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FINAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

FINAL RESULTS

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of New Provenance Everlasting Holdings Limited (the "Company") announces the audited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the year ended 31 March 2025 together with comparative figures of the preceding financial year as follows:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Revenue	<i>3(a)</i>	470,308	864,305
Cost of sales	-	(474,333)	(852,272)
Gross (loss)/profit		(4,025)	12,033
Other net income	4	995	3,169
Selling and distribution costs		(546)	(580)
Administrative expenses		(16,941)	(13,620)
Other operating (expenses)/income		(5,586)	2,018
Loss allowance recognised on trade receivables	<i>5(c)</i>	(5,186)	(32,615)
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	<i>5(c)</i>	(10,661)	_
Impairment loss on right-of-use assets	5(c)	(3,620)	
Loss from operations		(45,570)	(29,595)
Finance costs	5(a)	(575)	(639)

	Notes	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Loss before taxation	5	(46,145)	(30,234)
Income tax	6	47	(947)
Loss for the year		(46,098)	(31,181)
Attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		(45,881)	(30,782)
Non-controlling interests	-	(217)	(399)
		(46,098)	(31,181)
Loss for the year attributable to			
owners of the Company		(45,881)	(30,782)
		HK Cent	HK Cent
Loss per share	8	(0.010)	(0.146)
Basic and diluted		(0.218)	(0.146)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Loss for the year	(46,098)	(31,181)
Other comprehensive expenses for the year		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to		
profit or loss:		
Exchange differences arising on translation of		
financial statements of subsidiaries	(4,628)	(26,511)
Other comprehensive expenses for the year, net of nil tax		
(2024: nil)	(4,628)	(26,511)
Total comprehensive expenses for the year	(50,726)	(57,692)
Attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	(50,564)	(57,575)
Non-controlling interests	(162)	(117)
	(50,726)	(57,692)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		27,906	27,634
Right-of-use assets		4,656	12,793
Goodwill		_	_
Other intangible asset		_	_
Trade receivables	9	17,340	24,024
Deferred tax assets	-	39	39
	-	49,941	64,490
Current assets			
Inventories		41,858	25,979
Trade receivables	9	115,498	147,974
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		297,919	315,409
Cash and cash equivalents	-	3,134	6,503
	-	458,409	495,865
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	10	88,479	74,145
Accruals and other payables		41,800	52,025
Lease liabilities		_	1,626
Tax payable	-	2,351	3,561
	-	132,630	131,357

	2025	2024
Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
-	325,779	364,508
-	375,720	428,998
	_	2,552
-	66	66
-	66	2,618
:	375,654	426,380
	4,217	4,217
-	380,850	431,414
	385,067	435,631
-	(9,413)	(9,251)
	375.654	426,380
	Notes	Notes HK\$'000 325,779 375,720

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group").

Items included in the financial statements of each entity in the Group are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). These consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HKD"), rounded to the nearest thousand except for per share data. Hong Kong dollar is the Company's functional currency and the Group's presentation currency.

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements is the historical cost basis.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards and Interpretations (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "HKFRS Accounting Standards") requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying amounts of assets and liabilities not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HKFRS ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the Group's financial annual period beginning on or after 1 April 2024:

Amendments to HKAS 1 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and

related Amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 and

Non-current Liabilities with Covenants

Amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7 Supplier Finance Arrangements

Amendments to HKFRS 16 Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback

The application of the amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards in the current year has had no material effect on the amounts reported and/or disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

The Group has not applied any new standards and amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards that are not yet mandatorily effective for the current accounting period, the application of the new and amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards in the current year has had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior years and/or on the disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING

(a) Revenue

(i) Disaggregation of revenue

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

	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of HKFRS 15		
Sourcing and sale of metal minerals and		
related industrial materials	366,084	731,918
Production and sale of industrial products	104,224	132,387
	470,308	864,305
Disaggregated by geographical location of customers		
 Hong Kong (place of domicile) 	_	_
- Other Asian countries	31,834	_
- PRC except Hong Kong	438,474	864,305
	470,308	864,305

Revenue from the above categories are recognised at point in time.

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

All sales contracts with customers are for periods of one year or less. As permitted by practical expedient under HKFRS 15, the transaction price allocated to these contracts for the remaining unsatisfied performance obligations is not disclosed.

(b) Segment reporting

The Group manages its businesses by divisions, which are organised by business lines. In a manner consistent with the way in which information is reported internally to the Group's chief executive officer (the chief operating decision maker) for the purposes of resources allocation and performance assessment, the Group has presented the following three reportable segments.

- (i) Sourcing and sale of metal minerals and related industrial materials;
- (ii) Production and sale of industrial products; and

(iii) Others

Others segment represents business activities and operating segments not separately reported, including provision of logistics services.

Segment results, assets and liabilities

For the purposes of assessing segment performance and allocating resources between segments, the Group's chief executive officer monitors the results, assets and liabilities attributable to each reportable segment on the following bases:

Segment assets include property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, goodwill, other intangible asset, inventories, trade receivables, prepayments, deposits and other receivables and deferred tax assets of each segment. Segment liabilities include lease liabilities, trade payables, accruals and other payables, tax payable and deferred tax liabilities of each segment.

Revenue and expenses are allocated to the reportable segments with reference to sales generated by those segments and the expenses incurred by those segments or which otherwise arise from the depreciation of assets attributable to those segments.

The measure used for reporting segment profit is gross profit less selling and distribution costs of each segment.

In addition to receiving segment information concerning segment profits, the Group's chief executive officer is provided with segment information concerning revenue, depreciation, impairment loss on property, plant and equipment, impairment loss on right-of-use assets, finance costs, income tax expense and additions to non-current segment assets used by the segments in their operations. Intersegment sales are priced with reference to price charged to external parties for similar orders.

The accounting policy information of the operating segments are the same as the Group's material accounting policy information.

Information regarding the Group's reportable segments as provided to the Group's chief executive officer for the purposes of resources allocation and assessment of segment performance for the years ended 31 March 2025 and 2024 are set out below:

		202	5	
	Sourcing and sale of metal minerals and related industrial materials <i>HK\$</i> *000	Production and sale of industrial products HK\$'000	Others <i>HK\$</i> '000	Total <i>HK\$</i> '000
Reportable segment revenue from external customers	366,084	104,224		470,308
Reportable segment profit/(loss)	1,160	(5,731)		(4,571)
Depreciation for property, plant and equipment Depreciation for right-of-use assets Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment Impairment loss on right-of-use assets Finance costs Income tax credit Reportable segment assets Additions to non-current segment assets during the year Reportable segment liabilities	359,619 - (79,796)	(2,823) (7,421) (10,661) (3,620) (575) 47 144,107 14,094 (45,829)	- - - - 7	(2,823) (7,421) (10,661) (3,620) (575) 47 503,733 14,094 (129,184)
	Sourcing	2024	4	
	and sale of metal minerals and related industrial materials HK\$'000	Production and sale of industrial products HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$</i> '000
Reportable segment revenue from external customers	731,918	132,387		864,305
Reportable segment profit	4,617	6,836		11,453
Depreciation for property, plant and equipment Depreciation for right-of-use assets Finance costs Income tax expense Reportable segment assets Additions to non-current segment assets	- - - - 351,023	(2,222) (7,111) (639) (947) 201,379	- - - - 8	(2,222) (7,111) (639) (947) 552,410
during the year Reportable segment liabilities	(60,825)	6,410 (66,218)	(3,560)	6,410 (130,603)

There are no inter-segment sales during the years ended 31 March 2025 and 2024.

Reconciliation of reportable segment revenue, profit, assets, liabilities and other items:

	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Revenue		
Total reportable segment revenue	470,308	864,305
Elimination of inter-segment revenue		
Consolidated revenue	470,308	864,305
(Loss)/Profit		
Total reportable segment (loss)/profit derived		
from the Group's external customers	(4,571)	11,453
Other net income	995	3,169
Depreciation for property, plant and equipment of reportable	775	3,107
segment not included in measurement of segment (loss)/profit	(4)	(5)
Depreciation for right-of-use assets of reportable segment	(4)	(3)
not included in measurement of segment (loss)/profit	(66)	(67)
Loss allowance recognised on trade receivables	(5,186)	(32,615)
(Loss allowance recognised)/reversal of loss allowance on	(3,100)	(32,013)
deposits and other receivables	(324)	752
_	(324)	132
Loss allowance recognised on amount due from	(422)	(411)
a non-controlling interest	(432)	(411)
(Write-down)/reversal of write-down on inventories	(4,830)	2,413
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	(10,661)	_
Impairment loss on right-of-use assets	(3,620)	(726)
Loss on lease modification	_ /===>	(736)
Finance costs	(575)	(639)
Unallocated head office and corporate expenses	(7.00 1)	45.440
 Staff costs (including directors' emoluments) 	(7,381)	(6,448)
- Others	(9,490)	(7,100)
Consolidated loss before taxation	(46,145)	(30,234)
Assets		
Total reportable segment assets	503,733	552,410
Elimination of inter-segment receivable		
	503,733	552,410
Unallocated head office and corporate assets		
 Cash and cash equivalents 	3,134	6,503
- Others	1,483	1,442
	700 6 -6	
Consolidated total assets	508,350	560,355

	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Liabilities		
Total reportable segment liabilities	129,184	130,603
Elimination of inter-segment payable	<u>_</u>	
	129,184	130,603
Unallocated head office and corporate liabilities		
– Others	3,512	3,372
Consolidated total liabilities	132,696	133,975
Other items		
Depreciation for property, plant and equipment		
Reportable segment total	2,823	2,222
Unallocated head office and corporate total		
Consolidated total	2,823	2,222
Depreciation for right-of-use assets		
Reportable segment total	7,421	7,111
Unallocated head office and corporate total		
Consolidated total	7,421	7,111
Income tax (credit)/expense		
Reportable segment total	(47)	947
Unallocated head office and corporate total		
Consolidated total	(47)	947
Additions to non-current segment assets during the year		
Reportable segment total	14,094	6,410
Unallocated head office and corporate total		
Consolidated total	14,094	6,410

Revenue from major products and services

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue from its major products:

	2025	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Metal minerals and related industrial materials	366,084	731,918
Industrial products	104,224	132,387
	470,308	864,305

Geographic information

The following is an analysis of geographical location of (i) the Group's revenue from external customers; and (ii) the Group's property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, goodwill, trade receivables and other intangible asset. The geographical location of customers is based on the location at which the products were delivered. The geographical locations of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets is based on the physical location of the assets under consideration. In the case of goodwill and other intangible asset, it is based on the location of the operation to which they are allocated.

	Revenue from external customers		Non-curre	ent assets
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	<i>HK\$</i> '000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Hong Kong (place of domicile) Other Asian countries PRC except Hong Kong	-	-	-	-
	31,834	-	-	-
	438,474	864,305	49,902	64,451
	470,308	864,305	49,902	64,451

Information about major customers

Revenue from customers contributing 10% or more of the total sales of the Group are as follows:

	2025	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Customer A (note (i))	102,906	132,231
Customer B (note (ii))	93,177	-
Customer C (note (ii))	86,303	_
Customer D (note (iii))	79,619	731,918

Notes:

- i) Revenue from the above a group of customers arose from the businesses of production and sale of industrial products for the years ended 31 March 2025 and 2024.
- ii) Revenue from the above customers arose from the business of sourcing and sale of metal minerals and related industrial materials for the years ended 31 March 2025.
- iii) Revenue from the above customer arose from the business of sourcing and sale metal minerals and related industrial materials for the years ended 31 March 2025 and 2024.

4. OTHER NET INCOME

5.

	2025	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest income on bank deposits	46	25
Interest income on amount due from a non-controlling interest	432	411
Total interest income on financial assets measured at amortised cost	478	436
Sundry income	165	27
Net foreign exchange gain	352	2,706
<u>-</u>	995	3,169
LOSS BEFORE TAXATION		
Loss before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting):		
	2025	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(a) Finance costs		
Interest on lease liabilities	575	639
Total interest expense on financial liabilities not at fair value		
through profit or loss	575	639

		2025	2024
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(b)	Employee benefits expenses		
(D)	(including directors' emoluments)		
	Salaries, wages and other benefits	21,064	20,666
	Contributions to defined contribution retirement plans	2,304	296
		23,368	20,962
(c)	Other items		
	Cost of inventories (note (i))	473,999	851,650
	Auditor's remuneration	752	730
	Depreciation for property, plant and equipment	2,823	2,222
	Depreciation for right-of-use assets	7,421	7,111
	Loss on lease modification	_	736
	Loss allowance recognised on trade receivables (note (ii))	5,186	32,615
	Loss allowance recognised/(reversal of loss allowance) on		
	deposits and other receivables	324	(752)
	Loss allowance recognised on amount due from		
	a non-controlling interests	432	411
	Write-down/(reversal of write-down) on inventories	4,830	(2,413)
	Written off of property, plant and equipment	35	33
	Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	10,661	_
	Impairment loss on right-of-use assets	3,620	_

Notes:

- (i) Cost of inventories which included in "Cost of sales" in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and being the carrying amount of inventories sold, included approximately HK\$25,619,000 (2024: approximately HK\$22,391,000) relating to employee benefits expenses and depreciation for property, plant and equipment and for right-of-use assets for the years ended 31 March 2025 and 2024 which amounts were also included in the respective total amounts disclosed separately in notes 5(b) and 5(c) for each of these types of expenses.
- (ii) Loss allowance recognised on trade receivables included specific expected credit loss on trade receivables approximately HK\$6,906,000 (2024: approximately HK\$32,637,000) and reversal of loss allowance on trade receivables approximately HK\$1,720,000 (2024: approximately HK\$22,000).

6. INCOME TAX IN THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

Income tax in the consolidated statement of profit or loss represents:

	2025 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Current tax		
- Hong Kong Profits Tax (note (i))	_	_
- PRC Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT") (note (ii))		1,127
	_	1,127
Over-provision of prior year		
– PRC EIT	(47)	(180)
Total	(47)	947

Notes:

- (i) No Hong Kong Profits Tax has been provided as the Group has sufficient tax losses to set-off the assessable profits for the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024: nil).
- (ii) Under the Law of the PRC on EIT (the "EIT Law") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the EIT tax rate of the PRC subsidiaries is 25% for both years.

According to a joint circular of the Ministry of Finance and State Administration of Taxation, Cai Shui 2008 No. 1, only the profits earned by foreign-investment enterprise prior to 1 January 2008, when distributed to foreign investors, can be grandfathered and exempted from withholding tax. Dividend distributed out of the profits generated thereafter shall be subject to the EIT at 5% or 10% and withheld by PRC entities.

(iii) The Group is not subject to any taxation under the jurisdiction of Bermuda, Samoa, Jersey and the British Virgin Islands for the years ended 31 March 2025 and 2024.

7. DIVIDENDS

No dividend was paid or proposed for ordinary shareholders of the Company during the year ended 31 March 2025, nor has any dividend been proposed since the end of the reporting period (2024: nil).

8. LOSS PER SHARE

a) Basic loss per share

Basic loss per share is calculated by dividing the loss for the year attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

	2025	2024
Loss		
Loss for the year attributable to owners of		
the Company (HK\$'000)	(45,881)	(30,782)
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	21,084,072,140	21,084,072,140
Basic loss per share (HK cent per share)	(0.218)	(0.146)

b) Diluted loss per share

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

9. TRADE RECEIVABLES

	2025	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade receivables	172,877	207,278
Less: Loss allowance recognised	(40,039)	(35,280)
	132,838	171,998
	2025	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Represented by:		
Non-current portion (note (ii))	17,340	24,024
Current portion	115,498	147,974
	132,838	171,998

Notes:

(i) Ageing analysis

As of the end of the reporting period, the ageing analysis of trade receivables based on the invoice date or shipment and delivery date and net of loss allowance, is as follows:

	2025	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0-60 days	100,843	16,023
61-120 days	6,192	8,802
121-180 days	8,453	90,146
181-360 days	10	51,262
Over 360 days	17,340	5,765
	132,838	171,998

Trade receivables are usually due within 360 days (2024: 360 days) from invoice date or shipment and delivery date.

(ii) The settlement of this debtor of the Group being subject to a voluntary debt restructuring repayment plan approved by the court of the People's Republic of China.

10. TRADE PAYABLES

	2025	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade payables	88,479	74,145

Note:

Ageing analysis

As the end of the reporting period, the ageing analysis of trade payables based on the invoice date or shipment and delivery date is as follows:

	2025	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0-60 days	2,326	6,648
61-120 days	78,738	61,271
121-180 days	6	207
181-360 days	1,387	871
Over 360 days	6,022	5,148
	88,479	74,145

Trade payables are expected to be settled within one year.

11. EVENTS AFTER REPORTING PERIOD

Based on the information currently available, the Directors confirm that there has been no material adverse change in the financial or trading position of the Group since the end of the reporting period and up to the date of this announcement.

OPERATIONS REVIEW

For the year ended 31 March 2025 (the "Year"), the Group was principally engaged in the sourcing and sale of metal minerals and related industrial materials, and the production and sale of industrial products.

Revenue and Gross Profit

The Group recorded a decrease in revenue from approximately HK\$864,305,000 for the year ended 31 March 2024 (the "Last Year") to approximately HK\$470,308,000 for the Year, representing a decrease by approximately 46% as compared to the Last Year. The Group recorded a decrease from gross profit of approximately HK\$12,033,000 for the Last Year to a gross loss of approximately HK\$4,025,000 for the Year, representing a decrease by approximately 133% as compared to the Last Year.

For the sourcing and sale of metal minerals and related industrial materials business, the Group recorded a segment revenue of approximately HK\$366,084,000 for the Year (2024: approximately HK\$731,918,000), representing a decrease by approximately 50% as compared to the Last Year. The segment profit was approximately HK\$1,160,000 for the Year, representing a decrease of approximately 75% as compared to approximately HK\$4,617,000 for the Last Year. The Group is acting as a principal in this business because the Group bears the inventory risk as the Group entered into distinct sale and purchase agreements with suppliers and customers and has discretion in establishing the price for the product sold.

For the production and sale of industrial products business under 寧夏華夏環保資源綜合利用有限公司 (literally translated as Ningxia Huaxia Integrated Waste Recycling Company Limited), the Group recorded a segment revenue of approximately HK\$104,224,000 for the Year (2024: approximately HK\$132,387,000), representing a decrease of approximately 21% as compared to the Last Year. The segment loss was approximately HK\$5,731,000 for the Year, representing a decrease of approximately 184% as compared to the segment profit of approximately HK\$6,836,000 for the Last Year.

Other Net Income

During the Year, the Group recorded the other net income of approximately HK\$995,000 (2024: approximately HK\$3,169,000) which mainly comprised net foreign exchange gain or loss together with interest income and sundry income. The net foreign exchange gain or loss was arisen from the exposure to foreign exchange risk, which was mainly related to RMB and USD. Over the last two years, the Group's management has successfully minimized the Group's foreign currency exposure and therefore the net foreign exchange gain or loss amount was maintained at the relatively low level for both of the Year and the Last Year.

The overall variance between the other net income recorded for the Year and for the Last Year was approximately 69%, and there was no material fluctuation for the other net income recorded for the Year as compared to the Last Year.

Administrative Expenses

During the Year, the Group recorded the administrative expenses of approximately HK\$16,941,000 (2024: approximately HK\$13,620,000). The overall administrative expenses of the Group increased by approximately 24% as compared to the Last Year. Administrative expenses primarily include staff costs, general administrative expenses and depreciation.

Other Operating Expenses

During the Year, the Group recorded the other operating expenses of approximately HK\$5,586,000 (2024: other operating income approximately HK\$2,018,000). Other operating expenses are mainly represented by the loss allowance recognised/reversal of loss allowance on deposits and other receivables, loss allowance recognised on amount due from non-controlling interest, loss on lease modification, and written down/reversal of write-down on inventories.

Loss Allowance Recognised On Trade Receivables

During the Year, the Group recorded the loss allowance recognised on trade receivables of approximately HK\$5,186,000 (2024: approximately HK\$32,615,000). The Group has provided, after making reference to the assessment of a valuation specialist, a specific expected credit loss of approximately HK\$39,130,000 (2024: approximately HK\$32,637,000) as at 31 March 2025. The settlement of one of the debtors of the Group being subject to a voluntary debt restructuring repayment plan approved by the court of the People's Republic of China.

Finance Costs

During the Year, the Group recorded the finance costs of approximately HK\$575,000 (2024: approximately HK\$639,000), representing a decrease of approximately 10% as compared to the Last Year. The decrease in finance costs was mainly attributable to the decrease in the interest on lease liabilities during the Year as compared to the Last Year.

For both of the Year and the Last Year, the Group has reduced the use of bills receivables discounting arrangement in its sourcing and sale of metal minerals and related industrial materials business. The bills discount charge recorded for both of the Year and the Last Year were therefore at a minimum level. The Group's management is continuously and carefully monitoring the Group's capital structure in order to utilize its financial resources to meet its ongoing operational requirements and business expansion. The Group may consider making the discounting arrangement of bills receivables to maintain the cash flows of the Group on a certain level when appropriate and necessary.

Loss for the Year

During the Year, the Group recorded an increase in loss, from approximately HK\$31,181,000 for the Last Year to approximately HK\$46,098,000 for the Year, representing an increase of approximately 48% as compared to the Last Year. The increase in the Group's loss was mainly attributable to the impairment loss on property, plant and equipment and the impairment loss on right-of-use assets. The Group has been implementing austerity measures to control the operation cost and capital expenditure in order to reserve a sufficient level of resources and capital.

The loss attributable to owners of the Company for the Year amounted to approximately HK\$45,881,000 (2024: approximately HK\$30,782,000). This represented a basic loss per share of HK0.218 cent for the Year (2024: HK0.146 cent).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Liquidity, Financial Resources and Capital Structure

The Group financed its operations mainly by cash generated from its business activities and credit facilities provided by banks. As at 31 March 2025, the Group had current assets of approximately HK\$458,409,000 (2024: approximately HK\$495,865,000), comprising cash and bank balances of approximately HK\$3,134,000 (2024: approximately HK\$6,503,000).

The Group's current ratio, calculated based on current assets of approximately HK\$458,409,000 (2024: approximately HK\$495,865,000) over current liabilities of approximately HK\$132,630,000 (2024: approximately HK\$131,357,000), was 3.46 (2024: 3.78), which represented a decrease when compared with the current ratio as at 31 March 2024. As at 31 March 2025, the Group's trade payables amounted to approximately HK\$88,479,000 (2024: approximately HK\$74,145,000); trade receivables amounted to approximately HK\$132,838,000 (2024: approximately HK\$171,998,000).

As at 31 March 2025, the Group's equity attributable to owners of the Company decreased to approximately HK\$385,067,000 (2024: approximately HK\$435,631,000). No material change has been recorded in equity attributable to owners of the Company from 31 March 2024 up till 31 March 2025.

As at 31 March 2025, the Group continued to implement a prudent financial management policy to protect the shareholders' interest of the Group. The management will keep on exploring the feasibility of carrying out certain financing activities, with the support from financial and securities institutions and professional advisors, to meet its ongoing operational requirements and business expansions requirements.

Material Acquisitions and Disposals

The Group had no material acquisitions and disposals for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Foreign Currency Management

The monetary assets and liabilities as well as business transactions of the Group are mainly carried out and conducted in HKD, RMB and USD. The Group maintains a strategy in its foreign currency risk management, primarily by including the estimated exchange differences on currency exposure in our pricing of metal minerals trade to minimize the impact of foreign exchange risk on the Group's profit. The Group will enter into forward foreign exchange contracts to hedge against the Group's currency exposure if appropriate and necessary. The management thus believes the current level of bank balances, certain receivables and payables denominated in RMB and USD expose the Group to a manageable foreign currency risk. The management is paying vigilant attention to the fluctuation of RMB and is constantly and closely monitoring the foreign currency exposure. The Group will further consider using any appropriate financial derivatives to hedge against the Group's currency risk and manage its exposure.

Capital Commitment

As at 31 March 2025, the Group had no capital commitments (2024: RMB9,629,000).

Contingent Liabilities

As at 31 March 2025, the Group had no material contingent liabilities (2024: nil).

Events After The Reporting Period

Based on the information currently available, the Directors confirm that there has been no material adverse change in the financial or trading position of the Group since the end of the reporting period and up to the date of this announcement.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 31 March 2025, the Group had a total of about 133 employees and directors (2024: 133). The Group's staff costs, including directors' remuneration, amounted to approximately HK\$23,368,000 (2024: approximately HK\$20,962,000).

The Group remunerates its employees based on their competence, performance, experience and prevailing market rate. Other employee benefits included provident fund scheme, medical insurance, subsidised training programme, share scheme as well as discretionary bonus.

The determination of emoluments of the Directors had taken into consideration of their respective responsibilities and contribution to the Company with reference to market conditions.

PROSPECTS

In 2025, under the influence of tariff rates, the trade tensions escalated, increasing market uncertainty. In addition, the escalation of regional conflicts and the continued war between Russia and Ukraine led to regional tensions and pressure on the international trade environment. Although there are many unstable factors, the demand for steel in the mainland market has rebounded, and industries such as infrastructure will continue to pick up. Manganese can be used for steelmaking, and large manganese mine owners have chosen to reduce production to keep the price of manganese stable. The above factors are expected to have a positive impact on the Group's business performance.

The development of new battery materials may also drive the demand for manganese. As the sales of electric vehicles have been increasing in recent years, adding manganese is a relatively cheap technology to extend the range of electric vehicles, so the demand for manganese in the automotive industry is expected to increase. Sulfuric acid is a necessary raw material for the production of lead-acid batteries, which are mainly used in automobiles and electric vehicles, which has driven the demand for sulfuric acid. This will have a positive impact on the development of the Group's business of sourcing and sale of metal minerals and related industrial materials, and production and sale of industrial products.

There are still many challenges to be faced in 2025, but there are also new opportunities. The Group remains optimistic and cautious in finding a balance amid the slowdown in global economic growth, seizing upcoming business opportunities and further improving and enhancing the returns to its shareholders.

FINAL DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved not to declare a final dividend for the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024: nil).

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

Pursuant to Code Provision C.2.1 of the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report ("CG Code") contained in Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules, the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Ho Yu-shun, an executive director of the Company, has been appointed as chairman of the Board and has been re-designated as chief executive officer of the Company with effect from 1 October 2022. Since then, Mr. Ho Yu-shun has been serving as both the chairman of the Board and chief executive officer of the Company.

Although for the year ended 31 March 2025, the positions of chairman and chief executive officer were not separated, the responsibilities between the two positions were clearly separated. The Board believes that such structure helps to provide consistent leadership, facilitates effective business planning and implementation of long-term business strategies.

In addition, all major decisions of the Company are made only after discussion among Board members and appropriate members of the Board committees and the heads of departments. The power and authority are not concentrated in one individual. Moreover, the Board is composed of experienced members who are not involved in the day to day management of the Company. They are in a position to and do provide independent opinions effectively. The Board considers that in the circumstances having the roles of the chairman and chief executive officer played by the same individual would not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Company.

The Directors will review the Company's corporate governance policies and compliance with the CG Code from time to time.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS OF LISTED ISSUERS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors. Having made specific enquiries with all the Directors, all of them confirmed that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code for the year ended 31 March 2025.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") has specific written terms of reference that is in compliance with the CG Code. As at 31 March 2025, the Audit Committee comprises three Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Cheung Ngai Lam (Chairman), Mr. Tang Kin Nam and Mr. Kwong Wing Ho.

The Audit Committee is mainly responsible for assisting the Board in applying financial reporting and internal control principles and in maintaining an appropriate relationship with the Company's auditor. The Audit Committee is also delegated with the corporate governance function of the Board to monitor, procure and manage corporate governance compliance within the Group. The full terms of reference of the Audit Committee are available on the Company's and the Stock Exchange's websites.

The audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2025, including the accounting principles and polices adopted by the Group, had been reviewed by the Audit Committee before they are duly approved by the Board under the recommendation of the Audit Committee.

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

During the year ended 31 March 2025, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITES OF STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE COMPANY

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

By Order of the Board **Ho Yu-shun**Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 25 June 2025

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Ho Yu-shun (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) and Ms. Sun Le as Executive Directors, Ms. Sun Di as Non-Executive Director, and Mr. Cheung Ngai Lam, Mr. Kwong Wing Ho and Mr. Tang Kin Nam as Independent Non-executive Directors.