related services, the fee rates for logistics (other than container logistics), labor contracting and port cleaning services are determined with reference to (1) the comparable service fee rates charged by independent third parties and (2) the workload and the suppliers are selected through public bidding processes. The fee rates for ship traction and container logistics services are determined through arm's length negotiation with reference to (1) historical fee rates; (2) the cost of the relevant services; and (3) the fee rates charged for similar services by independent third parties (applicable to container logistics services only).
	(ii)	For railway services, the fee rates are determined through arm's length negotiation with reference to (1) the laws and regulations promulgated by relevant state departments and pricing rules promulgated by Rizhao Port Group; (2) historical fee rates and (3) transportation distances.
	(iii)	For security services, the fee rates for the port facilities security services are determined by the pricing in the market and the fee rates for the security inspection services are determined through arm's length negotiation with reference to (1) historical fee rates and (2) the cost of the relevant services.
	(iv)	For maintenance services, the fee rates are determined with reference to (1) the comparable service fee rates charged by independent third parties, (2) the workload, (3) the construction period, and (4) the other cost of such services and the suppliers are selected through public bidding processes.
	(v)	For port-related technology services, the fee rates are determined through arm's length negotiation with reference to (1) historical fee rates and (2) the cost of the relevant services.

- (vi) For office and logistics services, the fee rates for printing, catering, accommodation, meeting, employee benefits, garbage removal services are determined with reference to the comparable service fee rates charged by independent third parties and the suppliers are selected through public bidding processes. The fee rates for telephone, networks and protective gears supplies services are determined through arm's length negotiation with reference to (1) historical fee rates; (2) the cost of the relevant services; and (3) the fee rates charged for similar services by independent third parties.
- (vii) For utilities and consumables, the fee rates are determined through arm's length negotiation with reference to (1) historical fee rates; (2) the market price of the utilities and consumables.
- (b) On 28 October 2022, the Company entered into the 2022 2024 financial services framework agreement with SPG Finance (the "2022 2024 Financial Service Framework Agreement"). SPG Finance is (i) 70% owned by Qingdao Port International, which is in turn approximately 55.77% owned by Qingdao Port Group; and (ii) 30% owned by Qingdao Port Group. Qingdao Port Group is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shandong Port Group, a controlling shareholder of the Company. Accordingly, SPG Finance is an associate of Shandong Port Group pursuant to Rule 14A.13(1) of the Listing Rules, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. For more details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 28 October 2022 and the circular of the Company dated 5 December 2022.

#### 2022 – 2024 Financial Service Framework Agreement

Nature of the transaction:	SPG Finance agreed to provide deposit and settlement services to the Company.
Term:	From the date of fulfilment of the conditions precedent set out in the 2022 – 2024 Financial Service Framework Agreement to 31 December 2024
Pricing policy:	The deposit interest rates are determined in accordance with the rates published by the People's Bank of China and are not lower than the market rates provided by independent commercial banks.
	The interest rate of other financial services related to or similar to the deposit service shall not be lower than the interest rates offered by independent commercial banks for comparable financial services.
	The settlement service provided by SPG Finance is free of charge.

(c) On 12 January 2022, the Company entered into the Operation Outsourcing Agreement 2022 with Rizhao Port Lanshan. Rizhao Port Lanshan is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rizhao Port, a controlling shareholder of the Company. Accordingly, Rizhao Port Lanshan is an associate of Rizhao Port and therefore a connected person of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. For more details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 12 January 2022.

#### **Operation Outsourcing Agreement 2022**

Nature of the transaction:	The Company may from time to time engage Rizhao Port Lanshan to provide stevedoring, storage and delivery services of grain cargoes, in Lanshan port area
Term:	From 12 January 2022 to 31 December 2024
Pricing policy:	The fee charged for the services provided by Rizhao Port Lanshan is determined through arm's length negotiations by the parties and based on normal commercial terms with reference to (i) qualification of service providers in stevedoring of grain cargoes in Lanshan port area; (ii) the prevailing market price for the provision of similar types of services in the same or nearby service area by independent third parties; (iii) the actual services to be provided, the volume of cargoes to be handled and the duration of storage of cargoes; and (iv) the historical prices offered to independent third party service providers.
	(1) For the provision of stevedoring and delivery services of grain cargoes,

- (1) For the provision of stevedoring and delivery services of grain cargoes, the fee charged is determined through the evaluation conducted by an independent third party with reference to the operation process of the same or similar types of services in the port, the complexity of storage of the cargoes, the cost of providing such services, the fees charged within the industry, as well as the historical prices offered to independent third party service providers. The Company will also take into account that Rizhao Port Lanshan is the only port operator with the qualification of stevedoring grain cargoes approved by the governmental authority in the Lanshan port area.
- (2) For the provision of storage services of grain cargoes, the fee charged is determined with reference to the storage process, duration and quality requirements for such services, the storage prices charged by Rizhao Port Lanshan to other customers, the fee charged within the industry, as well as prices comparison of fees charged by the Company to other customers in respect of such services.

Before entering into any agreements pursuant to the Operation Outsourcing Agreement 2022, the Company will obtain quotations from two or more independent third party service providers through price inquiry. The finance office of the Company will perform the comparison of the fee quotations in accordance with the pricing policy to ensure that the terms of the continuing connected transactions contemplated under the Operation Outsourcing Agreement 2022 are fair and reasonable and no less favourable than the terms offered to the Company from independent third parties.

(d) On 23 February 2021, the Company entered into the port-related service (sale) framework agreement with Shandong Port International Trade Rizhao Company (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries) (the "Shandong Port International Trade Rizhao Company Framework Agreement"). Shandong Port International Trade Rizhao Company Framework Agreement"). Shandong Port International Trade Rizhao Company (i) is a non-wholly owned subsidiary of and is 51% owned by Shandong Port International Trade Group Co., Ltd\* (山東港口國際貿易集團有限公司), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shandong Port Group, a controlling shareholder of the Company; and (ii) is 49% owned by Rizhao Port Group, which is a controlling shareholder of the Company. Accordingly, Shandong Port International Trade Rizhao Company is an associate of Shandong Port Group and Rizhao Port Group pursuant to Rule 14A.13(1) and Rule 14A.13(3) of the Listing Rules, respectively, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. For more details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 23 February 2021 and the Company's circular dated 23 April 2021.

#### Shandong Port International Trade Rizhao Company Framework Agreement

Nature of the transaction:	The Company agreed to provide stevedoring services and cargo supervision services to Shandong Port International Trade Rizhao Company and other port-related services that the Company may provide to Shandong Port International Trade Rizhao Company from time to time.
Term:	The term of the Shandong Port International Trade Rizhao Company Framework Agreement will commence upon the conclusion of the extraordinary general meeting held on 9 June 2021 and end on 31 December 2023, subject to early termination by the Company giving at least 6 months' prior written notice to Shandong Port International Trade Rizhao Company. The Shandong Port International Trade Rizhao Company Framework Agreement can be renewed or extended upon written agreement by the parties, provided that the requirements under the relevant laws and regulations and the Listing Rules are complied with.
Pricing policy:	The service fee rates in relation to the port-related services were determined by both parties through arm's length negotiation with reference to (a) the cost of the relevant services; and (b) the comparable service fee rate charged by the Company for such services provided for Independent Third Parties. The services to be provided by the Company include (a) stevedoring services and cargo supervision services, which shall be charged based on the weight of the cargoes; and (b) storage services, which shall be charged based on the weight of the cargoes and the number of days

(e) On 3 March 2022, the Company entered into the port-related service (sale) framework agreement with SDP Shipping Group (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries) (the "SDP Shipping Group Port-related Service (Sale) Framework Agreement"). On 19 September 2022, the Company entered into the general service (procurement) framework agreement with SDP Shipping Group (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries) (the "SDP Shipping Group General Service (Procurement) Framework Agreement"). SDP Shipping Group is a non-wholly owned subsidiary of and is approximately 70.36% owned by Shandong Port Group, a controlling shareholder of the Company. Accordingly, SDP Shipping Group is an associate of Shandong Port Group pursuant to Rule 14A.13(1) of the Listing Rules, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. For more details, please refer to the Company's announcements dated 3 March 2022 and 19 September 2022 and the Company's circular dated 12 December 2022.

the cargoes are stored in the Company's storage yard.

#### SDP Shipping Group Port-related Service (Sale) Framework Agreement

Nature of the transaction:The Company agreed to provide stevedoring, transit and storage services to<br/>Shandong Port Shipping Group and other port-related services that the Company<br/>may provide to Shandong Port Shipping Group from time to time.

#### Term: From 3 March 2022 to 31 December 2024

Pricing policy:The service fee rates in relation to the port-related services were determined by both<br/>parties through arm's length negotiation with reference to (a) the market price of the<br/>services provided by the Company to independent third parties; and (b) the market<br/>price of similar services provided by independent and comparable suppliers.

#### SDP Shipping Group General Service (Procurement) Framework Agreement

Nature of the transaction:	The Company agreed to procure grain logistics services from SDP Shipping Group and other similar general services the Company may procure from SDP Shipping Group in the future from time to time.
Term:	From the date of the Company's extraordinary general meeting held on 28 December 2022 to 31 December 2024
Pricing policy:	The fee rates for logistics services are determined with reference to (i) the

- comparable service fee rates charged by Independent Third Parties; and (ii) the historical fee rates charged by SDP Shipping Group for general grain logistics services provided to independent third parties.
- (f) On 29 August 2022, the Company entered into the port-related service (sale) framework agreement with Shandong Port Finance Group (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries) (the "Shandong Port Finance Group Framework Agreement"). Shandong Port Finance Group is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shandong Port Group, a controlling shareholder of the Company. Accordingly, Shandong Port Finance Group is an associate of Shandong Port Group pursuant to Rule 14A.13(1) of the Listing Rules, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. For more details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 29 August 2022.

#### Shandong Port Finance Group Framework Agreement

Nature of the transaction:	The Company agreed to provide stevedoring and cargo supervision services to Shandong Port Finance Group and other port-related services that the Company may provide to Shandong Port Finance Group from time to time.
Term:	From 29 August 2022 to 31 December 2024
Pricing policy:	The service fee rates in relation to the port-related services were determined by both parties through arm's length negotiation with reference to (a) the comparable rate of the service provided by the Company to independent third parties; (b) the service cost of the Company; and (c) the fee standards of the supervision business and cargo transfer operation business in the region.

(g) On 19 September 2022, the Company entered into the port-related service (sale) framework agreement (the "SDP Logistics Group Port-related Service (Sale) Framework Agreement") and the general service (procurement) framework agreement (the "SDP Logistics Group General Service (Procurement) Framework Agreement") with SDP Logistics Group (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries). SDP Logistics Group is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shandong Port Group, a controlling shareholder of the Company. Accordingly, SDP Logistics Group is an associate of Shandong Port Group pursuant to Rule 14A.13(1) of the Listing Rules, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. For more details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 19 September 2022 and the Company's circular dated 12 December 2022.

#### SDP Logistics Group Port-related Service (Sale) Framework Agreement

Nature of the transaction:	The Company agreed to provide stevedoring, transit and storage services to SE Logistics Group and other port-related services that the Company may provide SDP Logistics Group from time to time.	
Term:	From 19 September 2022 to 31 December 2024	
Pricing policy:	The service fee rates in relation to the port-related services were determined by both parties through arm's length negotiation with reference to (a) the market price of the service provided by the Company to independent third parties; and (b) the market price of similar services provided by independent and comparable suppliers.	

#### SDP Logistics Group General Service (Procurement) Framework Agreement

Nature of the transaction:	The Company agreed to procure from SDP Logistics Group services including but not limited to logistics and container logistics services, and other similar general services the Company may procure from SDP Logistics Group in the future from time to time.
Term:	From the date of the Company's extraordinary general meeting held on 28 December 2022 to 31 December 2024
Pricing policy:	The fee rates for logistics services are determined with reference to the comparable service fee rates charged by independent third parties. The fee rates for container

service fee rates charged by independent third parties. The fee rates for container logistics services are determined through arm's length negotiation with reference to (i) historical fee rates; (ii) the cost of the relevant services; and (iii) market price for similar services provided by independent third parties.

(h) On 19 September 2022, the Company entered into the general service (procurement) framework agreement with SDP Technology Group (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries) ("SDP Technology Group General Service (Procurement) Framework Agreement"). SDP Technology Group is a non-wholly owned subsidiary of and is 80% owned by Shandong Port Group, a controlling shareholder of the Company. Accordingly, SDP Logistics Group is an associate of Shandong Port Group pursuant to Rule 14A.13(1) of the Listing Rules, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. For more details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 19 September 2022 and the Company's circular dated 12 December 2022.

#### SDP Technology Group General Service (Procurement) Framework Agreement

Nature of the transaction:	The Company agreed to procure from SDP Technology Group services including but not limited to facilities and equipment maintenance and other maintenance services; services of procurement and maintenance of software and IT systems in relation to port operation and management; and posts and telecommunications, telephone and networks services, and other similar general services the Company may procure from SDP Technology Group in the future from time to time.		
Term:	From the date of the Company's extraordinary general meeting held on 28 December 2022 to 31 December 2024		
Pricing policy:	(i)	For facilities and equipment maintenance and other maintenance services, the fee rates are determined with reference to the comparable service fee rates charged by independent third parties.	
	(ii)	For services of procurement and maintenance of software and IT systems in relation to port operation and management, the fee rates are determined through arm's length negotiation with reference to (i) historical fee rates; and (ii) the fee rates charged for similar services by independent third parties.	
	(iii)	For posts and telecommunications, telephone and networks services, the fee rates are determined through arm's length negotiation with reference to the fee rates charged for similar services by independent third parties.	

### Directors' Report (Continued)

(i) On 29 December 2022, the Company entered into the general service (procurement) framework agreement with SDP Shanhai Property (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries) (the "SDP Shanhai Property Framework Agreement"). SDP Shanhai Property is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shandong Port Group, which is a controlling shareholder of the Company. Accordingly, SDP Shanhai Property is an associate of Shandong Port Group pursuant to Rule 14A.13(1) of the Listing Rules, and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. For more details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 29 December 2022.

#### **SDP Shanhai Property Framework Agreement**

Nature of the transaction:	The Company agreed to procure office logistics services, including printing, catering, accommodation, meeting, employee benefits services and garbage removal services, from SDP Shanhai Property and other similar office logistics services that the Company may procure from SDP Shanhai Property from time to time.
Term:	From 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024
Pricing policy:	The service fee rates in relation to the office logistics services were determined by both parties through arm's length negotiation with references to (a) the comparable service fee rates charged by Independent Third Parties for similar services; (b) historical fee rates charged by Rizhao Port Group for similar services; and (c) the cost of the relevant services.

### **Directors' Report (Continued)**

The independent non-executive Directors have reviewed the foregoing continuing connected transactions and confirmed that the transactions have been entered into:

- (a) in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Company;
- (b) on normal commercial terms or better; and
- (c) in accordance with the agreement governing the transaction and on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Shareholders as a whole.

According to Rule 14A.56 of the Listing Rules, the Company's auditor was engaged to report on the Company's continuing connected transactions in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 "Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information" and with reference to Practice Note 740 "Auditor's Letter on Continuing Connected Transactions under the Hong Kong Listing Rules" issued by Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The Board has received an unqualified letter from the auditors of the Company in accordance with Rule 14A.56 of the Listing Rules containing the auditors' findings and conclusion on the above continuing connected transactions of the Company, stating that the auditors have not noticed anything that causes them to believe that any of these continuing connected transactions: (a) have not been approved by the Board; (b) were not, in all material respects, in accordance with the pricing policies of the Company if the transactions involve the provision of goods or services by the Company; (c) were not entered into in accordance with the relevant agreements governing such continuing connected transactions in all material aspects; and (d) have exceeded the relevant annual caps for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Save as the connected transactions disclosed above, in respect of which the disclosure requirements in accordance with Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules have been complied with, none of the related party transactions as disclosed in Note 35 to the financial statements constituted connected transactions or continuing connected transactions as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

### Directors' Report (Continued)

#### **REMUNERATION POLICY**

The remuneration policy of the Company links the remunerations of employees with performance, according to their positions, qualifications, work performance and the Company's production and operation results. For the senior management of the Company, the Company implements a basic salary and a performance-based salary policy. The employees' remunerations are reviewed and adjusted by the Company annually. The Company also provides employees with various benefits in accordance with the relevant national, municipal and city-level laws and regulations in the PRC.

The Remuneration Committee was set up for reviewing the Company's policy and structure for all remuneration of the Directors, Supervisors and senior management of the Company, having regard to the Company's operating results, comparable market practices and time commitment and responsibilities of the Directors, Supervisors and senior management of the Company.

#### **RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEME**

Details of the retirement benefit scheme of the Company are set out in Notes 10 and 11 to the financial statements.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company is committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance practices. Information on the corporate governance practices adopted by the Company is set out in the Corporate Governance Report on pages 23 to 38 of this annual report.

#### SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on information publicly available to the Company and to the best knowledge of the Directors, at least 25% of the total issued share capital of the Company, the prescribed minimum percentage of public float approved by the Stock Exchange and permitted under the Listing Rules, was held by the public at all times during the Reporting Period and as at the date of this annual report.

#### **AUDITOR**

The financial statements of the Company for the Reporting Period have been audited by Grant Thornton Hong Kong Limited. A resolution will be submitted at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to re-appoint Grant Thornton Hong Kong Limited as independent auditor of the Company.

There has been no change in auditors of the Company during the preceding three years.

On behalf of the Board **Cui Liang** *Chairman* 

Rizhao, PRC 28 March 2024

### Supervisors' Report

During the Reporting Period, the Supervisory Committee maintained the interests of the Company and the Shareholders by discharging their supervisory duties on the operations, connected transactions and other matters of the Company, pursuant to the Company Law of the PRC, the Listing Rules, the Articles of Association, the Procedural Rules of the Supervisory Committee of Rizhao Port Jurong Co., Ltd. (《日照港裕廊股份有限公司監事會議事規則》) and other applicable laws and regulations, and the rights conferred by the shareholders' general meeting, on the basis of diligence and integrity.

#### MAJOR WORK PERFORMED BY THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the major work performed by the Supervisory Committee included attending Board meetings; carefully reviewing the report of the Directors and profit appropriation proposal to be submitted by the Board for approval at the forthcoming AGM; strictly and effectively monitoring whether the policies and decisions made by the management of the Company had conformed with the applicable laws and regulations and the Articles of Association or safeguarded the benefits of the Shareholders. The Supervisory Committee also reviewed the performance of the Directors, general manager and senior management in the daily operation of the Company by various means, and seriously examined the Company's financial position and its connected transactions.

# INDEPENDENT OPINIONS OF THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON RELEVANT ISSUES OF THE COMPANY IN 2023

#### Operation of the Company in Compliance with the Law

During the Reporting Period, the Board held board meetings and considered resolutions as well as convened and organised the general meeting and attended relevant meetings through undertaking their responsibilities and operating legally in accordance with laws and regulations and the Articles of Association. The Directors and senior management maintained the interests of the Company and the Shareholders by carrying out the resolutions made by the shareholders' general meetings and the Board, and acting diligently and responsibly in the management and operation of the Company.

None of the Directors and senior management of the Company were found to be in breach of the laws and regulations when discharging their duties and none of their acts were found to be detrimental to the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

#### **Financial Position of the Company**

The Supervisory Committee duly reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements of the Company for the Reporting Period and considered that it gave an objective, true, reasonable view in compliance with the laws, regulations and the Articles of Association. It also gave a complete and objective picture of the Company without any false representations, misleading statements or material omissions.

In addition, the Supervisory Committee considered that the preparation of this annual report was in compliance with the laws, regulations and the Articles of Association and its disclosure gave a complete and true picture of the operation, management and financial position of the Company during the Reporting Period.

### Supervisors' Report (Continued)

#### **Use of IPO Proceeds**

During the Reporting Period, the use of the IPO Proceeds strictly complied with the relevant regulations and disclosed application with standard procedures and without misappropriation of the proceeds.

#### **Connected Transactions**

Connected transactions (including continuing connected transactions) entered into by the Company during the Reporting Period complied with laws and regulations as well as the requirements of the relevant connected transaction agreements, and are fair and reasonable to the Company and the Shareholders without harming their interests.

#### **OUTLOOK AND PROSPECTS FOR 2024**

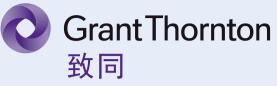
In 2024, the Supervisory Committee will continue to carry out its supervision and inspection duties accountable to all the Shareholders in strict accordance with relevant laws and regulations and the Articles of Association in order to safeguard the legal interests of the Company and the Shareholders and effectively regulate the operation and development of the Company.

By order of the Supervisory Committee Gao Zhiyuan Chairman of the Supervisory Committee

Rizhao, PRC 28 March 2024

### Independent Auditor's Report

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To the members of Rizhao Port Jurong Co., Ltd. (incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

#### **OPINION**

We have audited the financial statements of Rizhao Port Jurong Co., Ltd. (the "**Company**") set out on pages 82 to 151, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2023, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRSs**") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

#### **BASIS FOR OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("**ISAs**") issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (the "**IESBA Code**"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

#### **KEY AUDIT MATTER**

Key audit matter is the matter that, in our professional judgment, was of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. This matter was addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on this matter.

#### Key Audit Matter

#### How the matter was addressed in our audit

#### **Revenue recognition – Provision of services**

Refer to notes 2.15 and 5 to the financial statements

The Company recognised revenue of approximately RMB748,865,000 for the year ended 31 December 2023 in provision of services mainly including stevedoring of goods, storage and other port operations.

We identified the above matter as a key audit matter because revenue is one of the key performance indicators of the Company and there is an inherent risk over the recognition of revenue by the management to meet specific targets or expectations. Our key audit procedures to address the recognition of revenue included the following:

- evaluated the design and implementation of management's internal controls over revenue recognition;
- evaluated the appropriateness of the recognition policy such as recognising over time or at a point in time and identifying performance obligations with reference to the relevant accounting standard;
- performed analytical procedures to assess whether the recognised revenue was in line with the expected level;
- selected samples from the shipment schedules and checked to underlying contracts and supporting documents to verify the revenue is recognised in accordance with the recognition policy; and
- performed cut-off test on a sample of revenue transactions before and after the financial year end date to assess whether the transactions were recognised in proper period by tracing to underlying contracts and supporting documents.

### Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all the information included in the 2023 annual report of the Company, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRSs and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors assisted by the Audit Committee are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

#### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. We report our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

### Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

# AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Audit Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Audit Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.



# AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

From the matter communicated with the Audit Committee, we determine the matter that was of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and is therefore the key audit matter. We describe this matter in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

#### **Grant Thornton Hong Kong Limited**

Certified Public Accountants 11th Floor, Lee Garden Two 28 Yun Ping Road Causeway Bay Hong Kong SAR

28 March 2024

Chi-Kit Shaw Practising Certificate No.: P04834

# Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	RMB'000	RMB'000
			(Restated)
Revenue	5	825,808	833,490
Cost of sales		(504,768)	(536,226)
Gross profit		321,040	297,264
Other income	7	11,648	27,343
Other gains and losses, net	8	9,865	(797)
Impairment losses (recognised)/reversed, net	9	(127)	536
Selling and distribution expenses		(4,228)	(4,273)
Administrative expenses		(25,700)	(28,951)
Finance costs	13	(20,658)	(21,700)
Profit before income tax	10	291,840	269,422
Income tax expense	14	(73,588)	(68,172)
Profit and total comprehensive income attributable to th owners of the Company for the year	ne	218,252	201,250
Earnings per share attributable to the owners of the Company			
- Basic and diluted (expressed in RMB)	15	13.15 cents	12.12 cents

The notes on pages 89 to 151 are an integral part of these financial statements.

### **Statement of Financial Position**

as at 31 December 2023

2023 <i>RMB'000</i> 2,338,678 28,286 279,672 2,831 1,218 1,501 2,652,186 1,611 33,165 3,700	2022 <i>RMB'000</i> (Restated) 1,742,476 2,361 287,446 3,302 973 51 2,036,609 2,669 5,506	1 January 2022 <i>RMB'000</i> (Restated 1,797,815 915 295,227 2,806 1,107 - 2,097,864 3,350 31,876
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	1,850	3,36
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648,418	867,688	634,74
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205,787	78,234	43,03
1,166	4,702	14,32
8,260	14,470	13,26
2,375	2,375	2,37
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### Statement of Financial Position (Continued)

as at 31 December 2023

	As at 31 December As at			
		2023	2022	1 January 2022
	Notes	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
			(Restated)	(Restated)
Non-current liabilities				
Lease liabilities	28	321,997	217,668	232,920
Advance payments from lease contract	29	12,469	14,844	17,219
Other payables	26	590	1,981	-
Deferred tax liabilities	30	-	-	2,803
		335,056	234,493	252,942
Net assets		2,734,866	2,556,481	2,395,105
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Share capital	31	1,660,000	1,660,000	1,660,000
Reserves	01	1,074,866	896,481	735,105
Total equity		2,734,866	2,556,481	2,395,105

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The notes on pages 89 to 151 are an integral part of these financial statements.

### Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Cash flows from operating activities Profit before income tax	201.940	260 420
	291,840	269,422
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (including	110 //9	116 116
right-of-use assets)	119,448	116,115
Depreciation of investment properties	7,774	7,775
Amortisation of intangible asset	471	419
Release of lease payments received in advance	(2,375)	(2,375
Interest income	(11,133)	(14,139
Finance costs	20,658	21,700
Impairment loss recognised/(reversed) on trade	010	(505
receivables, net	210	(568
Impairment loss (reversed)/recognised on contract assets	(83)	32
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(4,087)	(322
Gain on leases modification	(5,591)	-
Written-off of property, plant and equipment	-	1,283
Operating cash flows before working capital changes	417,132	399,342
(Increase)/Decrease in other non-current assets	(245)	134
Decrease in inventories	1,058	681
(Increase)/Decrease in trade and other receivables	(27,869)	26,938
(Increase)/Decrease in bills receivable at FVTOCI	(1,850)	1,511
Decrease/(Increase) in contract assets	3,893	(1,553
Increase/(Decrease) in trade and other payables	13,373	(8,600
Decrease in contract liabilities	(3,536)	(9,618
Cash generated from operations	401,956	408,835
Income tax paid	(75,486)	(69,054
Net cash from operating activities	326,470	339,781
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments and deposits placed for property, plant and equipment	(535,767)	(17,876
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		678
	33,302	
Payments for intangible assets Interest received		(915 14,139
	11,133	14,139
Net cash used in investing activities	(491,332)	(3,974

### Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
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Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from related parties		118	4,662
Repayment to related parties		(978)	(4,546)
Payment of lease liabilities	36	(17,664)	(14,360)
Interest paid	36	(20,658)	(21,700)
Dividends paid	16	(39,867)	(39,874)
Net cash used in financing activities		(79,049)	(75,818)
Net (decrease)/increase in each and each aminglente		(242.011)	250,080
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(243,911)	259,989
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		852,658	592,669
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year, represented			
by bank balances and cash	25	608,747	852,658

The notes on pages 89 to 151 are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Share capital <i>RMB'000</i>	Share premium* ( <i>note 32(a))</i> <i>RMB'000</i>	Capital reserve* (note 32(b)) RMB'000	Statutory reserve* (note 32(c)) RMB'000	Retained profits* <i>RMB'000</i>	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
Balance at 1 January 2022,							
as previously reported		1,660,000	105,245	159,077	63,466	405,820	2,393,608
Adjustment from the adoption of		1,000,000	100,210	100,011	00,100	100,020	2,000,000
amendments to IAS 12	3		_	_	149	1,348	1,497
Balance at 1 January 2022,							
restated		1,660,000	105,245	159,077	63,615	407,168	2,395,105
Total comprehensive income							
for the year							
Profit and total comprehensive							
income for the year, restated			_	_		201,250	201,250
Transactions with owners							
Appropriation for statutory							
reserve, restated		-	-	-	20,419	(20,419)	-
Dividend paid	16	-	-	-	-	(39,874)	(39,874)
Total transactions with owners,							
restated		-	-	-	20,419	(60,293)	(39,874)
Balance at 31 December 2022,							
restated		1,660,000	105,245	159,077	84,034	548,125	2,556,481

### Statement of Changes in Equity (Continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Share capital <i>RMB'000</i>	Share premium* (note 32(a)) RMB'000	Capital reserve* (note 32(b)) RMB'000	Statutory reserve* (note 32(c)) RMB'000	Retained profits* <i>RMB'000</i>	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
Balance at 1 January 2023, as previously reported Adjustment from the adoption		1,660,000	105,245	159,077	83,748	545,537	2,553,607
of amendments to IAS 12	3	-	-	-	286	2,588	2,874
Balance at 1 January 2023, restated		1,660,000	105,245	159,077	84,034	548,125	2,556,481
Total comprehensive income for the year Profit and total comprehensive							
income for the year		-	-	-	-	218,252	218,252
Transactions with owners Appropriation for statutory							
reserve		-	-	-	21,689	(21,689)	-
Dividend paid	16	-	-	-	-	(39,867)	(39,867)
Total transactions with owners		-	-	-	21,689	(61,556)	(39,867)
Balance at 31 December 2023		1,660,000	105,245	159,077	105,723	704,821	2,734,866

\* The reserves accounts comprise the Company's reserves of RMB1,074,866,000 (2022: RMB896,481,000) in the statement of financial position.

The notes on pages 89 to 151 are an integral part of these financial statements.



### Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2023

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Rizhao Port Jurong Co., Ltd. (the "**Company**") is a joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**") with limited liability. The registered office and headquarter of the Company is at South End, Haibin 5th Road, Rizhao City, Shandong Province, the PRC.

The Company's immediate holding company, Rizhao Port Co., Ltd. ("**Rizhao Port**"), is a joint stock company with limited liability incorporated in the PRC and its shares are listed for trading on the Main Board of Shanghai Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 600017). In the opinion of the directors, the ultimate holding company is Shandong Port Group Co., Ltd. (山東省港口集團有限公司, "**Shandong Port Group**"). Shandong Port Group is a company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability and a state-owned enterprise ultimately controlled by Shandong Provincial State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission.

The Company is primarily engaged in port operation in Rizhao City, Shandong Province of the PRC, which includes handling grains, woodchips and dried tapioca along with berth leasing, port services such as warehousing, cargo storage, and related supporting business.

Unless otherwise stated, the financial statements are presented in Renminbi ("**RMB**"), which is also the functional currency of the Company.

The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 were approved for issue by the board of directors on 28 March 2024.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation

These annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRSs**") which collective term includes all applicable individual International Financial Reporting Standards, International Accounting Standards and interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("**IASB**"). The financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and the applicable disclosure requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "**Listing Rules**") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**").

The material accounting policies that have been used in the preparation of these financial statements are summarised below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented unless otherwise stated. The adoption of new or amended IFRSs and their impacts on the financial statements, if any, are disclosed in note 3.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for bills receivable which are stated at fair values. The measurement bases are fully described in the accounting policies below.

It should be noted that accounting estimates and assumptions are used in preparation of the financial statements. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge and judgment of current events and actions, actual results may ultimately differ from those estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 4.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.2 Foreign currency translation

The financial statements are presented in Renminbi ("**RMB**"), which is also the functional currency of the Company.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency of the Company using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At the reporting date, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at that date. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the reporting date retranslation of monetary assets and liabilities are recognised in profit or loss.

Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated (i.e. only translated using the exchange rates at the transaction date). When a fair value gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recognised in profit or loss, any exchange component of that gain or loss is also recognised in profit or loss. When a fair value gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recognised in other comprehensive income, any exchange component of that gain or ther comprehensive income.

#### 2.3 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment (other than construction in progress as described below and cost of right-of-use assets as described in note 2.12) are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. The cost of asset comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets other than construction in progress less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The useful lives of each category of assets are as follows:

Buildings	10 - 40 years
Terminal facilities	50 years
Storage facilities	10 - 40 years
Loading equipment	8 – 15 years
Machinery equipment	8 – 12 years
Motor vehicles	6 years
Communication facilities and other equipment	5 – 8 years

Accounting policy for depreciation of right-of-use assets is set out in note 2.12.

Estimates of residual value, depreciation methods and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

Gain or loss arising on retirement or disposal is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.



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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.3 Property, plant and equipment (Continued)

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other costs, such as repairs and maintenance, are charged to profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Construction in progress represents properties, plant and equipment under construction and is stated at cost less any impairment losses. Cost includes cost of construction and other direct costs (such as costs of materials, direct labour and borrowing costs).

No provision for depreciation has been provided for construction in progress until such time relevant assets are available for use, at which time they will be transferred to appropriate category of property, plant and equipment.

#### 2.4 Prepaid lease payments

Prepaid lease payments (which meet the definition of right-of-use assets) represent the upfront payment for long-term land lease in which the payment can be reliably measured. It is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis over the term of the right-of-use except where an alternative basis is more representative of the time pattern of benefits to be derived by the Company from use of the land.

#### 2.5 Investment properties

Investment properties are terminal facilities which are owned or held under a leasehold interest (see note 2.12) to earn rental income/or for capital appreciation.

On initial recognition, investment property is measured at cost. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation of investment properties is calculated on the straight-line basis over the expected useful life. The principal expected useful life for this purpose is as follows:

Terminal facilities

40 - 50 years

Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the investment property. The cost of self-constructed investment property includes the cost of materials and direct labour, any other costs directly attributable to bringing the investment property to a working condition for their intended use and capitalised borrowing costs.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.6 Intangible assets

Acquired intangible assets are recognised initially at cost. After initial recognition, intangible assets with finite useful lives are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation for intangible assets with finite useful lives is provided on straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Amortisation commences when the intangible assets are available for use. The following useful lives are applied:

Software	10 years
Rights to use sea area	40 years

The assets' amortisation methods and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

Intangible assets with finite lives are tested for impairment as described below in note 2.16.

#### 2.7 Financial instruments

#### **Recognition and derecognition**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and substantially all of its risks and rewards are transferred. A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### **Financial assets**

#### Classification and initial measurement of financial assets

Except for those trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component and are measured at the transaction price in accordance with IFRS 15, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers", all financial assets are initially measured at fair value, in case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss ("**FVTPL**"), plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at FVTPL are expensed in profit or loss.

The Company's financial assets are classified as financial assets at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income ("**FVTOCI**").

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### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.7 Financial instruments (Continued)

#### **Financial assets (Continued)**

Classification and initial measurement of financial assets (Continued)

The classification is determined by both:

- the entity's business model for managing the financial asset; and
- the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset.

All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs or other income, except for expected credit losses ("**ECL**") of trade and other receivables and contract assets which is presented on the face of the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Subsequent measurement of financial assets

#### Debt investments

Financial assets at amortised cost

Financial assets are measured at amortised cost if the assets meet the following conditions (and are not designated as FVTPL):

- they are held within a business model whose objective is to hold the financial assets and collect its contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial assets give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest income from these financial assets is included in other income in profit or loss. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The Company's trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents fall into this category of financial instruments.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.7 Financial instruments (Continued)

#### **Financial assets (Continued)**

Subsequent measurement of financial assets (Continued)

Financial assets at FVTOCI - recycling

If the contractual cash flows of the investment comprise solely payments of principal and interest and the investment is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both the collection of contractual cash flows and sale. Changes in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income, except for the recognition in profit or loss of ECL, interest income (calculated using the effective interest method) and foreign exchange gains and losses. When the investment is derecognised, the amount accumulated in other comprehensive income is recycled from equity to profit or loss.

#### **Financial liabilities**

Classification and measurement of financial liabilities

The Company's financial liabilities include trade and other payables and leases liabilities.

Financial liabilities (other than lease liabilities) are initially measured at fair value, and, where applicable, adjusted for transaction costs unless the Company designated a financial liability at FVTPL.

Subsequently, financial liabilities (other than lease liabilities) are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method except for derivatives which are not designated and effective as hedging instruments and financial liabilities designated at FVTPL, which are carried subsequently at fair value with gains or losses recognised in profit or loss.

All interest-related charges and, if applicable, changes in an instrument's fair value that are reported in profit or loss are included within finance costs or other income.

Accounting policies of lease liabilities are set out in note 2.12.

#### Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are recognised initially at their fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.8 Impairment of financial assets and contract assets

IFRS 9's impairment requirements use forward-looking information to recognise ECL – the "**ECL model**". Instruments within the scope included loans and other debt-type financial assets measured at amortised cost and FVTOCI, trade receivables and contract assets recognised and measured under IFRS 15.

The Company considers a broader range of information when assessing credit risk and measuring ECL, including past events, current conditions, reasonable and supportable forecasts that affect the expected collectability of the future cash flows of the instrument.

In applying this forward-looking approach, a distinction is made between:

- financial instruments that have not deteriorated significantly in credit quality since initial recognition or that have low credit risk ("**Stage 1**") and
- financial instruments that have deteriorated significantly in credit quality since initial recognition and whose credit risk is not low ("Stage 2").

"Stage 3" would cover financial assets that have objective evidence of impairment at the reporting date.

"12-month ECL" are recognised for the Stage 1 category while "lifetime ECL" are recognised for the Stage 2 category.

Measurement of the ECL is determined by a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses over the expected life of the financial instrument.

#### Trade receivables and contract assets

For trade receivables and contract assets, the Company applies a simplified approach in calculating ECL and recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECL at each reporting date. These are the expected shortfalls in contractual cash flows, considering the potential for default at any point during the life of the financial assets. Note 38.4 set out the details of methodologies and assumptions used in estimating the loss allowance of trade receivables and contract assets.

#### Other financial assets measured at amortised cost and debt investments at FVTOCI

The Company measures the loss allowance for other receivables equal to 12-month ECL, unless when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the Company recognises lifetime ECL. The assessment of whether lifetime ECL should be recognised is based on significant increase in the likelihood or risk of default occurring since initial recognition.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.8 Impairment of financial assets and contract assets (Continued)

# Other financial assets measured at amortised cost and debt investments at FVTOCI (Continued)

In assessing whether the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial assets at the reporting date with the risk of default occurring on the financial assets at the date of initial recognition. In making this assessment, the Company considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort.

In particular, the following information is taken into account when assessing whether credit risk has increased significantly:

- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the financial instrument's external (if available) or internal credit rating;
- significant deterioration in external market indicators of credit risk, e.g. a significant increase in the credit spread, the credit default swap prices for the debtor;
- existing or forecast adverse changes in regulatory, business, financial, economic conditions or technological environment that are expected to cause a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations; and
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor.

Despite the aforegoing, the Company assumes that the credit risk on a debt instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the debt instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the end of each reporting period. A debt instrument is determined to have low credit risk if it has a low risk of default, the borrower has strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term and adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfill its contractual cash flow obligations.

For internal credit risk management, the Company considers an event of default occurs when information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the Company, in full (without taking into account any collateral held by the Company).

Detailed analysis of the ECL assessment of trade receivables, contract assets, other financial assets measured at amortised cost and debt investments at FVTOCI are set out in note 38.4.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.9 Inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost, which comprises all costs of purchase and, where applicable, other costs that have been incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition, is calculated using the weighted average method.

#### 2.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank and in hand, demand deposits with banks and short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### 2.11 Contract assets and contract liabilities

A contract asset is recognised when the Company recognises revenue (see note 2.15) before being unconditionally entitled to the consideration under the payment terms set out in the contract. Contract assets are assessed for ECL in accordance with the policy set out in note 2.8 and are reclassified to receivables when the right to the consideration has become unconditional (see note 2.7).

A contract liability is recognised when the customer pays consideration before the Company recognises the related revenue (see note 2.15). A contract liability would also be recognised if the Company has an unconditional right to receive consideration before the Company recognises the related revenue. In such cases, a corresponding receivable would also be recognised (see note 2.7).

For a single contract with the customer, either a net contract asset or a net contract liability is presented. For multiple contracts, contract assets and contract liabilities of unrelated contracts are not presented on a net basis.

#### 2.12 Leases

#### (a) Definition of a lease and the Company as a lessee

At inception of a contract, the Company considers whether a contract is, or contains a lease. A lease is defined as "a contract, or part of a contract, that conveys the right to use an identified asset (the underlying asset) for a period of time in exchange for consideration". To apply this definition, the Company assesses whether the contract meets three key evaluations which are whether:

- the contract contains an identified asset, which is either explicitly identified in the contract or implicitly specified by being identified at the time the asset is made available to the Company;
- the Company has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the identified asset throughout the period of use, considering its rights within the defined scope of the contract; and
- the Company has the right to direct the use of the identified asset throughout the period of use. The Company assess whether it has the right to direct "how and for what purpose" the asset is used throughout the period of use.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.12 Leases (Continued)

#### (a) Definition of a lease and the Company as a lessee (Continued)

For contracts that contains a lease component and one or more additional lease or non-lease components, the Company allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease and non-lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone prices.

#### Measurement and recognition of leases as a lessee

At lease commencement date, the Company recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability on the statement of financial position. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which is made up of the initial measurement of the lease liability, any initial direct costs incurred by the Company, an estimate of any costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset at the end of the lease, and any lease payments made in advance of the lease commencement date (net of any lease incentives received).

The Company depreciates the right-of-use assets on a straight-line basis from the lease commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term unless the Company is reasonably certain to obtain ownership at the end of the lease term. The Company also assesses the right-of-use assets for impairment when such indicator exists.

At the commencement date, the Company measures the lease liability at the present value of the lease payments unpaid at that date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Company's incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are made up of fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable payments based on an index or rate, and amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Company and payment of penalties for terminating a lease, if the lease term reflects the Company exercising the option to terminate.

Subsequent to initial measurement, the liability will be reduced for lease payments made and increased for interest cost on the lease liability. It is remeasured to reflect any reassessment or lease modification, or if there are changes in in-substance fixed payments. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as expense in the period on which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

When the lease is remeasured, the corresponding adjustment is reflected in the right-of-use asset, or profit and loss if the right-of-use asset is already reduced to zero.



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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.12 Leases (Continued)

#### (a) Definition of a lease and the Company as a lessee (Continued)

Measurement and recognition of leases as a lessee (Continued)

The Company has elected to account for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets using the practical expedients. Instead of recognising a right-of-use asset and lease liability, the payments in relation to these leases are recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less. Low-value assets comprise machinery equipment and small items of office equipment.

On the statement of financial position, right-of-use assets that do not meet the definition of investment property have been included in "property, plant and equipment". The prepaid lease payments for storage facilities are presented as right-of-use assets in "property, plant and equipment" under non-current assets.

#### (b) The Company as a lessor

As a lessor, the Company classifies its leases as operating leases or finance leases.

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset, and classified as an operating lease if it does not.

The Company also earns rental income from operating leases of its investment properties. Rental income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

#### 2.13 Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made. Where the time value of money is material, provisions are stated at the present value of the expenditure expected to settle the obligation.

All provisions are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate.

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, the obligation is disclosed as a contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote. Possible obligations, whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future uncertain events not wholly within the control of the Company, are also disclosed as contingent liability unless the probability of outflow of economic benefit is remote.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.14 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Share capital is determined using the nominal value of shares that have been issued at the reporting date.

Any transaction costs associated with the issuing of shares are deducted from share premium (net of any related income tax benefit) to the extent that they are incremental costs directly attributable to such equity transaction.

#### 2.15 Revenue recognition

Revenue arises mainly from provision of facilities or services in port operations and gross rental income from properties under operating lease arrangement.

To determine whether to recognise revenue, the Company follows a 5-step process:

- 1. Identifying the contract with a customer
- 2. Identifying the performance obligations
- 3. Determining the transaction price
- 4. Allocating the transaction price to the performance obligations
- 5. Recognising revenue when/as performance obligation(s) are satisfied

In all cases, the total transaction price for a contract is allocated amongst the various performance obligations based on their relative stand-alone selling prices. The transaction price for a contract excludes any amounts collected on behalf of third parties.

Revenue is recognised either at a point in time or over time, when (or as) the Company satisfies performance obligations by transferring the promised goods or services to its customers.

#### Principal versus agent

When another party is involved in providing goods or services to a customer, the Company determines whether the nature of its promise is a performance obligation to provide the specified goods or services itself (i.e. the Company is a principal) or to arrange for those goods or services to be provided by the other party (i.e. the Company is an agent).

The Company is a principal if it controls the specified good or service before that good or service is transferred to a customer.

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### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.15 Revenue recognition (Continued)

#### Principal versus agent (Continued)

The Company is an agent if its performance obligation is to arrange for the provision of the specified good or service by another party. In this case, the Company does not control the specified good or service provided by another party before that good or service is transferred to the customer. When the Company acts as an agent, it recognises revenue in the amount of any fee or commission to which it expects to be entitled in exchange for arranging for the specified goods or services to be provided by the other party.

Further details of the Company's revenue recognition policies are as follows:

#### **Stevedoring service**

Stevedoring service primarily involves bulk cargo, bulk grains, woodchips and dried tapioca. Stevedoring service is recognised over time for unloading the goods from vessels at rates per tonne of the goods handled as specified in the contract.

#### Storage service

The Company offers short-term storage service to meet the need of customers who require temporary storage for bulk cargos before they transport the cargos to the next destination. The storage service is recognised over time and charged at daily rates specified in the contract.

#### Port management services

The Company provides a variety of port-related services including berthing services and port facility security services. Port management services are recognised over time for vessel berthing at the berths and for the maintenance and repair of public facilities at the berths. The consideration for berthing service and port facility security services are charged at daily rates and rates per tonne of the goods handled, respectively, as specified in the contract.

#### Interest income

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest method.

#### **Rental income**

Rental income is recognised according to accounting policy as set out in note 2.12.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.16 Impairment of non-financial assets (other than contract assets)

Property, plant and equipment (including right-of-use assets), deposits for purchase of property, plant and equipment, investment properties and intangible assets are subject to impairment testing. They are tested for impairment whenever there are indications that the asset's carrying amount may not be recoverable.

An impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value, reflecting market conditions less costs of disposal, and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessment of time value of money and the risk specific to the asset.

For the purpose of assessing impairment, where an asset does not generate cash inflows largely independent of those from other assets, the recoverable amount is determined for the smallest group of assets that generate cash inflows independently (i.e. a cash-generating unit). As a result, some assets are tested individually for impairment and some are tested at the cash-generating unit level.

Impairment losses is charged pro rata to the assets in the cash generating unit, except that the carrying value of an asset will not be reduced below its individual fair value less cost of disposal, or value in use, if determinable.

An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a favourable change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount and only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised. A reversal of such impairment is credited to profit or loss in the period in which it arises unless that asset is carried at revalued amount, in which case the reversal of impairment loss is accounted for in accordance with the relevant accounting policy for the revalued amount.

#### 2.17 Employee benefits

#### **Retirement benefits scheme**

Retirement benefits to employees are provided through two kinds of retirement benefit plans including the basic pensions and the corporate annuity.

#### (a) Basic pensions

The Company's employees participate in the basic pension plan set up and administered by local authorities of Ministry of Human Resource and Social Security. Monthly payments of premiums on the basic pensions are calculated according to the bases and percentage prescribed by the relevant local authorities. When employees retired, the relevant local authorities are obliged to pay the basic pensions to them. The amounts based on the above calculations are recognised as liabilities in the accounting period in which the service has been rendered by the employees and included into the profit or loss for the corresponding period.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.17 Employee benefits (Continued)

#### **Retirement benefits scheme (Continued)**

#### (b) Corporate annuity

Employees who retire on and subsequent to 1 January 2016 enjoy the corporate annuity plan set up by the Company in accordance with State's Corporate Annuity Regulations apart from basic pensions. The annuity is accrued by the Company in proportion to the payroll and the expenditure is included into profit or loss for the corresponding period.

#### Early retirement benefits

The Company provides early retirement benefits to certain eligible staff. A provision is made for the estimated liability for early retirement benefits as a result of services rendered by employees up to the reporting date.

#### Short-term employee benefits

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the reporting date.

Non-accumulating compensated absences such as sick leave and maternity leave are not recognised until the time of leave.

#### 2.18 Accounting for income tax

Income tax comprises current tax and deferred tax.

Current income tax assets and/or liabilities comprise those obligations to, or claims from, fiscal authorities relating to the current or prior reporting period, that are unpaid at the reporting date. They are calculated according to the tax rates and tax laws applicable to the fiscal periods to which they relate, based on the taxable profit for the year. All changes to current tax assets or liabilities are recognised as a component of tax expense in profit or loss.

Deferred tax is calculated using the liability method on temporary differences at the reporting date between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, tax losses available to be carried forward as well as other unused tax credits, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit, including existing taxable temporary differences, will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unused tax credits can be utilised.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.18 Accounting for income tax (Continued)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither taxable nor accounting profit or loss and does not give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

For leasing transactions in which the tax deductions are attributable to the lease liabilities, the Company applies the requirements in IAS 12 to the lease liabilities and the related assets separately. The Company recognises a deferred tax asset related to the lease liabilities to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary difference can be utilised and a deferred tax liability for all taxable temporary differences.

Deferred tax is calculated, without discounting, at tax rates that are expected to apply in the period the liability is settled or the asset realised, provided they are enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Changes in deferred tax assets or liabilities are recognised in profit or loss, or in other comprehensive income or directly in equity if they relate to items that are charged or credited to other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current tax assets and current tax liabilities are presented in net if, and only if,

- (a) the Company has the legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts; and
- (b) intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

The Company presents deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities in net if, and only if,

- (a) the entity has a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities; and
- (b) the deferred tax assets and the deferred tax liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either:
  - (i) the same taxable entity; or
  - (ii) different taxable entities which intend either to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered.



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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.19 Segment reporting

Operating segments, and the amounts of each segment item reported in the financial statements, are identified from the financial information provided regularly to the Board of Directors of the Company for the purposes of allocating resources to, and assessing the performance of, the Company's various lines of business and geographical locations.

Individually material operating segments are not aggregated for financial reporting purposes unless the segments have similar economic characteristics and are similar in respect of the nature of products and services, the nature of production processes, the type or class of customers, the methods used to distribute the products or provide the services, and the nature of the regulatory environment. Operating segments which are not individually material may be aggregated if they share a major of criteria.

#### 2.20 Government subsidies

Government subsidies are recognised at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the subsidies will be received and the Company will comply with all attached conditions. Government subsidies are deferred and recognised in profit or loss over the period necessary to match them with the costs that the subsidies are intended to compensate. Government subsidies relating to the purchase of assets are included in liabilities as deferred government subsidies in the statement of financial position and are recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the expected lives of the related assets.

Government subsidies relating to income is presented gross under "other income" in profit or loss.

#### 2.21 Related parties

For the purposes of these financial statements, a party is considered to be related to the Company if:

- (a) the party, is a person or a close member of that person's family and if that person,
  - (i) has control or joint control over the Company;
  - (ii) has significant influence over the Company; or
  - (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Company or of a parent of the Company.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.21 Related parties (Continued)

- (b) the party is an entity where any of the following conditions applies:
  - (i) the entity and the Company are members of the same group.
  - (ii) one entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member).
  - (iii) the entity and the Company are joint ventures of the same third party.
  - (iv) one entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity.
  - (v) the entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Company or an entity related to the Company.
  - (vi) the entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a).
  - (vii) a person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity).
  - (viii) the entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the Company or to the parent of the Company.

Close members of the family of a person are those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with the entity.



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#### 3. ADOPTION OF NEW AND AMENDED IFRSs

# New and amended IFRSs that are effective for annual periods beginning on 1 January 2023

In the current year, the Company has applied for the first time the following new and amended IFRSs issued by the IASB, which are relevant to the Company's operations and effective for the Company's financial statements for the annual period beginning on 1 January 2023:

IFRS 17	Insurance Contracts and related amendments
Amendments to IAS 1 and	Disclosure of Accounting Policies
IFRS Practice Statement 2	
Amendments to IAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates
Amendments to IAS 12	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single
	Transaction
Amendments to IAS 12	International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules

Except for those mentioned below, the adoption of the new and amended IFRSs had no material impact on how the results and financial position of the Company for the current and prior period have been prepared and presented.

Amendments to IAS 12 "Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction"

The amendments clarify that the initial recognition exemption of deferred tax in IAS 12 "Income Taxes" does not apply to transactions that give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences, such as lease contracts that give rise to the recognition of a lease liability and the corresponding right-of-use assets and contracts that give rise to the recognition of decommissioning obligations and corresponding amounts recognised as assets. Instead, entities are required to recognise the related deferred tax asset and liability on initial recognition, with the recognition of any deferred tax asset being subject to the recoverability criteria in IAS 12 "Income Taxes".

The Company adopted the amendments from 1 January 2023 and are required to recognise the associated deferred tax assets and liabilities from leases that occurred on or after 1 January 2022, with any cumulative effect recognised as an adjustment to reserves at that date.

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## 3. ADOPTION OF NEW AND AMENDED IFRSS (CONTINUED)

## New and amended IFRSs that are effective for annual periods beginning on 1 January 2023 (Continued)

Statement of financial position as at 1 January 2022

	Carrying		Restated carrying
	amount as at		amount as at
	31 December 2021	Impact of	1 January 2022
	(before the	amendments to	(after the
	amendments)	IAS 12	amendments)
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Deferred tax liabilities	(4,300)	1,497	(2,803)
Reserves	733,608	1,497	735,105

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for year ended 31 December 2022

	Impact of
	amendments
	to IAS 12
	RMB'000
Decrease in income tax expense	1 377

Statement of financial position as at 1 January 2023

	Carrying		Restated carrying
	amount as at		amount as at
	31 December 2022	Impact of	1 January 2023
	(before the	amendments to	(after the
	amendments)	IAS 12	amendments)
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Deferred tax (liabilities)/assets	(2,823)	2,874	51
Reserves	893,607	2,874	896,481

Following the amendments, the change impacts disclosure of components of deferred tax assets and liabilities in note 30.

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## 3. ADOPTION OF NEW AND AMENDED IFRSS (CONTINUED)

#### Issued but not yet effective IFRSs

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, certain amended IFRSs have been published but are not yet effective, and have not been adopted early by the Company.

Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its
Associate or Joint Venture <sup>3</sup>
Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback <sup>1</sup>
Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current <sup>1</sup>
Non-current Liabilities with Covenants <sup>1</sup>
Supplier Finance Arrangements <sup>1</sup>
Lack of exchangeability <sup>2</sup>

1 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024

2 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025

3 Effective date not yet determined

The directors anticipate that all of the pronouncements will be adopted in the Company's accounting policy for the first period beginning on or after the effective date of the pronouncement, and these are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

### 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### 4.1 Estimate uncertainty

The Company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

## Depreciation and impairment assessment of property, plant and equipment and investment properties

Property, plant and equipment and investment properties (notes 17 and 18 respectively) are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets, after taking into account the estimated residual values, if any. The Company reviews the estimated useful lives of the assets regularly in order to determine the amount of depreciation expense to be recorded during the reporting period. The useful lives are based on the Company's historical experience with similar assets and taking into account anticipated technological changes. The depreciation expense for future periods is adjusted if there are significant changes from previous estimates.

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## 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 4.1 Estimate uncertainty (Continued)

Depreciation and impairment assessment of property, plant and equipment and investment properties (Continued)

Property, plant and equipment and investment properties are reviewed for possible impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Determination as to whether and how much an asset is impaired involves management estimates on uncertain matters, such as the amount of tariffs which may have changed, the throughput capacity of the berths, etc. The impairment reviews and calculations are based on assumptions that are consistent with the Company's business plan. As at 31 December 2023, the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment and investment properties were RMB2,338,678,000 and RMB279,672,000, respectively (2022: RMB1,742,476,000 and RMB287,446,000, respectively).

## Provision for impairment of trade and other receivables and contract assets within the scope of ECL under IFRS 9

The Company makes allowances on items subjects to ECL (including trade and other receivables, contract assets and other financial assets) based on assumptions about risk of default and expected loss rates. The Company uses judgment in making these assumptions and selecting the inputs to the impairment calculation, based on the Company's past history, existing market conditions as well as forward-looking estimates at the end of each reporting period as set out in note 38.4. As at 31 December 2023, the aggregate carrying amounts of trade receivables and contract assets amounted to RMB15,612,000 (net of ECL allowance of RMB314,000) and RMB1,195,000 (net of ECL allowance RMB26,000), respectively (2022: RMB5,194,000 (net of ECL allowance of RMB104,000) and RMB104,000) and RMB5,005,000 (net of ECL allowance RMB109,000), respectively).

The provision of ECL is sensitive to changes in estimates. When the actual future cash flows are different from expected, such difference will impact the carrying amount of trade receivables and other items within the scope of ECL under IFRS 9 and credit losses in the periods in which such estimate has been changed.



## 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 4.2 Critical accounting judgment

#### Determination of the lease term in lease contracts and discount rate

In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension options, or not exercise a termination option. Factors considered include:

- contractual terms and conditions for the optional periods compared with market rates (e.g. whether the amount of payments in the optional periods is below the market rates);
- the extent of leasehold improvements undertaken by the Company;
- costs relating to termination of the lease (e.g. relocation costs, costs of identifying another underlying asset suitable for the Company's needs); and
- significance to the Company's operation.

Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated), which in turn affect the carrying amounts of lease liabilities and corresponding right-of-use assets.

In determining the discount rate, the Company is required to exercise considerable judgment in relation to determining the discount rate taking into account the nature of the underlying assets and the terms and conditions of the leases, at both the commencement date and effective date of the modification.

#### 5. **REVENUE**

The Company's principal activities are disclosed in note 1 to the financial statements. The Company's revenue recognised during the year is as follows:

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
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Revenue from contracts with customers – Provision of services Revenue from other sources – Rental income from investment	748,865	758,492
properties	76,943	74,998
	825,808	833,490

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## 5. **REVENUE (CONTINUED)**

## Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of IFRS 15

The Company derives revenue from the provision of services over time and at a point in time in the following types of services in the PRC:

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Types of services		
Stevedoring service	634,073	602,871
Storage service	94,772	96,337
Port management service	20,020	23,492
Logistics agency service	-	35,792
Total	748,865	758,492
Timing of revenue recognition		
Over time	748,865	722,700
At a point in time	-	35,792
Total	748,865	758,492

#### 6. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Information reported to the Board of Directors of the Company, being the chief operating decision maker, for the purposes of resource allocation, assessment of performance and focusing on revenue from rendering stevedoring, storage and ancillary services.

The management of the Company considers that the Company has one reportable operating segment. No operating segment information is presented other than the entity-wide disclosures.

#### **Geographic information**

The Company's revenue and profit are all derived from the PRC. All non-current assets are located in the PRC.



## 6. SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

#### Information about major customers

The following table sets out the revenue from customers contributing over 10% of the total revenue of the Company during the reporting period.

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Customer A	107,154	101,405
Customer B	104,982	N/A*
Customer C	98,282	N/A*

\* The customers contributed less than 10% of the total revenue for the year.

## 7. OTHER INCOME

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Interest income	11,133	14,139
Government subsidies (note a)	288	64
Value-added tax credit (note b)	946	13,019
Others	14	32
Exchange (losses)/gains	(733)	89
	11,648	27,343

*Note a:* Government subsidies mainly relate to the subsidies granted by the government in respect of operating and development activities and to provide financial support to the Company which are unconditional grants.

*Note b:* As announced by the Ministry of Finance and the State Taxation Administration on additional value-added tax credit policy for the life service industry, tax payers in the production and living service industry are allowed to credit the amount of input tax deductible in the current period plus 5% (2022: 10%) thereof against the amount of taxes payable upon fulfilment of certain conditions.

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## 8. OTHER GAINS AND (LOSSES), NET

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
	4.007	
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment Written-off of property, plant and equipment	4,087	322 (1,283)
Gain on leases modification	5,591	(1,200)
Others	187	164
	9,865	(797)

## 9. IMPAIRMENT LOSSES (RECOGNISED)/REVERSED, NET

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Impairment loss (recognised)/reversed on trade receivables, net	(210)	568
Impairment loss reversed/(recognised) on contract assets	83	(32)
	(127)	536

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## **10. PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX**

Profit before income tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting) the following:

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Rental income from investment properties	76,943	74,998
Less: direct operating expenses incurred from investment properties	(7,774)	(7,775)
	(7,774)	(7,775)
Net rental income from investment properties	69,169	67,223
Auditor's remuneration	991	915
Depreciation:	•••	0.10
- Property, plant and equipment	92,917	96,044
– Right-of-use assets	26,531	20,071
<ul> <li>Investment properties</li> </ul>	7,774	7,775
Amortisation of intangible assets (note a)	471	419
Total depreciation and amortisation charged to profit or loss	127,693	124,309
Lease charges:		
- Short-term leases	9,039	9,380
- Leases of low-value items	40	83
- Variable lease payments	13,890	12,844
Directors' and supervisors' emoluments (note 11)	1,408	1,367
Other staff costs (exclude directors' and supervisors' emoluments):	,	
- Salaries, allowances and other benefits	62,581	59,049
<ul> <li>Retirement benefit scheme contributions</li> </ul>	20,601	20,177
- Early retirement benefits	-	3,998
Total staff costs	84,590	84,591
Research and development costs recognised as expense		
(Included in administrative expenses)	132	3,774

Note:

(a) The amortisation of intangible assets is included in "Administrative expenses" of the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

## 11. DIRECTORS' AND SUPERVISORS' EMOLUMENTS

Directors' and supervisors' emoluments, disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules, section 383(1) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and Part 2 of the Companies (Disclosure of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation is as follows:

Name	Notes	Fees <i>RMB'000</i>	Salaries and allowances <i>RMB'000</i>	Discretionary bonuses <i>RMB'000</i>	Retirement benefit scheme contribution <i>RMB'000</i>	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
Year ended 31 December 2023						
Executive director:						
Mr. Zhang Feng	(v)	_	_	_	-	-
Mr. Qin Yuning	(vi)	-	352	277	118	747
Non-executive directors:						
Mr. Chen Lei		-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Cui Liang		-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Fang Lei		-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Seow Kok Leong Terence		-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Nyan Ming Ren Francis		-	-	-	-	-
Independent non-executive directors:						
Mr. Zhang Zixue		72	-	-	-	72
Mr. Lee Man Tai		72	-	-	-	72
Mr. Wu Xibin		72	-	-	-	72
Supervisors:						
Mr. Gao Zhiyuan		-	107	231	107	445
Mr. Li Weiqing		-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Tham Wai Kong		-	-	-	-	-
		216	459	508	225	1,408

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## 11. DIRECTORS' AND SUPERVISORS' EMOLUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Name	Notes	Fees <i>RMB'000</i>	Salaries and allowances <i>RMB'000</i>	Discretionary bonuses <i>RMB'000</i>	Retirement benefit scheme contribution <i>RMB'000</i>	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
Year ended 31 December 2022						
Executive director:						
Mr. Zhang Feng		-	431	238	206	875
Non-executive directors:						
Mr. Ooi Bon Hoe	(i)	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Jiang Zidan	(i)	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Pay Cher Wee	(i)	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Chen Lei		-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Cui Liang		-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Fang Lei	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Seow Kok Leong Terence	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Nyan Ming Ren Francis	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-
Independent non-executive directors:						
Mr. Zhang Zixue		72	-	-	-	72
Mr. Lee Man Tai		72	-	-	-	72
Mr. Wu Xibin		72	-	-	-	72
Supervisors:						
Mr. Wang Wei	(iii)	-	13	73	20	106
Mr. Gao Zhiyuan	(iv)	-	18	127	25	170
Mr. Li Weiqing		-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Tham Wai Kong		_	-	-		-
		216	462	438	251	1,367

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## 11. DIRECTORS' AND SUPERVISORS' EMOLUMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### Notes:

- Mr. Ooi Boon Hoe, Mr. Jiang Zidan and Mr. Pay Cher Wee resigned as non-executive directors of the Company on 17 October 2022.
- Mr. Fang Lei, Mr. Seow Kok Leong Terence and Mr. Nyan Ming Ren Francis were appointed as non-executive directors of the Company on 28 December 2022.
- (iii) Mr. Wang Wei resigned as a supervisor and Chairman of the Supervisory Committee of the Company on 2 August 2022.
- (iv) Mr. Gao Zhiyuan was appointed as employee representative supervisor on 2 August 2022 and appointed as the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee of the Company on 19 August 2022.
- (v) Mr. Zhang Feng resigned as an executive director of the Company on 15 February 2023.
- (vi) Mr. Qin Yuning was appointed as an executive director of the Company on 15 February 2023.

The executive directors' emoluments shown above were paid for their services in connection with the management of the operation affairs of the Company.

The supervisors' emoluments shown were paid for their services as supervisors.

Certain non-executive directors and supervisors did not receive any emoluments from the Company during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022. They received their emoluments from Rizhao Port and Jurong Port Rizhao Holding Pte Ltd (collectively "Shareholding Companies") because they hold positions at the Shareholding Companies.

The bonuses are discretionary and are determined by reference to the Company's and the individuals' performance.

No emoluments were paid by the Company to any directors as an inducement to join or upon joining the Company or as compensation for loss of office during the year (2022: nil).

There were no arrangements under which a director waived or agreed to waive any remuneration during the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: nil).

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## 12. FIVE HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS' EMOLUMENTS

The five individuals whose emoluments were the highest in the Company for the year include one (2022: one) director and nil (2022: nil) supervisor whose emoluments are reflected in the analysis presented above. The aggregate emoluments payable to the remaining four (2022: four) individuals during the year are as follows:

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Salaries and other emoluments	1,501	1,219
Discretionary bonuses	800	677
Retirement benefit scheme contributions	588	713
	2,889	2,609

The remuneration of the remaining four (2022: four) individuals fell within the following band:

	2023	2022
Nil – HK\$1,000,000	4	4

No emoluments were paid by the Company to any of the five highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining the Company or as compensation for loss of office during the year (2022: nil).

#### **13. FINANCE COSTS**

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Interest expense		
- Interest on lease liabilities	20,658	21,700

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## 14. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Restated)
75,038	71,026
(1,450)	(2,854)
73,588	68,172
	(1,450)

The provision for EIT were made based on estimated taxable profits calculated in accordance with income tax laws and regulations applicable in the PRC.

Under the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the PRC (the "**EIT Law**") and Provision for Implementation of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the Company is 25% for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

Reconciliation between income tax expense and accounting profit at applicable tax rate is as follows:

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i> (Restated)
Profit before income tax	291,840	269,422
Tax on profit before income tax of 25% (2022: 25%) Tax effect of non-deductible expenses	72,960 628	67,356 816
Income tax expense	73,588	68,172

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## 15. EARNINGS PER SHARE

#### (a) Basic earnings per share

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

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i> (Restated)
<b>Earnings</b> Profit for the year attributable to the owners of the Company	218,252	201,250
	2023	2022
Number of shares Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	1,660,000,000	1,660,000,000
Basic earnings per share (RMB cents)	2023 13.15	2022

#### (b) Diluted earnings per share

There are no dilutive potential ordinary shares in issue for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022. Therefore, the diluted earnings per share are equal to the basic earnings per share.

#### 16. DIVIDENDS

The Company declared and paid 2022 final dividends of RMB39,867,000 during the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: RMB39,874,000). On 28 March 2024, the Board resolved to declare a final dividend of RMB0.024 (tax inclusive) per share, totalling approximately RMB40,000,000 for the year ended 31 December 2023 to the Company's shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 7 June 2024, subject to the consideration and approval on the same by shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting. This proposed dividend is not reflected as dividend payable in these financial statements.

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## 17. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

						c	ommunication facilities			
	Buildings <i>RMB'000</i>	Terminal facilities RMB'000	Storage facilities RMB'000	Loading equipment <i>RMB'000</i>	Machinery equipment RMB'000	Motor vehicles RMB'000	and other equipment RMB'000	Construction in progress RMB'000	Right-of-use assets RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2022										
Cost Accumulated depreciation	120,192 (49,566)	961,046 (148,707)	557,414 (188,996)	581,658 (409,565)	323,635 (217,286)	13,342 (5,082)	14,736 (11,132)	1,077	313,452 (58,403)	2,886,552 (1,088,737)
Net book amount	70,626	812,339	368,418	172,093	106,349	8,260	3,604	1,077	255,049	1,797,815
Year ended 31 December 2022 Opening net book amount	70,626	812,339	368,418	172,093	106,349	8,260	3,604	1,077	255,049	1,797,815
Additions Lease modification	1,208	-	-	3,238	1,999 -	1,843 -	1,548 -	52,261	- 318	62,097 318
Transfers Disposals	221 -	-	-	_ (356)	-	-	-	(221)	-	(356)
Written-off Depreciation	(1,276) (6,174)	- (21,087)	- (11,771)	(27,206)	(26,716)	(7) (1,899)	- (1,191)	-	(20,071)	(1,283) (116,115)
Closing net book amount	64,605	791,252	356,647	147,769	81,632	8,197	3,961	53,117	235,296	1,742,476
At 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023 Cost Accumulated depreciation	119,760 (55,155)	961,046 (169,794)	557,414 (200,767)	577,773 (430,004)	325,634 (244,002)	15,043 (6,846)	16,284 (12,323)	53,117 -	313,770 (78,474)	2,939,841 (1,197,365
Net book amount	64,605	791,252	356,647	147,769	81,632	8,197	3,961	53,117	235,296	1,742,476
Year ended 31 December 2023 Opening net book amount Additions	64,605 44	791,252 -	356,647 174	147,769 3,730	81,632 953	8,197 -	3,961 731	53,117 506,767	235,296 199,192	1,742,476 711,591
Leases modification Transfers Disposals Depreciation	- - (6,110)	- - - (21,087)	- 533 (28,347) (11,451)	- 2,103 (730) (25,779)	- 2,392 (84) (25,862)	- (5) (1,653)	- (49) (975)	- (5,028) - -	33,274	33,274 - (29,215 (119,448
Closing net book amount	58,539	770,165	317,556	127,093	59,031	6,539	3,668	554,856	441,231	2,338,678
At 31 December 2023 Cost Accumulated depreciation	119,804 (61,265)	961,046 (190,881)	524,876 (207,320)	571,458 (444,365)	327,295 (268,264)	14,961 (8,422)	16,059 (12,391)	554,856 -	540,137 (98,906)	3,630,492 (1,291,814
Net book amount	58,539	770,165	317,556	127,093	59,031	6,539	3,668	554,856	441,231	2,338,678



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## 17. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, included in the net carrying amount of property, plant and equipment are right-of-use assets as follows:

	Carrying a	Carrying amount		
	As at	As at	ended	
	31 December	1 January	31 December	
	2023	2023	2023	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Buildings	747	1,121	374	
Terminal facilities	-	10,445	10,445	
Storage yards	296,697	184,706	9,383	
Storage facilities	10,725	13,406	2,681	
Prepaid lease payments – storage facilities	1,750	2,188	438	
Land use rights	129,610	21,027	2,510	
Machinery equipment	1,702	2,403	700	
	441,231	235,296	26,531	

	Carrying amount		Depreciation For the year	
	As at As at		ended	
	31 December	1 January	31 December	
	2022	2022	2022	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Buildings	1,121	1,145	342	
Terminal facilities	10,445	20,891	10,446	
Storage yards	184,706	189,535	4,829	
Storage facilities	13,406	16,087	2,681	
Prepaid lease payments – storage facilities	2,188	2,625	437	
Land use rights	21,027	21,634	607	
Machinery equipment	2,403	3,132	729	
	235,296	255,049	20,071	

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## 17. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the total additions and leases modification to right-of-use assets included in property, plant and equipment amounting to RMB199,192,000 (2022: RMB Nil), and RMB33,274,000 (2022: RMB318,000) respectively.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, due to regular review of the Company's operations, the Company reviewed the leases at 1 January 2022 and concluded that the Company is reasonably certain to renew certain lease agreements in relation to buildings. The right-of-use assets increased by approximately RMB318,000 as a result of the modification.

The details in relation to these leases are set out in note 28.

As at 31 December 2023, the net carrying amounts for buildings located in the PRC of RMB58,539,000 (2022: RMB64,605,000) were erected on storage yards under lease arrangement with intermediate holding company, Shandong Port Rizhao Port Group Co., Ltd ("**Rizhao Port Group**") as set in note 28.

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## **18. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**

	Terminal facilities <i>RMB'000</i>
At 1 January 2022	
Cost	399,318
Accumulated depreciation	(104,097)
Net book amount	295,221
Year ended 31 December 2022	
Opening net book amount	295,221
Depreciation	(7,775)
Closing net book amount	287,446
At 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023 Cost	200.219
Accumulated depreciation	399,318 (111,872)
	(111,072)
Net book amount	287,446
Year ended 31 December 2023	
Opening net book amount	287,446
Depreciation	(7,774)
Closing net book amount	279,672
At 31 December 2023 Cost	399,318
Accumulated depreciation	(119,646)
	(1.0,0.0)
Net book amount	279,672

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## **18. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)**

As at 31 December 2023, the fair value of the Company's investment properties was RMB722,660,000 (2022: RMB296,065,000). The fair value has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out by the management's expertise (2022: management's expertise) who have the relevant experience to determine the fair value of the Company's investment properties.

Taking into considerations that the underlying land use right of the investment properties is leased from the related party as detailed in note 28 and the lack of comparable market information for similar lease arrangement, the corresponding properties have been valued by the income approach with reference to future economic benefits to be derived from the properties using discounted cash flows method as at 31 December 2023, which falls into the category of fair value measurement using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) including discounted rate using capital asset pricing model. The directors of the Company are of the view that it is the best estimate of the fair value of these investment properties. The management considers income approach is more representative of fair value in the circumstances than cost approach.

As at 31 December 2022, the fair value of the investment properties was valued by cost approach with reference to their depreciated replacement cost, which falls into the category of fair value measurement using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) including replacement costs, estimated useful life, etc.

#### Details of the investment properties

	Name of			
	investment			Term of
No.	property	Location	Existing use	leasehold land
1.	West-4	Shijiu Port Area, Rizhao City, Shandong Province, PRC	Berth	Medium-term
2.	Woodchips-2	Shijiu Port Area, Rizhao City, Shandong Province, PRC	Berth	Medium-term
3.	Woodchips-3	Shijiu Port Area, Rizhao City, Shandong Province, PRC	Berth	Medium-term
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4.	West-1	Shijiu Port Area, Rizhao City, Shandong Province, PRC	Berth and storage yard	Medium-term

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Company held investment properties as follows:



## **19. INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

	F	Rights to use	
	Software <i>RMB'000</i>	sea area <i>RMB'000</i>	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
At 1 January 2022			
Cost	4,352	18	4,370
Accumulated amortisation	(1,561)	(3)	(1,564)
Net book amount	2,791	15	2,806
			_,
Year ended 31 December 2022			
Opening net book amount	2,791	15	2,806
Additions	915	-	915
Amortisation	(418)	(1)	(419)
Closing net book amount	3,288	14	3,302
At 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023			
Cost	5,267	18	5,285
Accumulated amortisation	(1,979)	(4)	(1,983)
Net book amount	3,288	14	3,302
Year ended 31 December 2023			
	3 288	14	3 302
Opening net book amount Amortisation	3,288 (470)	14 (1)	3,302 (471)
Opening net book amount Amortisation	(470)	(1)	(471)
Opening net book amount			
Opening net book amount Amortisation	(470)	(1)	(471)
Opening net book amount Amortisation Closing net book amount	(470)	(1)	(471)
Opening net book amount Amortisation Closing net book amount At 31 December 2023	(470) 2,818	(1)	(471) 2,831

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## 20. OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Tayaa propaid for rontol income from properties under		
Taxes prepaid for rental income from properties under operating lease arrangement ( <i>Note i</i> )	839	973
Other	379	-
	1,218	973

Note:

(i) Taxes prepaid represents the business tax and surcharges paid related to the advance receipt of lease payments as set out in note 29.

## 21. INVENTORIES

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Low value consumables, at cost	1,611	2,669

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## 22. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Tre de see starbles		
Trade receivables		070
– Due from related parties (note 35(c))	6,918	670
<ul> <li>Due from third parties</li> </ul>	9,008	4,628
	15,926	5,298
Less: ECL allowance of trade receivables	(314)	(104)
	15,612	5,194
Deserves	100	010
Prepayments	192	312
Value-added tax receivables	17,361	
	17,553	312
Total trade and other receivables	33,165	5,506

The directors of the Company consider that the fair values of the trade receivables which are expected to be recovered within one year are not materially different from their carrying amounts because these balances have short maturity periods on their inception.

The Company grants a credit period ranging from 15 to 90 days to its customers. Based on the invoice dates, the ageing analysis of the trade receivables, net of ECL allowance, was as follows:

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
0 – 30 days 31 – 60 days 61 – 90 days Over 90 days	12,397 _ _ 3,215	1,999 2,922 - 273
	15,612	5,194

The movement in the ECL allowance of trade receivables is as follows:

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Balance at 1 January ECL allowance recognised/(reversed) during the year	104 210	672 (568)
Balance at 31 December	314	104

## 23. BILLS RECEIVABLE AT FVTOCI

The following is the ageing analysis of the bills receivables based on the maturity date:

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Within 3 months Over 3 months but within 6 months	1,700 2,000	1,850
	3,700	1,850

As at 31 December 2023, the Company had transferred to suppliers by endorsing the bills receivables of RMB800,000 (2022: RMB4,150,000). As those bills are issued by banks with high credit ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies, the directors of the Company had assessed and satisfied that the Company had transferred substantially all of the risks and rewards relating to those bills. The Company had derecognised the full carrying amount of the bills receivables and the corresponding trade payables.

At 31 December 2023, the Company transferred certain bills receivable accepted by banks with a carrying amount of RMB3,700,000 (2022: RMB1,850,000) to certain of its suppliers. In the opinion of the directors, the Company has retained the substantial risks and rewards, which include default risks relating to such bills transferred, and accordingly, it continued to recognise the full carrying amount of these bills transferred and the associated payables settled.

The fair value measurements of the Company's bills receivable has been measured as described in note 38.5.

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## 24. CONTRACT ASSETS

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Provision of stevedoring service Less: ECL allowance of contract assets	1,221 (26)	5,114 (109)
	1,195	5,005

*Note:* The contract assets primarily relate to the Company's right to consideration for work completed but not yet billed at the reporting date. The contract assets are transferred to trade receivables when the corresponding billing is issued.

The movement in the ECL allowance of contract assets is as follows:

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Balance at 1 January ECL allowance (reversed)/recognised during the year	109 (83)	77 32
Balance at 31 December	26	109

### 25. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents balances carried interest at prevailing market interest rates ranging from 0.2% – 1.75% (2022: 0.25% – 1.89%) per annum during the year ended 31 December 2023. All cash and cash equivalents balances are denominated in RMB.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, Qingdao Port Finance Co., Ltd. (青島港財務有限責任公司) ("**QDP Finance**") merged with Rizhao Port Group Finance Co., Ltd. (日照港集團財務有限公司) ("**RPG Finance**"), a subsidiary of Shandong Port Group, by way of absorption and merger. QDP Finance changed its name to Shandong Port Group Finance Co., Ltd. (山東港口集團財務有限責任公司) ("**SPG Finance**").

At 31 December 2023, cash and cash equivalents balances comprised of cash deposited in SPG Finance, amounting to RMB358,423,000 (2022: RMB200,009,000).

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## 26. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Trade payables		
– Due to related parties (note 35(c))	6,450	751
- Due to third parties	19,732	5,613
	10,702	
	26,182	6,364
Other payables		
<ul> <li>Amounts due to related parties (note 35(c))</li> </ul>	161,241	48,103
<ul> <li>Other tax payables</li> </ul>	991	237
– Payroll payables <i>(note)</i>	9,594	10,705
<ul> <li>Retention payable due within one year</li> </ul>	3,738	7,232
– Other payables	4,631	7,574
	180,195	73,851
Total trade and other payables	206,377	80,215
Less: Classified as non-current liabilities	(590)	(1,981)
Current portion of trade and other payables	205,787	78,234

Note: Included in payroll payables were early retirement benefits for employees of RMB1,438,000 and RMB590,000 (2022: RMB2,017,000 and RMB1,981,000) classified as current and non-current liabilities respectively.

The Company was granted by its suppliers credit periods ranging from 30 to 90 days. Based on the invoice dates, the ageing analysis of the trade payables were as follows:

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
0 – 30 days	22,789	5,872
31 – 60 days	1,016	403
61 – 90 days	1,726	-
Over 90 days	651	89
	26,182	6,364

All amounts are short-term and hence the carrying values of the Company's trade and other payables are considered to be a reasonable approximation of fair value.

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## 27. CONTRACT LIABILITIES

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Amounts received in advance		
- Provision of services	1,166	4,702

Contract liabilities represent the deposits received from the customers in advance of rendering services to customers.

The significant decrease of contract liabilities as at 31 December 2023 was due to decrease in advance payments received from contract customers (2022: significant decrease of contract liabilities was due to decrease in advance payments received from contract customers).

There was no revenue recognised in the reporting period that related to performance obligation that were satisfied in prior year. The contracts with customers in respect of the above contract liabilities have an original expected duration of less than one year and all consideration from contracts with customers have been included in the transaction price. The analysis on remaining performance obligations is therefore not presented.

Contract liabilities outstanding at the beginning of the year amounting to RMB4,491,000 (2022: RMB14,320,000) have been recognised as revenue during the year.

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## 28. LEASE LIABILITIES

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Total minimum lease payments (include renewal option		
that are reasonably certain to be exercised):		
Due within 1 year	25,895	35,410
Due within 1 to 2 years	26,292	24,907
Due within 2 to 5 years	73,208	74,200
Due more than 5 years	573,707	677,177
	699,102	811,694
Less: future lease liabilities finance charges	(368,845)	(579,556)
Present value of lease liabilities	330,257	232,138
	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Present value of minimum lease payments:		
Due within 1 year	8,260	14,470
Due within 1 to 2 years	9,067	4,248
Due within 2 to 5 years	24,222	14,052
Due more than 5 years	288,708	199,368
	330,257	232,138
Less: payment due within 1 year		
(presented under current liabilities)	(8,260)	(14,470)
Payment due after 1 year	321,997	217,668

Note: Included in the above balance, the present value of RMB328,807,000 (2022: RMB219,550,000), RMB1,450,000 (2022: RMB1,654,000) and RMB Nil (2022: RMB10,934,000) with total minimum lease payments of RMB697,452,000 (2022: RMB798,517,000), RMB1,650,000 (2022: RMB1,966,000) and RMB Nil (2022: RMB11,211,000) represent lease liabilities payable to Rizhao Port Group, Rizhao Port Handling and Rizhao Port, respectively.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the total cash outflow for the leases are RMB61,291,000 (2022: RMB58,367,000).

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## 28. LEASE LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

As at 31 December 2023, lease liabilities amounting to RMB330,257,000 (2022: RMB232,138,000) are effectively secured by the related underlying assets as the rights to the leased asset would be reverted to the lessor in the event of default by repayment by the Company.

#### Details of the lease activities

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Company has entered into leases for the items listed as follows:

Types of right-of-use assets	Financial statements items of right-of-use assets included in	Number of leases	Range of remaining lease term	Particulars
Buildings	Property, plant and equipment	1 (2022: 1)	2 years (2022: 3 years)	Only subject to monthly fixed rental payment
Terminal facilities	Property, plant and equipment	Nil (2022: 1)	Nil (2022: 1 year)	<ul> <li>Contract contains an option to terminate the lease by giving one month notice to the landlord</li> <li>Variable lease payments of 50% annual revenue generated by the terminal facilities</li> </ul>
Storage yards	Property, plant and equipment	3 (2022: 2)	19.14 – 37.2 years (2022: 38.2 years)	<ul> <li>Contracts contain an option to renew the lease for additional 30 years on the expiry of the original contracts</li> <li>Only subject to monthly fixed rental payment</li> </ul>
Storage facilities	Property, plant and equipment	1 (2022:1)	4 years (2022: 5 years)	Only subject to yearly fixed rental payment
Prepaid lease payments - storage facilities	Property, plant and equipment	2 (2022: 2)	4 years (2022: 5 years)	All lease payments were prepaid upon entering the contracts
Land use rights in PRC	Property, plant and equipment	7 (2022:1)	29.68 to 34.58 years (2022: 35.5 years)	All lease payments were prepaid upon obtained the land use rights certificate
Machinery equipment	Property, plant and equipment	3 (2022: 3)	3.42 years (2022: 0.87 – 4.42 years)	Only subject to yearly fixed rental payment

The Company considered the renewal option of buildings, storage yards, storage facilities and machinery equipment are reasonably certain to be exercised because the leases are critical to the Company's main operation. The Company considered that no extension option or termination option in the other lease contracts would be exercised at the lease commencement date.

## 29. ADVANCE PAYMENTS FROM LEASE CONTRACT

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Lease payments received in advance Less: Classified as current liabilities	14,844	17,219
<ul> <li>Advance payments from lease contract</li> </ul>	(2,375)	(2,375)
Non-current portion of lease payments	12,469	14,844

## **30. DEFERRED TAX**

The movement during the year in the deferred tax (liabilities)/assets is as follows:

	Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities <i>RMB'000</i>	Loss allowance for receivables and contract assets <i>RMB'000</i>	Accrued expenses RMB'000	Temporary difference arising from depreciation of property, plant and equipment <i>RMB'000</i>	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2022, as previously reported	_	187	_	(4,487)	(4,300)
Adjustment from the adoption of amendments		107		(1,107)	(4,000)
to IAS 12 (note 3)	1,497		-	-	1,497
At 1 January 2022, restated	1,497	187	-	(4,487)	(2,803)
Credited to profit or loss (note 14)	1,377	(135)	1,002	610	2,854
At 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023,					
restated	2,874	52	1,002	(3,877)	51
Credited to profit or loss (note 14)	413	33	(495)	1,499	1,450
At 31 December 2023	3,287	85	507	(2,378)	1,501

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## 31. SHARE CAPITAL

	Domestic		Number of	
	shares	H shares	shares	RMB'000
Issued and fully paid-up ordinary shares				
with par value of RMB1 each				
At 1 January 2022, 31 December 2022,				
1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	840,000,000	820,000,000	1,660,000,000	1,660,000

#### 32. **RESERVES**

#### (a) Share premium

Share premium represents the excess of the net proceeds from issuance of the shares of the Company over its par value.

#### (b) Capital reserve

The capital reserve represents the transfer of retained earnings and statutory reserve of the Company upon conversion to a joint stock limited liability company in the PRC in 2018.

#### (c) Statutory reserve

In accordance with the relevant laws and regulations for the Company, it is required to transfer at least 10% of its annual net profit determined in accordance with Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises issued by the Ministry of Finance of PRC, after offsetting any prior years' losses, to the statutory reserve. When the balance of such a reserve reaches 50% of the registered capital of the respective company, any further appropriation is at the discretion of shareholders. The statutory reserve can be used to offset prior years' losses, if any, and may be converted into share capital by issuing new shares to shareholders in proportion to their existing shareholding or by increasing the par value of the shares currently held by them, provided that the remaining balance of the reserve after such an issue is not less than 25% of registered capital. The statutory reserve is non-distributable.

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## 33. LEASE ARRANGEMENT

#### As lessor

At 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Company had future aggregate minimum lease receivables under operating leases in respect of premises as follows:

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Within one year	73,942	73,942
After one year but with two years	73,942	73,942
After two years but within three years	73,942	73,942
After three years but within four years	73,941	73,941
After four years but within five years	73,941	73,941
Over five years	121,076	195,017
	490,784	564,725

Operating lease receivables represents rental receivable by the Company for its properties under operating lease arrangements. Lease are negotiated with fixed lease term ranging 17 to 30 years (including renewal periods).

### 34. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Capital expenditure contracted but not provided for		
acquisition of property, plant and equipment	639,717	623,627

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#### **CONNECTED AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS** 35.

The Company's accounting policies on related parties are disclosed in note 2.21. In addition to the transactions/ information disclosed elsewhere in these financial statements, during the year, the Company had the following material transactions with related parties:

#### During the year, the connected and related parties that had transactions with (a) the Company were as follows:

Name of related parties	Relationship with the Company
Rizhao Port Group	Intermediate holding company
Rizhao Port	Immediate holding company
Rizhao Port Information Technology Co., Ltd.*	Fellow subsidiary of the Company
(日照口岸信息技術有限公司) (" <b>Rizhao Port Information</b> ")	
Rizhao Port Power Engineering Co., Ltd. <sup>#</sup>	Fellow subsidiary of the Company
(日照港動力工程有限公司) (" <b>Rizhao Port Power</b> ")	
Shandong Gangwan Construction Group Co., Ltd.*	Fellow subsidiary of the Company
(山東港灣建設集團有限公司) ("Shandong Gangwan")	
Rizhao Port Machinery Engineering Co., Ltd. <sup>#</sup>	Fellow subsidiary of the Company
(日照港機工程有限公司) (" <b>Rizhao Port Machinery</b> ")	
Shandong Port Technologies Group Rizhao Co., Ltd <sup>#</sup> (山東港口科技集團日照有限公司)	Fellow subsidiary of the Company
("Shandong Technologies")	
Rizhao Port Handling Co., Ltd. <sup>#</sup> (日照海港裝卸有限公司)	Fellow subsidiary of the Company
("Rizhao Port Handling")	
Rizhao Zhongran Marine Fuel Supply Co., Ltd.# (日照中燃船	Fellow subsidiary of the Company
舶燃料供應有限公司) ("Rizhao Zhongran Marine Fuel")	
Rizhao Port Container Development Co., Ltd.# (日照港集裝箱	Fellow subsidiary of the Company
發展有限公司) (" <b>Rizhao Port Container</b> ")	
Shandong Lanxiang Construction Engineering Co. Ltd.	Fellow subsidiary of the Company
(山東藍象建築工程有限公司) (" <b>Shandong Lanxiang</b> ")	
Rizhao Port Lanshan Port Services Co., Ltd* (日照港股份有限	Fellow subsidiary of the Company
公司嵐山港務有限公司) (" <b>Rizhao Port Lanshan</b> ")	
Shandong Port International Trade Group Rizhao Co., Ltd <sup>#</sup> (山東港口國際貿易集團日照有限公司)	Fellow subsidiary of the Company
("Shandong Port International Trade Rizhao Company")	
Qingdao Port Equipment Manufacturing Co., Ltd.# (青島港口	Fellow subsidiary of the Company
裝備製造有限公司) (" <b>Qingdao Port Equipment</b> ")	
Shandong Port Group Co., Ltd <sup>#</sup> (山東省港口集團有限公司)	Fellow subsidiary of the Company
("Shandong Port Group")	
SPG Finance (note)	Fellow subsidiary of the Company

The English translation of the name of the company established in the PRC is for reference only. The official name of the company is in Chinese.

Note: Formerly known as QDP Finance, the surviving merging party upon completion of the absorption and merger with RPG Finance (note 25).

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## 35. CONNECTED AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

## (b) During the year, the material transactions with related parties of the Company were as follows:

		2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Rizhao Port Group	Interest paid on lease liabilities	20,271	20,785
Rizhao Port Group	Procurement of logistics service (note)	13,494	19,280
Rizhao Port Group	Stevedoring and port related service income (note)	13,077	19,116
Rizhao Port Group	Procurement of port related services (note)	33,109	14,596
Rizhao Port Group	Acquisition of land-use-rights	107,856	-
Rizhao Port	Procurement of utility services and berth leasing expense (note)	598	13,091
Rizhao Port	Interest paid on lease liabilities	277	773
Rizhao Port	Procurement of port related services (note)	12,151	5,930
Rizhao Port	Proceeds on disposal of assets	31,364	-
Rizhao Port Container	Berth leasing income (note)	7,595	5,651
Rizhao Port Container	Procurement of utility services and berth leasing expense (note)	13,890	-
Shandong Gangwan	Procurement of construction service (note)	539,847	47,147
Rizhao Port Handling	Procurement of port related services (note)	30,894	34,013
Rizhao Port Handling	Interest paid on lease liabilities	110	132
Rizhao Zhongran Marine Fuel	Procurement of utility services (note)	6,582	7,206
Rizhao Port Power	Procurement on utility services (note)	24,985	25,057
SPG Finance	Interest income (note)	3,600	2,819
Rizhao Port Lanshan	Procurement of port related services (note)	7,460	20,526
Shandong Port International	Stevedoring and port related service	-	13,332
Trade Rizhao Company	income (note)		
Qingdao Port Equipment	Procurement of construction service	12,368	-

*Note:* The related party transactions constitute continuing connected transactions as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. The disclosures required by Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules are disclosed in "Directors' Report" section to the annual report.

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## 35. CONNECTED AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

## (c) Related party balances

Amounts due to related parties (non-trade nature)

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Rizhao Port Machinery	49	101
Shandong Technologies	62	65
Shandong Gangwan	160,652	46,953
Rizhao Port Information	-	40
Rizhao Port Group	434	921
Rizhao Port Handling	-	6
Shandong Lanxiang	5	-
Rizhao Port Power	39	17
	161,241	48,103

#### Amount due from related parties (trade nature)

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Rizhao Port Group Rizhao Port	1,171 164	278 392
Rizhao Port Container	5,583 6,918	670

#### Amount due to related parties (trade nature)

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Rizhao Port	500	751
Rizhao Port Container	43	-
Rizhao Port Group	1,189	-
Shandong Port Group	15	-
Shandong Lanxiang	3,608	-
Rizhao Port Machinery	1,095	-
	6,450	751

## 35. CONNECTED AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

## (c) Related party balances (Continued)

Prepayments to related parties for procurement on utility services

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Rizhao Zhongran Marine Fuel Rizhao Port Group	78	120 73
	78	193

#### Lease liabilities payables

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Rizhao Port	-	10,934
Rizhao Port Handling	1,450	1,654
Rizhao Port Group	328,807	219,550
	330,257	232,138

Right-of-use assets – Prepaid lease payments

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Rizhao Port Group	1,750	2,188

The amounts due are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

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## 35. CONNECTED AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

### (d) Cash and cash equivalents balances placed with related company

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
SPG Finance	358,423	200,009

### (e) Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of directors and other members of key management during the year were as follows:

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind Pension contributions	3,452 903	3,166 1,200
	4,355	4,366

## 36. RECONCILIATION OF LIABILITIES ARISING FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

The changes in the Company arising from financing activities can be classified as follows:

	Amounts due to related parties <i>RMB'000</i>	Lease liabilities <i>RMB'000</i>	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
1 January 2023	48,103	232,138	280,241
Financing cash-flows:			
- Repayment	(978)	-	(978)
– Proceeds	118	-	118
- Capital element of lease rentals paid	-	(17,664)	(17,664)
- Interest element of lease rentals paid	-	(20,658)	(20,658)
Non-cash:			
<ul> <li>Interest expenses</li> </ul>	-	20,658	20,658
– Entering into a new lease	-	88,100	88,100
– Leases modification	-	27,683	27,683
- Increase in construction payable	113,998		113,998
31 December 2023	161,241	330,257	491,498
1 January 2022	2,320	246,180	248,500
Financing cash-flows:			
- Repayment	(4,546)	_	(4,546)
- Proceeds	4,662	_	4,662
- Capital element of lease rentals paid	, _	(14,360)	(14,360)
- Interest element of lease rentals paid	-	(21,700)	(21,700)
Non-cash:			
<ul> <li>Interest expenses</li> </ul>	-	21,700	21,700
– Leases modification	_	318	318
- Increase in construction payable	45,667	_	45,667
31 December 2022	48,103	232,138	280,241



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## **37. NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS**

In addition to the transactions/information disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, during the year, the Company had the following major non-cash transactions:

- (i) During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Company entered into lease modification agreements which reduce the leased space plus changing the considerations. The effect of lease modifications increase right-of-use assets and lease liabilities at date of lease modification amounting to RMB33,274,000 and RMB27,683,000 respectively, with a gain on modification of leases amounting to RMB5,591,000.
- (ii) During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Company entered into a lease contract in which additions to right-of-use assets and lease liabilities amounting to RMB88,100,000 was recognised at the lease commencement date.
- (iii) During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Company entered into an agreement which increased the scope of a lease. The effect of the modification of the lease was to increase the right-of-use assets and lease liabilities at date of modification amounting to RMB318,000.

### 38. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Company is exposed to financial risks through its use of financial instruments in its ordinary course of operations and in its investment activities. The main risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are interest rate risk, liquidity risk and credit risk. The Company's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance.

In light of the simplicity of the operations, the risk management of the Company is carried out by the board of directors (the "**Board**") directly. The Board generally adopts conservative strategies on its risk management and limits the Company's exposure to these risks to a minimum.

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# 38. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

There has been no change to the types of the Company's exposure in respect of financial instruments or the manner in which it manages and measures the risks.

#### 38.1 Categories of financial assets and liabilities

The carrying amounts presented in the statement of financial position relate to the following categories of financial assets and financial liabilities:

	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 <i>RMB'000</i>
Financial assets		
Financial assets at amortised cost		
- Trade and other receivables	15,612	5,194
<ul> <li>Cash and cash equivalents</li> </ul>	608,747	852,658
Financial assets at FVTOCI		002,000
- Bills receivable at FVTOCI	3,700	1,850
	628,059	859,702
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
- Trade and other payables	205,386	79,978
- Lease liabilities	330,257	232,138
	535,643	312,116

#### 38.2 Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk relates to the risk that the fair value or cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Company is exposed to fair value interest rate risk in relation to lease liabilities. The Company is also exposed to cash flow interest rate risk in relation to floating-rate balances deposited with banks and financial institution. No sensitivity analysis was prepared for bank balances as the financial impact arising on changes in interest rate was minimal due to limited changes in interest rate. The Company currently does not have any interest rate hedging policy. The Company manages its interest rate exposures by assessing the potential impact arising from any interest rate movements based on interest rate level and outlook.

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# 38. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 38.3 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk refers to the risk in which the Company will not be able to meet its obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Company is exposed to liquidity risk in respect of settlement of trade payables and its financing obligations, and also in respect of its cash flow management. The Company's objective is to maintain an appropriate level of liquid assets and committed lines of funding to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and longer term.

The management of the Company monitors the Company's cash flow positions on a regular basis to ensure the cash flows of the Company are positive and strictly controlled. The Company aims to maintain flexibility and shareholders' capital contributions in funding by keeping committed credit limits available.

The following table details the Company's remaining contract period for its non-derivative financial liabilities based on the agreed repayment terms or the estimated repayment schedule if certain covenant is breached. The table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities on the earliest date on which the Company can be required to pay. The table includes both interest and principal cash flows:

	Within 1 year or on demand <i>RMB'000</i>	Between 1 and 2 years <i>RMB'000</i>	Between 2 to 5 years <i>RMB'000</i>	Over 5 years <i>RMB'000</i>	Total undiscounted amount <i>RMB'000</i>	Carrying amount <i>RMB'000</i>
At 31 December 2023						
Trade and other payables	204,796	590	-	-	205,386	205,386
Lease liabilities	25,895	26,292	73,208	573,707	699,102	330,257
	230,691	26,882	73,208	573,707	904,488	535,643
At 31 December 2022						
Trade and other payables	77,997	1,981	-	-	79,978	79,978
Lease liabilities	35,410	24,907	74,200	677,177	811,694	232,138
	113,407	26,888	74,200	677,177	891,672	312,116

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## 38. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 38.4 Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument would fail to discharge its obligation under the terms of the financial instrument and cause a financial loss to the Company. The Company considers all elements of credit risk exposure such as counterparty default risk and sector risk for risk management purposes.

The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk on recognised financial assets is limited to their carrying amounts as disclosed in note 38.1.

#### (i) Trade receivables and contract assets

The Company trades only with recognised and creditworthy customers. It is the Company's policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures. In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover balances.

The Company has applied the simplified approach in IFRS 9 to measure the impairment loss at lifetime ECL. The Company determines that the ECL on these items is estimated on an individual basis for customers with significant balance based on historical credit loss experience during the period. At each reporting date, the historical default rates are updated based on the past default experience of the debtor, general economic conditions of the industry in which the debtors operate and an assessment of both the current as well as the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date.

The Company writes off trade receivables and contract assets when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings. For years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, none of the trade receivables and contract assets that had been written off as the directors of the Company assessed that no counterparties were in severe financial difficulty and the prospect of recovery was still realistic.

In order to minimise credit risk, the Company has tasked its operation management committee to develop and maintain the Company's credit risk rating to categorise exposures according to their degree of risk of default.

The credit rating information is supplied by independent rating agencies where available and, if not available, the operation management committee uses other publicly available financial information and the Company's own trading records to rate its major customers and other debtors. The Company's exposure and the credit ratings of its counterparties are continuously monitored and the aggregate value of transactions concluded is spread amongst approved counterparties.



# 38. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 38.4 Credit risk (Continued)

#### (i) Trade receivables and contract assets (Continued)

The following table provides information about the exposure to credit risk for gross trade receivables and contract assets which are assessed on an individual basis for customers with significant balance as at 31 December 2023 and 2022 within lifetime ECL (not credit impaired).

	Average loss rate %	Trade receivables <i>RMB'000</i>	Contract assets <i>RMB'000</i>
At 31 December 2023			
Low risk	0.13-2.20%	10,344	1,221
Watch list	5.99%	5,582	
		15,926	1,221
At 31 December 2022			
Low risk	0.10-2.19%	5,298	5,114
Watch list	6.39%	-	
		5,298	5,114

#### Internal credit rating

for the year ended 31 December 2023

# 38. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 38.4 Credit risk (Continued)

#### (i) Trade receivables and contract assets (Continued)

Internal credit rating (Continued)

The Company's credit risk grading framework in respect of financial assets other than trade receivables comprises the following categories:

		Basis for
Internal credit rating	Description	recognising ECL
Low risk	The debtor has historically made payments on time, and has a low risk of default	12-month ECL
Watch list	Debtor frequently repays after due dates but usually settle after due date or the turnover days of debtor exceeds the credit term granted	12-month ECL
Doubtful	There have been significant increases in credit risk since initial recognition through information developed internally or external resources	Lifetime ECL – not credit- impaired
Loss	There is evidence indicating the asset is credit- impaired	Lifetime ECL – credit- impaired
Write-off	There is evidence indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and the Company has no realistic prospect of recovery	Amount is written off

#### (ii) Other financial assets

Other financial assets at amortised cost include cash and cash equivalent and at FVTOCI include bills receivables.

The credit risk on cash and cash equivalents are considered to be insignificant as the counterparties are banks with high credit ratings and a fellow subsidiary of the Company which only provides financial services to counterparties with high credit rating. The directors continuously monitor the quality and financial conditions of this counterparty.

The credit risk on bills receivable at FVTOCI are considered to be insignificant as the counterparties are mainly reputable or medium size banks and the risk of inability to pay or redeem at the due date is low.



# 38. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 38.5 Fair values measurements of financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value in the statement of financial position are grouped into three levels of a fair value hierarchy. The three levels are defined based on the observability and significance of inputs to the measurements, as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, and not using significant unobservable inputs.
- Level 3: significant unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the financial assets is categorised in its entirety is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Company had only Level 3 bills receivable measured at FVTOCI. There were no transfers between Levels 1, 2 and 3 during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

The fair values of financial assets at FVTOCI are determined using discounted cash flow at a discount rate that reflects the current borrowing rate at the end of the reporting period. The director of the Company considers the fluctuation in the discount rate would not result in a significant change in the fair value.

#### **39. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Company manages its capital to ensure that the Company will be able to operate continuously and maximise the return to owners of the Company through the optimisation of the balance between debt and equity. The Company's overall strategy remains unchanged throughout the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

The capital structure of the Company consists of net debt, which includes lease liabilities, net of cash and cash equivalents, and equity attributable to owners of the Company, comprising issued capital and reserves.

The management of the Company reviews the capital structure from time to time. As a part of this review, the management of the Company considers the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. Based on recommendations of the management of the Company, the Company will balance its overall capital structure through the payment of dividends, the issue of new shares or new debts or the redemption of existing debts.

## **Five-Year Financial Summary**

	Year ended 31 December				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
				(Restated)	
				(note)	
Results					
Revenue	542,783	615,318	758,421	833,490	825,808
Profit before income tax	188,722	201,839	226,069	269,422	291,840
Taxation	(47,591)	(50,710)	(57,773)	(68,172)	(73,588)
Profit for the year	141,131	151,129	168,296	201,250	218,252
		Asa	at 31 December		
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
				(Restated)	
				(note)	
Assets and liabilities					
Total assets	2,511,242	2,502,564	2,732,604	2,904,297	3,300,604
Total liabilities	(397,250)	(277,252)	(338,996)	(347,816)	(565,738)
	(397,230)	(211,232)	(338,990)	(347,810)	(303,730)
	2,113,992	2,225,312	2,393,608	2,556,481	2,734,866
Capital and reserves					
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Share capital	1,660,000	1,660,000	1,660,000	1,660,000	1,660,000
Reserves	453,992	565,312	733,608	896,481	1,074,866
Total equity	2,113,992	2,225,312	2,393,608	2,556,481	2,734,866
	2,110,392	2,220,012	2,000,000	2,000,401	2,734,000

*Note:* As result of the adoption of IAS12 "Income Taxes" ("IAS12") with effect from 1 January 2023, the Company changed its accounting policies in respect of deferred tax recognition. Figures in 2022 in the Five-Year Financial Summary have been adjusted for the effects of the adoption of IAS12 as detailed in Note 3 to the financial statements.