# Accel Group Holdings Limited 高陞集團控股有限公司

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# **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS Executive Directors**

Dr. Ko Lai Hung (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) Ms. Cheung Mei Lan

#### **Non-executive Director**

Mr. Ko Angus Chun Kit

#### Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Chan Cheong Tat Ms. Tse Ka Wing Mr. Ho Chi Shing

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Ms. Tse Ka Wing *(Chairperson)* Mr. Chan Cheong Tat Mr. Ko Angus Chun Kit

#### **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Ho Chi Shing *(Chairperson)* Mr. Chan Cheong Tat Dr. Ko Lai Hung

#### **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Chan Cheong Tat *(Chairperson)* Mr. Ho Chi Shing Dr. Ko Lai Hung

#### **AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES**

Dr. Ko Lai Hung Mr. Cheng Chi Wai

COMPANY SECRETARY Mr. Cheng Chi Wai

#### **COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

Mr. Cheng Chi Wai

#### **PRINCIPAL BANKERS**

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#### **BUSINESS PROFILE**

Accel Group Holdings Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") is an established electrical and mechanical ("**E&M**") engineering services provider. The Group's major business involves the supply, installation and maintenance of mechanical ventilation and air-conditioning ("**MVAC**") systems, drainage systems, water supply, swimming pool and fountain systems, electrical and control systems as well as smart electrical control systems in buildings. The Group has been engaged by reputable property developers and construction companies in Hong Kong to complete certain iconic projects. The Group will continue to strive to provide excellent E&M engineering services to its customers.

Meanwhile, the Group is also actively involved in scientific researches by supporting universities to develop advanced technological applications and integrating the results of those scientific researches into the day-to-day life of the public. The Group has devoted itself to the field of innovation and technology by establishing the "Accel – The Education University of Hong Kong Joint Laboratory of Metaverse and Human-computer Interaction" in 2022. The Group is also committed to supporting the establishment of a joint laboratory with the Hong Kong Polytechnic University ("**PolyU**") in the area of Metaverse+ to promote the development and innovation of smart cities. The Group believes its investments in local researches can help to promote and develop the scientific research sector in Hong Kong and potentially generate brand-new business opportunities for the Group.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The Hong Kong property market has faced various challenges, in particular the high interest rates and an uncertain economic climate. As a result, tendering for new private development projects is likely to decrease as property developers adopt a more cautious approach to residential land bidding. Ongoing private developments are anticipated to slow down due to pricing pressures and a decline in construction demand.

The Group's primary focus remains to be "striving to increase its market share; prudently capturing changes in the macroeconomic environment; adjusting its operating strategies in a timely manner and maintaining a competitive pricing strategy". The Group has maintained steady business development during the Period. A number of E&M projects were granted to our Group, including multiple E&M installation projects in the public sector. The Group's contract amount has maintained steady at about HK\$1 billion during the Period. The Group will continue to develop its business and enhance its ability to capture new E&M projects in both private and public sectors for the Group's sustainable development.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### Revenue

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During the Period, the Group's revenue decreased by approximately HK\$33,971,000 or 12.0% to approximately HK\$248,366,000 for the Period as compared to approximately HK\$282,337,000 for the Corresponding Period. The decrease was mainly because of the acceleration in the project progress of certain residential projects located in Kai Tak development area which substantially increased the Group's revenue in the Corresponding Period.

#### **Cost of Services**

The Group's cost of services mainly represented the cost of materials including MVAC systems such as air conditioners and ventilation fans, and accessories such as pipes and fittings; direct labour costs and subcontracting fees for completing on-site works. The cost of services decreased by approximately HK\$29,848,000 or 12.4% to approximately HK\$211,690,000 for the Period, as compared to approximately HK\$241,538,000 for the Corresponding Period. The decrease of cost of services was in line with the decrease of the Group's revenue.

#### **Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin**

The Group's gross profit decreased by approximately HK\$4,123,000 or 10.1% to approximately HK\$36,676,000 for the Period from approximately HK\$40,799,000 for the Corresponding Period.

The Group's gross profit margin increased to 14.8% for the Period from 14.5% for the Corresponding Period. The slight increase in the gross profit margins was mainly due to certain projects awarded with higher gross profit margins in the previous year were recognised in respect of their good progress in the Period.

The Group managed to take on projects to enhance its market shares and involved in more iconic projects to build up the branding as a market leader of MVAC installation in Hong Kong even though such projects have comparatively lower gross profit margin.

# FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued) Other Income and Other Gains

The Group's other income and other gains increased by approximately HK\$804,000 or 59.0% to approximately HK\$2,166,000 for the Period from approximately HK\$1,362,000 for the Corresponding Period. The increase in other income and other gains is mainly due to the increase in interest income and adjustment on carrying amount of payments for life insurance.

#### **Administrative Expenses**

Administrative expenses mainly comprised staff costs, professional fees, office expenses, depreciation expenses and other expenses. Administrative expenses decreased by approximately HK\$3,224,000 or 15.2% to approximately HK\$18,047,000 for the Period from approximately HK\$21,271,000 for the Corresponding Period. The decrease of administrative expenses of the Group was mainly due to the second phase donation of HK\$1,000,000 to PolyU for the establishment of joint laboratory as aforementioned during the Period is substantially less than the first phase donation of HK\$3,000,000 in the Corresponding Period.

#### **Income Tax Expense**

The income tax expense decreased by approximately HK\$22,000 or 0.7% to approximately HK\$3,246,000 for the Period from approximately HK\$3,268,000 for the Corresponding Period. The decrease was mainly due to the slight decrease in the taxable profit for the Period.

#### Profit and Total Comprehensive Income Attributable to Owners of the Company

The Group's profit and total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the Company was approximately HK\$16,312,000 for the Period and HK\$14,919,000 for the Corresponding Period. The slight increase in profit and total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the Company was mainly due to the net effect of increase in other income and other gains, and the decrease of administrative expenses and financial costs for the Period.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued) Interim Dividend

The board of directors (the "**Director(s**)") of the Company (the "**Board**") has resolved to declare an interim dividend (the "**Interim Dividend**") of HK0.6 cents per share of the Company (the "**Share**") for the Period (Corresponding Period: HK0.7 cents), amounting to approximately HK\$4,865,000 (Corresponding Period: HK\$5,600,000). The Interim Dividend is payable to the shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company (the "**Register of Members**") at the close of business on Tuesday, 17 December 2024. The Interim Dividend will be paid on or around Friday, 10 January 2025.

#### **Closure of Register of Members**

The Register of Members will be closed from Friday, 13 December 2024 to Tuesday, 17 December 2024, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of Shares shall be effected. In order to qualify for the Interim Dividend, all transfers of Shares, accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms, must be lodged for registration with the Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 12 December 2024.

#### **Trade and Other Receivables, Deposits and Prepayments**

Trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments increased by approximately HK\$12,813,000 or 14.9% to approximately HK\$98,692,000 as at 30 September 2024 from approximately HK\$85,879,000 as at 31 March 2024.

Trade receivables (net of allowance for credit losses) increased by approximately HK\$12,366,000 or 17.5% to approximately HK\$82,958,000 as at 30 September 2024 from approximately HK\$70,592,000 as at 31 March 2024. The increase in the trade receivables was mainly due to the certain amount of revenue was payable by the Group's customers in accordance with the construction schedules at the end of the Period, in particular the revenue recognised from the MVAC installation projects located in Kai Tak development area.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued) Trade and Retention Payables and Accruals

Trade and retention payables and accruals increased by approximately HK\$15,706,000 or 26.8% to approximately HK\$74,389,000 as at 30 September 2024 from approximately HK\$58,683,000 as at 31 March 2024.

Trade payables increased by approximately HK\$12,509,000 or 42.5% to approximately HK\$41,912,000 as at 30 September 2024 from approximately HK\$29,403,000 as at 31 March 2024. The increase was mainly due to the purchase of MVAC systems and the subcontracting fees payable for certain projects near the end of the Period.

Retention payables increased by approximately HK\$2,652,000 or 17.4% to approximately HK\$17,852,000 as at 30 September 2024 from approximately HK\$15,200,000 as at 31 March 2024. The increase was mainly due to the contribution by the subcontractors to the Group's existing projects.

#### CORPORATE FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT Liquidity and Financial Resources

During the Period, the Group's working capital was financed by internal resources and bank loans. The current ratio of the Group, which is calculated based on the current assets divided by current liabilities, was approximately 3.56 times as at 30 September 2024 (31 March 2024: approximately 4.31 times). The Group generally financed its daily operations from cash flows generated internally.

#### **Financial Policies**

The Group is exposed to liquidity risk in respect of the settlement of its trade and retention payables, bank loans and lease liabilities. The Group's policy is to regularly monitor current and expected liquidity requirements to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash to meet both short-term and long-term liquidity requirements.

#### **Pledged Bank Balances and Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Group's pledged bank balances were to secure the grant of performance bonds to the Group by a bank. The pledged bank balances and cash and cash equivalents increased by approximately HK\$2,666,000 or 2.7% to approximately HK\$101,599,000 as at 30 September 2024 from approximately HK\$98,933,000 as at 31 March 2024 due to the improvement in cash flows management by enhancing receivables control process.

# CORPORATE FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued) Pledged Bank Balances and Cash and Cash Equivalents (Continued)

The pledged bank balances and cash and cash equivalents were denominated in Hong Kong dollars and were mainly generated from the Group's daily operations. With the strong financial position, the Group is able to provide sufficient financial resources for its current commitments, working capital requirements and further expansion of the Group's business, as and when required.

#### **Bank Loans**

The Group's bank loans as at 30 September 2024 and 31 March 2024 were lent by a bank under its bank facilities granted to the Group. The bank facilities were secured by the Group's two carpark spaces, an office premises and the corporate guarantee given by the Company (31 March 2024: the Group's two car park spaces, an office premises and corporate guarantee given by the Company).

According to the relevant banking facilities letter, the bank loans of the Group are payable as follows:

	As at 30 September 2024 HK\$'000	As at 31 March 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Within one year Within a period of more than one year but not exceeding two years	11,392	1,934
Within a period of more than two years but not exceeding five years Over five years	4,574 14,953	6,100 14,147
	32,354	23,594

#### **CORPORATE FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT** (Continued)

#### Bank Loans (Continued)

Notwithstanding the provisions stated in the aforesaid bank facilities, the bank may at any time without prior notice, modify, cancel or suspend the bank facilities, at the sole discretion of such bank, including, without limitation, cancelling any unutilised facilities and declaring any outstanding amount to be immediately due and payable. Accordingly, the above bank loans were classified as current liabilities as at 30 September 2024 and 31 March 2024.

As at 30 September 2024, bank loans of HK\$22,354,000 (31 March 2024: HK\$23,594,000) bore variable interest rates from 2.75% per annum (31 March 2024: 2.75% to 2.85% per annum) below Hong Kong Prime Rate. The remaining bank loan at 30 September 2024 bore variable interest rate at 1.75% per annum above one-month Hong Kong Inter-bank Offered Rate. The bank loans were denominated in Hong Kong dollars.

#### **Gearing Ratio**

The Group's gearing ratio, which is calculated based on the total interest-bearing liabilities divided by the total equity (defined as the sum of bank loans and lease liabilities as at the respective period/year end divided by total equity as at the respective period/year end) was approximately 9.1% as at 30 September 2024 (31 March 2024: approximately 8.5%).

#### **Capital Expenditure**

During the Period, the Group acquired property, plant and equipment of HK\$42,000 (31 March 2024: HK\$13,022,000 in property, plant and equipment).

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# **CORPORATE FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT** (Continued) **Capital and Other Commitments**

As at 30 September 2024, the commitments contracted for but not provided in the condensed consolidated financial statement are as follows:

	As at 30 September 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	As at 31 March 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Capital commitment on acquisition of property, plant and equipment Other commitment on subscription of investor	353	353
shares	10,000	-
	10,353	353

#### **Contingent Liabilities**

As at 30 September 2024, performance bonds of HK\$91,265,000 (31 March 2024: HK\$94,428,000) were given by banks in favour of the Group's customers as security for the due performance and observance of the Group's obligations under the contracts entered into between the Group and its customers.

Included in the performance bonds as at 30 September 2024 were HK\$367,000 (31 March 2024: HK\$367,000), which were issued under the bank facilities granted by a bank to the Group and such bank facilities were secured by the Group's pledged bank balances and corporate guarantee given by the Company in favour of the bank. The remaining performance bonds as at 30 September 2024 were issued under the bank facilities granted by another bank to the Group and such bank facilities were secured by the Group's two car park spaces, an office premises and corporate guarantee given by the Company in favour of the bank.

Save as disclosed herein, the Group had no material contingent liabilities as at 30 September 2024 (31 March 2024: Nil).

#### CORPORATE FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued) Charges on the Group's Assets

As at 30 September 2024, certain motor vehicles, refundable rental deposits, two car park spaces, an office premises and pledged bank balances of the Group were pledged for the lease liabilities and the bank facilities (31 March 2024: certain motor vehicles, refundable rental deposits, two car park spaces, an office premises and pledged bank balances of the Group were pledged for the lease liabilities and the bank facilities and the bank facilities.

#### Significant Investments

Save as disclosed herein, the Group did not have any significant investments during the Period.

# Material Acquisitions and Disposals of Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures

During the Period, the Group did not make any material acquisitions or disposals of its subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures.

#### **Future Plans for Significant Investments and Capital Assets**

As at 30 September 2024, save as disclosed herein, the Group did not have any other plans for significant investments or capital assets.

#### **Foreign Exchange Risk Management**

The Group's monetary assets, liabilities and transactions are principally denominated in Hong Kong dollars. The Group is not significantly exposed to foreign currency risk arising from monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in currencies other than the functional currencies of the respective group entities.

The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy as the foreign currency risk is considered to be insignificant. However, the management will continue to closely monitor the Group's foreign exchange risk exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign exchange exposure when necessary.

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#### SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Save as disclosed herein, no significant event affecting the Group has occurred since the end of the Period and up to the date of this report.

#### **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES**

As at 30 September 2024, the Group employed 205 employees (30 September 2023: 188 employees) with total staff costs (including direct labour costs) of approximately HK\$45,664,000 incurred for the Period (Corresponding Period: approximately HK\$41,963,000). In order to attract and retain high quality staff and to enable smooth operation within the Group, the remuneration policy and package of the Group's employees are periodically reviewed. The Group offers competitive salaries and benefits to its employees (with reference to market conditions and individual qualifications and experience). The Group provides adequate job training to its employees to equip them with practical knowledge and skills. Apart from mandatory provident fund and job training programs, salary increments, discretionary bonuses, share options and share awards scheme are also provided to employees according to the assessment of individual performance and market situation.

The Company has adopted a share option scheme on 18 September 2019 for the purpose of providing incentives or rewards to eligible participants for their contributions or potential contributions to the Group. Such scheme became effective on 18 October 2019 (the "**Listing Date**"). As at 30 September 2024, there was no share option granted under the scheme.

A share award scheme has been adopted by the Company on 15 September 2023 (the "**2023 Share Award Scheme**") for the purpose of providing incentives to attract, retain and motivate eligible participants, for their continual contribution to the growth and development of the Group.

The total number of shares which may be issued in respect of all options and awards to be granted under the 2023 Share Award Scheme and any other schemes of the Company (the "**Scheme Mandate Limit**") was 80,000,000 shares (representing 10% of the Company's total number of issued shares as at the date of adoption of the 2023 Share Award Scheme).

As at 30 September 2024, the Scheme Mandate Limit and the maximum number of shares available for grant under the 2023 Share Award Scheme was 69,173,000 Shares (representing approximately 8.53% of the total number of the issued Shares).

#### **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES** (Continued)

During the Period, 464,400 unvested Award Shares were lapsed under the 2023 Share Award Scheme due to the Grantees ceased to be the employee of the Group in accordance with the terms of the 2023 Share Award Scheme.

As at 30 September 2024, the total number of shares available for issue under the 2023 Share Award Scheme was 78,452,900 shares (representing approximately 9.68% of the total number of issued shares as at 30 September 2024), being the total number of (i) 69,173,000 shares available for grant under the 2023 Share Award Scheme; and (ii) 9,279,900 Awarded Shares which were granted (but not yet vested) under the 2023 Share Award Scheme.

Save for a total of 464,400 unvested Award Shares that have lapsed, no Awarded Shares were granted, vested and cancelled during the Period.

#### **COMPETING INTEREST**

During the Period, none of the directors or the controlling shareholders of the Company or their close associates was interested in any business which competed or might compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group nor had or might have any conflicts of interest with the Group.

#### **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

Looking forward, the Group will further expand its service capabilities and capture business opportunities to reinforce its position in the E&M engineering industry. The Group will provide customers with comprehensive scope of E&M engineering services, increase its market share with a prudent financial management strategy, and actively explore possibilities for development and commit to expanding its business fields to pursue long-term growth and generate stable returns for the shareholders of the Company. As a result of the Group's continuous effort, 12 new projects (with a total contract sum amounting to approximately HK\$342,049,000) were awarded during the Period. In addition, the Group anticipates that it will be able to secure a sufficient number of new projects through submission of tenders in the remainder of this financial year and beyond. As such, the Group remains confident towards the business development prospects for the next few years amid challenges.

#### **FUTURE PROSPECTS** (Continued)

As mentioned in the Policy Address 2024, the Hong Kong Government is committed to make sufficient land supply available for about 80,000 residential units in the coming five years in order to fulfill the supply-led long-term housing strategy. As explained by the Hong Kong Government's Northern Metropolis Action Agenda, the Northern Metropolis is a new engine for Hong Kong's future growth, it will provide at least 2 million square meters of commercial floors, 500,000 housing units, and the expected innovation and technology zone. With respect to the "industry-driven and infrastructure-led" approach adopted by the Government, the Northern Metropolis will bring great business opportunities for the construction industry as well as the innovation and technology industry. The Group will seize the business opportunities arisen from the development of the Northern Metropolis and contribute Hong Kong to integrate into the overall development of our country.

Building on the Group's foundation in providing quality E&M engineering services, the Group will strive to develop new businesses through adopting multiple perspectives and multi-channel thinking. The Group will venture into new business opportunities of innovation and technology, smart technology, energy conservation and environmental protection, and look for opportunities to participate in property development projects. In addition, based on business development needs, the Group will identify prospective business partners and joint venture opportunities for different business segments to broaden the Group's business scope and drive cross-border development, thereby generating greater returns for the shareholders of the Company.

In the field of innovation and technology, the Group has joined the Education University of Hong Kong by establishing the "Accel – The Education University of Hong Kong Joint Laboratory of Metaverse and Human-computer Interaction" in order to promote the use of technology in the area of education. The Group has donated HK\$4,000,000 so far to PolyU to establish a Metaverse+ joint laboratory in the area of developing and promoting the innovation of smart cities as aforementioned, thereby contributing to the development of Hong Kong as an international centre for innovation and research and generating greater business opportunities for the Group's future operations.

During the Period, the Group completed a commercial building chiller replacement project with AI management system. Adopting the AI management system in the air conditioner was found to have reduced the total electricity consumption by more than 30% and a lower carbon emissions of 370 tonnes per year. The successful experience gained from the above project has resulted in long-term sustainable business development for both our customers and our Group. As a key player in the industry of the installation of E&M systems, the Group carries the responsibility to protect the ecosystem, and to ensure environmental protection while promoting growth and development of the society. This project marked a milestone for the Group's contribution to energy conservation and emissions reduction in Hong Kong, and strive to attain carbon peak and carbon neutrality targets and lay the foundation for the Group's intelligent E&M business through utilising innovative technologies and the concept of intelligent energy.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE OF THE LISTING RULES

The Board has been adamant in upholding high standards of corporate governance to maximise operational efficiency, corporate values and shareholder returns. The Company has adopted sound governance and disclosure practices and continued to upgrade its internal control system, strengthen its risk control management and reinforce its corporate governance structure.

During the Period, the Company has complied with the applicable code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix C1 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**") (the "**Listing Rules**") with the exception of code provision C.2.1, which states that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual.

Dr. Ko Lai Hung ("**Dr. Ko**") is the chairman of the Board (the "**Chairman**") and the chief executive officer of the Company (the "**CEO**"). He has been managing the Group's business and supervising the overall operations of the Group since 2000. The Board considers that vesting the roles of the Chairman and the CEO in Dr. Ko is beneficial to the management and business development of the Group and will provide a strong and consistent leadership to the Group. The Board has a total of six Directors and three of them are independent non-executive Directors (the "**INEDs**") who are qualified professionals and/or experienced individuals. As all major decisions are made in consultation with all the Board members who meet on a regular basis to review the operations of the Group, and shall be approved by majority approval of the Board, with the three INEDs on the Board scrutinising important decisions and offering independent perspectives, the Board believes that there are adequate safeguards in place to ensure sufficient balance of powers within the Board. The Board will continue to review and consider splitting the roles of the Chairman and the CEO at a time when it is appropriate and suitable by taking into account the circumstances of the Group as a whole.

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# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

**Directors' and chief executive's interests and short positions in shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or its associated corporations** As at 30 September 2024, the interests or short positions of the Directors and the chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong (the "**SFO**")) which were required to be: (i) 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 the Directors and chief executive of the Company were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); (ii) recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO; or (iii) notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules (the "**Model Code**"), were as follows:

Name of Directors	Capacity	Nature of interests	Number of Shares held	Percentage of shareholding (Note 2)
Dr. Ko Lai Hung (" <b>Dr. Ko</b> ") <i>(Note 1)</i>	Interest in controlled corporation	Corporate interest	597,000,000	73.62%
Ms. Cheung Mei Lan (" <b>Ms. Cheung</b> ") <i>(Note 1)</i>	Interest of spouse	Family interest	597,000,000	73.62%

#### (i) Long position in the Shares

- Note 1: The 597,000,000 Shares are held by Lightspeed Limited ("Lightspeed"), a company incorporated in British Virgin Islands with limited liability and is beneficially owned as to 70% by Dr. Ko and 30% by Ms. Cheung. Under the SFO, Dr. Ko is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Lightspeed and Ms. Cheung, spouse of Dr. Ko, is deemed to be interested in the Shares deemed to be held by Dr. Ko.
- *Note 2:* The percentage represents the number of Shares interested divided by the number of issued Shares as at 30 September 2024 (i.e. 810,827,000 Shares).

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS** (Continued)

Directors' and chief executive's interests and short positions in shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (Continued)

(ii) Long position in the ordinary shares of an associated corporation

Name of Directors	Name of associated corporation	Capacity	Nature of interests	Number of shares held	Percentage of shareholding
Dr. Ko <i>(Note)</i>	Lightspeed	Beneficial owner and interest of spouse	Personal interest and family interest	200	100%
Ms. Cheung (Note)	Lightspeed	Beneficial owner and interest of spouse	Personal interest and family interest	200	100%

*Note:* Lightspeed is the holding company of the Company and is an associated corporation within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Lightspeed is beneficially owned as to 70% by Dr. Ko and 30% by Ms. Cheung, spouse of Dr. Ko, respectively.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2024, none of the Directors or the chief executive of the Company had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), which were required to be: (i) 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 the Directors and the chief executive of the Company were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); (ii) recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO; or (iii) notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

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#### **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS** (Continued)

# Substantial shareholders' interests and short positions in Shares and underlying Shares

So far as the Directors are aware of, as at 30 September 2024, the following corporation which/person (other than a Director or the chief executive of the Company) who had, or were taken or deemed to have interests or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares, which were required to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO:

#### Long position in the Shares

Name of shareholder	Capacity	Nature of interests	Number of Shares held	Percentage of shareholding (Note 2)
Lightspeed (Note 1)	Beneficial owner	Personal interest	597,000,000	73.62%

*Note 1:* Lightspeed is beneficially owned as to 70% by Dr. Ko and 30% by Ms. Cheung, spouse of Dr. Ko, respectively.

*Note 2:* The percentage represents the number of Shares interested divided by the number of issued Shares as at 30 September 2024 (i.e. 810,827,000 Shares).

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2024, the Company had not been notified by any other corporation which/person (other than a Director or the chief executive of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares, which were required to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO.

#### **SHARE OPTION SCHEME**

The existing share option scheme of the Company (the "**Share Option Scheme**") was approved for adoption pursuant to a written resolution of the sole shareholder passed on 18 September 2019 for the purpose of providing an incentive or reward to the eligible participants for their contribution or potential contribution to the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries.

# 1. Participants of the Share Option Scheme and the basis of determining the eligibility of the participants

The Board is entitled at any time and from time to time grant options pursuant to the Share Option Scheme to any full-time or part-time employees, consultants or potential employees, consultants, executives or officers (including executive directors, non-executive directors and independent non-executive directors) of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, and any suppliers, customers, consultants, agents, advisers, business partner or service providers who, in the sole opinion of the Board has contributed or will contribute to the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries.

#### 2. Grant of options

The Directors were authorised to grant options to subscribe for Shares and to allot, issue and deal with the Shares pursuant to the exercise of options granted under the Share Option Scheme and to take all such steps as may be necessary and/or desirable to implement and give effect to the Share Option Scheme.

#### 3. Maximum number of Shares available for subscription and scheme limit

The maximum number of Shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Share Option Scheme and under any other share option schemes of the Company must not, in aggregate, exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issue immediately following completion of the Share Offer and the Capitalisation Issue (as defined in the Prospectus), and the Share Option Scheme limit is 80,000,000 Shares, which represented 9.87% of the issued Shares as at the date of this report. No service provider sublimit was set under the Share Option Scheme.

#### 4. Life of the Share Option Scheme

The Share Option Scheme shall remain valid and effective until the tenth anniversary of the Listing Date (i.e. 18 October 2019).

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# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **SHARE OPTION SCHEME** (Continued)

### 5. Grantee's maximum holding

Unless otherwise approved by the shareholders in a general meeting, the total number of Shares issued and to be issued upon the exercise of all options granted to an eligible participant under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company (including both exercised and outstanding options) shall not exceed 1% of the Shares in issue within any 12-month period. Any grant of options to a Director, chief executive or substantial shareholder (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company or any of their respective associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) is required to be approved by the INEDs.

#### 6. Grant to substantial shareholders and INEDs

Unless otherwise approved by the shareholders in a general meeting and/or such other requirements prescribed under the Listing Rules, the Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of all options already granted and proposed to be granted to a substantial shareholder or any INEDs or their respective associates under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company (including exercised, cancelled and outstanding options) shall not (i) exceed 0.1% of the Shares in issue; and (ii) have an aggregate value in excess of HK\$5,000,000, within any 12-month period up to and including the date of grant.

#### 7. Exercise of options

The Board may, at its discretion, determine the minimum period for which the option has to be held before it can be exercised, and the period during which an option may be exercised. However, no options shall be exercised ten years after they have been granted.

#### 8. Exercise price

The subscription price of a Share in respect of a particular option shall be at least the highest of (i) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets on the date of the grant of the option, which must be a trading day; (ii) the average closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of the grant of the option; and (iii) the nominal value of a Share.

#### **SHARE OPTION SCHEME** (Continued)

# 9. Acceptance of offer

An offer shall be made to any eligible participants of the Share Option Scheme by an offer document in such form as the Board may from time to time determine, requiring such participant to undertake to hold the option on the terms on which it is to be granted and to be bound by the provisions of the Share Option Scheme. To accept any options granted by the Company, the grantee is required to pay a consideration of HK\$1 on or before the last day of acceptance set out in the relevant offer document.

Since the date of adoption of the Share Option Scheme and up to the date of this report, no share options were granted, exercised, vested, cancelled or lapsed under the Share Option Scheme.

As at 1 April 2024 and 30 September 2024, the total number of options available for grant under the Share Option Scheme limit and available for issue under the Share Option Scheme were 80,000,000.

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# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION**

#### SHARE AWARD SCHEME

The Company has adopted the 2023 share award scheme (the "**2023 Share Award Scheme**") at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 15 September 2023 (the "**Adoption Date**") for the purpose of providing the selected participants with the opportunity to acquire proprietary interests in the Company, encouraging the selected participants to work towards enhancing the value of the Company and its Shares for the benefit of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole; and providing the Company with a flexible means of either retaining, incentivizing, rewarding, remunerating, compensating and/or providing benefits to the selected participants.

#### 1. Eligible Participants of the 2023 Share Award Scheme

Only employee participants shall be eligible for the 2023 Share Award Scheme (the "**Eligible Participant**"). Employee participants refer to any Director (excluding any independent non-executive directors) and employee of the Group (including persons who are granted share awards under this 2023 Share Award Scheme as inducement to enter into employment contacts with these companies).

#### 2. Grant of Award

The Remuneration Committee and the Board may, at its sole discretion make the relevant grant of awarded shares (the "Award Shares") to the selected participants under the 2023 Share Award Scheme subject to such terms and conditions as the Remuneration Committee and the Board may deem appropriate at its discretion.

#### 3. Maximum Number of Shares to be granted

The total number of the Award Shares which may be issued in respect of all options and awards to be granted under the 2023 Share Award Scheme and any other schemes shall not in aggregate exceed 10% of the Company's total number of Shares in issue (i.e. 800,000,000 Shares) as at the adoption date (the "**Scheme Mandate Limit**"). The Scheme Mandate Limit and the maximum number of shares available for grant under the 2023 Share Award Scheme was 69,173,000 Shares which represented approximately 8.53% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the date of this report. No service provider sublimit was set under the 2023 Share Award Scheme.

#### **SHARE AWARD SCHEME** (Continued)

## 4. Maximum entitlement of each participant

No award may be granted to any one Eligible Participant such that the total number of Shares issued and to be issued in respect of all options and awards granted to such person (excluding any options and awards lapsed in accordance with the terms of the 2023 Share Award Scheme) in any 12-month period up to the date of the latest grant exceeds 1% of the issued Shares from time to time, unless such grant is separately approved by the Shareholders in general meeting.

#### 5. Vesting of Awarded Shares

The vesting period of an Award for new Shares held by the Eligible Participant must be at least 12 months. A shorter vesting period may be granted to an Eligible Participant at the Board's sole and absolute discretion in certain circumstances prescribed in the 2023 Share Award Scheme.

#### 6. Basis of Determining the Purchase Price of Awarded Shares

The purchase price of the awarded shares (if any) shall be such price which shall be determined by the Board from time to time based on considerations such as the prevailing closing price of the Shares (being the average closing market price for the five business days preceding the date of grant on which the Shares are traded on the Stock Exchange), the purpose of the Award and the characteristics and profile of the Selected Participant.

#### 7. Life of the 2023 Share Award Scheme

The 2023 Share Award Scheme commences on the Adoption Date and remains valid and effective unless and until being terminated upon the expiry of the period of ten (10) years from such date (i.e. 15 September 2033).

#### **SHARE AWARD SCHEME** (Continued)

As at 1 April 2024 and 30 September 2024, the maximum number of shares available for grant under the 2023 Share Award Scheme were 69,173,000 Shares.

Since the date of adoption and up to 30 September 2024, a total of 10,827,000 Awarded Shares have been granted under the 2023 Share Award Scheme (representing approximately 1.34% and 1.34% of the number of issued shares of the Company as at 30 September 2024 and the date of this report, respectively), of which 1,082,700 have vested, 464,400 have lapsed and 9,279,900 remain unvested.

As at 30 September 2024, the total number of shares available for issue under the 2023 Share Award Scheme was 78,452,900 Shares (representing approximately 9.68% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of this report), being the total number of (i) 69,173,000 Shares available for grant under the 2023 Share Award Scheme; and (ii) 9,279,900 Awarded Shares which were granted (but not yet vested) under the 2023 Share Award Scheme.

Save for a total of 464,400 unvested Award Shares that have lapsed, no Awarded Shares were granted, vested and cancelled under the 2023 Share Award Scheme during the Period.

### **SHARE AWARD SCHEME** (Continued)

Movements of the Awarded Shares under the 2023 Share Award Scheme for the Period are as follows:

Name of participant	Date of Grant	Purchase Price	Unvested as at 1 April 2024	Granted during the Period	Vested during the Period	Cancelled during the Period	Lapsed during the Period (Note 4)	Unvested as at 30 September 2024
Ms. Wong Hoi Yan	15/09/2023 (Notes 1, 2, 3)	N/A	450,000	-	-	-	-	450,000
Ms. Wong Hoi Ki	15/09/2023 (Notes 1, 2, 3)	N/A	198,000	-	-	-	-	198,000
Ms. Ko Karlie	15/09/2023 (Notes 1, 2, 3)	N/A	270,000	-	-	-	-	270,000
Mr. Wong Hau Wai	15/09/2023 (Notes 1, 2, 3)	N/A	720,000	-	-	-	-	720,000
Mr. Cheung Choi On	15/09/2023 (Note 1, 2, 3)	N/A	181,800	-	-	-	-	181,800
Employees – In aggregate	15/09/2023 (Notes 1, 2, 3)	N/A	7,924,500	-	-	-	(464,400)	7,460,100
Total			9,744,300	-	-	-	(464,400)	9,279,900

#### Notes:

- 1. The vesting will take place on 31 March of each year beginning in 2024 and ending in 2033 and shall be vested in 10 equal tranches. There is no performance target attached to the Awarded Shares.
- 2. The closing price of the shares immediately before the date on which the Awarded Shares were granted (i.e. 14 September 2023) was HK\$1.01 per Share.
- 3. The estimate fair value of the Awarded Shares granted on 15 September 2023 was approximately HK\$9,282,000. The estimated fair value of the Awarded Shares granted was measured based on the grant date price with the adjustment of ex-dividend discounted at the appropriate risk-free interest rate during the requisite service period.

#### **SHARE AWARD SCHEME** (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

- 4. During the Period, 464,400 unvested Award Shares were lapsed (but still remained) under the 2023 Share Award Scheme due to the Grantees ceased to be the employees of the Group in accordance with the terms of the 2023 Share Award Scheme.
- 5. The closing price of the shares immediately before 1,082,700 Awarded Shares were vested was HK\$0.77 on 28 March 2024. The weighted average closing price of the shares immediately before the date on which the Awarded Shares were vested was HK\$0.77.

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any Shares during the Period.

#### SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and to the best of the knowledge of the Directors, the Directors confirmed that the Company had maintained a sufficient public float for the Shares as required under the Listing Rules during the Period.

#### **MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS OF LISTED ISSUERS**

The Company has adopted the Model Code as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules as its code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions. The Company has made specific enquiry of all Directors, they confirmed that they had complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the Period.

#### **REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS**

The condensed consolidated financial statements for the Period have been reviewed by the Company's independent auditor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410 *Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity* issued by the HKICPA.

The audit committee of the Board has discussed with the management of the Group and reviewed this report, including the accounting principles and standards adopted by the Group in conjunction with the Group's independent auditor.

#### **APPRECIATION**

The Board would like to express its sincere gratitude to the management of the Group and all the staff for their hard work and dedication, as well as its shareholders, business partners and other professional parties for their support throughout the Period.

By order of the Board Accel Group Holdings Limited Ko Lai Hung Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 28 November 2024



# REPORT ON REVIEW OF CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# **Deloitte**

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ACCEL GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

#### INTRODUCTION

We have reviewed the condensed consolidated financial statements of Accel Group Holdings Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") set out on pages 30 to 56, which comprise the condensed consolidated statement of financial position as of 30 September 2024 and the related condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements. The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of a report on interim financial information to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof and Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("HKAS 34") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of these condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with HKAS 34. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these condensed consolidated financial statements based on our review, and to report our conclusion 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.

#### **SCOPE OF REVIEW**

We conducted our review in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" ("**HKSRE 2410**") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of these condensed consolidated financial statements consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.



# REPORT ON REVIEW OF CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## CONCLUSION

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the condensed consolidated financial statements are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with HKAS 34.

**Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu** *Certified Public Accountants* Hong Kong

28 November 2024



# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 September 2024

		Six months ended 30 September		
	NOTES	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	
Revenue Cost of services	3	248,366 (211,690)	282,337 (241,538)	
Gross profit		36,676	40,799	
Other income and other gains Impairment losses under expected credit	4	2,166	1,362	
loss model, net of reversal	13	(884)	(1,295)	
Administrative expenses	-	(18,047)	(21,271)	
Finance costs	5	(551)	(1,027)	
Profit before taxation	6	19,360	18,568	
Income tax expense	7	(3,246)	(3,268)	
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period		16,114	15,300	
Profit (loss) and total comprehensive				
income for the period attributable to:				
Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		16,312 (198)	14,919 381	
		(190)		
		16,114	15,300	
		HK cents	HK cents	
Earnings per share	9			
Basic Diluted		2.0	1.9	
Diluted		2.0	1.9	

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 September 2024

	NOTES	At 30 September 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	At 31 March 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Right-of-use assets Investment property Payments for life insurance Financial asset at fair value through	10 10 10	65,257 5,003 5,341 –	68,227 9,390 5,452 7,098
profit or loss (" <b>FVTPL</b> ") Deferred tax assets Finance lease receivables Deposits and prepayments	11	- 859 893 886	5,000 859 1,266 1,462
		78,239	98,754
Current assets Trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments Finance lease receivables Financial asset at FVTPL Payments for life insurance Contract assets Tax recoverable Pledged bank balances Cash and cash equivalents	11 12	97,806 1,052 5,000 7,548 278,495 - 512 101,087 491,500	84,417 1,095  242,049 926 505 98,428 427,420
Current liabilities Trade and retention payables and accruals Contract liabilities Tax payable Dividend payable Bank loans Lease liabilities	14 15	74,389 14,723 2,832 10,541 32,354 3,413	58,683 6,791 2,971 23,594 7,190
		138,252	99,229
Net current assets		353,248	328,191
Total assets less current liabilities		431,487	426,945

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 September 2024

	NOTES	At 30 September 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	At 31 March 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Non-current liability			
Lease liabilities		3,274	5,250
			121 605
Net assets		428,213	421,695
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	16	8,108	8,108
Reserves		421,394	414,727
Equity attributable to owners of the			
Company		429,502	422,835
Non-controlling interests		(1,289)	(1,140)
Total equity		428,213	421,695

## **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

For the six months ended 30 September 2024

	Equity attributable to owners of the Company								
				Share				Non-	
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Treasury shares HK\$'000	award reserve HK\$'000	Other reserve HK\$'000 (Note)	Retained profits HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000	controlling interests HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> equity HK\$'000
			l.		(NOLE)				
At 1 April 2024 (Audited) Profit (loss) and total comprehensive	8,108	195,606	(97)	1,170	(72,580)	290,628	422,835	(1,140)	421,695
income (expense) for the period Recognition of equity-settled	-	-	-	-	-	16,312	16,312	(198)	16,114
share-based payments (note 20) Capital contribution from non-	-	-	-	896	-	-	896	-	896
controlling interest of subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49	49
Dividends recognised as distribution (note 8)	-	-	-	-	-	(10,541)	(10,541)	-	(10,541)
At 30 September 2024 (Unaudited)	8,108	195,606	(97)	2,066	(72,580)	296,399	429,502	(1,289)	428,213
At 1 April 2023 (Audited) Profit and total comprehensive	8,000	195,606	-	-	(72,580)	267,153	398,179	(767)	397,412
income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	14,919	14,919	381	15,300
Recognition of equity-settled share-based payments (note 20) Dividends recognised as	-	-	-	114	-	-	114	-	114
distribution (note 8)		-	-	-	-	(12,800)	(12,800)	-	(12,800)
At 30 September 2023 (Unaudited)	8,000	195,606	-	114	(72,580)	269,272	400,412	(386)	400,026

Note: The other reserve arose from: (i) deemed distribution arising from the imputed interest income on non-current interest-free advances to Dr. Ko Lai Hung ("**Dr. Ko**"), an ultimate controlling party of the Company, amounting to HK\$10,190,000 in prior years; (ii) issuance of ordinary shares of the Company for the reorganisation of the Group for the listing of the Company's shares on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited completed on 30 November 2018 amounting to HK\$72,266,000; and (iii) deemed contribution arising from the waiver of an amount due to Dr. Ko amounting to HK\$9,876,000.

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the six months ended 30 September 2024

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2024	2023	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Operating activities			
Profit before taxation	19,360	18,568	
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	3,012	2,676	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	2,469	2,713	
Depreciation of investment property	111	111	
Impairment losses under expected credit loss			
model, net of reversal	884	1,295	
Adjustment on carrying amount of payments			
for life insurance	(450)	-	
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	(20)	
Gain on derecognition of right-of-use assets	(56)	(33)	
Interest income	(916)	(283)	
Finance costs	551	1,027	
Share-based payments expenses	896	114	
Operating cash flows before movements in			
working capital	25,861	26,168	
(Increase) decrease in trade and other receivables,			
deposits and prepayments	(13,407)	25,457	
Increase in contract assets	(36,736)	(418)	
Increase (decrease) in trade and retention payables		. ,	
and accruals	15,706	(7,814)	
Increase (decrease) in contract liabilities	7,932	(3,664)	
Cash (used in) generated from operations	(644)	39,729	
Income tax paid	(2,459)		
	(2, 199)		
Net cash (used in) from operating activities	(3,103)	39,729	

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the six months ended 30 September 2024

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Investing activities	016	22.4
Interest received	916	234
Decrease in finance lease receivables	416	42
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(42)	(12,618)
(Placement) withdrawals of pledged bank balances	(7)	7,449
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and		20
equipment	-	20
Advances to non-controlling interest of a subsidiary	-	(1,202)
Repayments from non-controlling interest of a subsidiary		208
a subsidiary		208
Net cash from (used in) investing activities	1,283	(5,867)
Financing activities		
Interest paid on bank loans	(388)	(796)
Interest paid on lease liabilities	(163)	(231)
Advances from non-controlling interest of a subsidiary	-	940
New bank loans raised	17,000	10,000
Repayments of bank loans	(8,240)	(11,947)
Repayments of lease liabilities	(3,779)	(2,465)
Capital contribution from non-controlling interest		
of a subsidiary	49	-
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	4,479	(4,499)

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the six months ended 30 September 2024

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024 HK\$'000	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2,659	29,363
BEGINNING OF PERIOD	98,428	61,859
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF PERIOD represented by bank balances and cash	101,087	91,222

### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements of Accel Group Holdings Limited (the **"Company**", together with its subsidiaries collectively referred to as the **"Group**") have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the **"HKICPA**") as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for financial assets at FVTPL that are measured at fair values at the end of the reporting period.

Other than additional accounting policies resulting from application of amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("**HKFRSs**"), the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2024 are the same as those presented in the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for year ended 31 March 2024.

#### **Application of amendments to HKFRSs**

In the current interim period, the Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA, for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the Group's annual period beginning on 1 April 2024 for the preparation of the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-
	current and related amendments to Hong Kong
	Interpretation 5 (2020)
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants
Amendments to HKAS 7 and	Supplier Finance Arrangements
HKFRS 7	

The application of the amendments to HKFRSs in the current period has had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### 3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Revenue of the Group arose from provision of electrical and mechanical ("**E&M**") engineering services typically rendered in Hong Kong under long-term contracts and were recognised over time during both periods.

The Group provides E&M engineering services to customers which are mainly landlords, construction companies and contractors in Hong Kong private sector. All the Group's provision of E&M engineering services is made directly with the customers.

The executive directors of the Company, being the chief operating decision maker, regularly review revenue recognised and costs incurred for the provision of E&M engineering services and, therefore, consider the Group has only one single reporting and operating segment under HKFRS 8 *Operating Segments*.

All the Group's revenue was earned from customers located in Hong Kong and all its non-current assets (other than financial instruments and deferred tax assets) are situated in Hong Kong.

## 4. OTHER INCOME AND OTHER GAINS

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Other income		
Interest income	916	283
Rental income	78	78
Others	666	948
	1,660	1,309
<b>Other gains</b> Gain on disposal of property, plant and		
equipment	-	20
Gain on derecognition of right-of-use assets	56	33
Adjustment on carrying amount of payments		
for life insurance	450	-
	506	53
	2,166	1,362

## 5. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interest on bank loans	388	796
Interest on lease liabilities	163	231
	551	1,027

## 6. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging:

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	3,012	2,676
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	2,469	2,713
Depreciation of investment property	111	111
Staff costs (including directors' remuneration) – Directors' fees, salaries and allowances and		
discretionary bonuses	43,183	40,465
<ul> <li>Retirement benefit scheme contributions</li> </ul>	1,585	1,384
<ul> <li>Share-based payments expenses</li> </ul>	896	114
Total staff costs	45,664	41,963
Donation	1,000	3,000

### 7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Hong Kong Profits Tax		
– Current tax	3,246	3,268

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% (Unaudited) on the estimated assessable profit for the six months ended 30 September 2024 (six months ended 30 September 2023: 16.5% (Unaudited)), except for Chit Tat Electrical Engineering Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, which is a qualify corporation under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. For this subsidiary, the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits are taxed at 8.25%, and assessable profits above HK\$2 million are taxed at 16.5%.

### 8. **DIVIDENDS**

During the current interim period, a final dividend of HK1.3 cents (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK1.6 cents) per ordinary share in respect of the year ended 31 March 2024 was declared (six months ended 30 September 2023: declared and paid) to the owners of the Company. The aggregate amount of the final dividend declared and recognised as distribution during the current interim period amounted to HK\$10,541,000 (Unaudited) (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$12,800,000 (Unaudited)).

Subsequent to the end of the current interim period, the board of directors of the Company has declared an interim dividend of HK0.6 cents (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK0.7 cents) per ordinary share amounting to HK\$4,865,000 (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$5,600,000) in aggregate for the six months ended 30 September 2024.

#### 9. EARNINGS PER SHARE

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

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Earnings for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share (profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company)	16,312	14,919
		of shares
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares in respect of outstanding share awards of the	801,082,700	800,000,000
Company	2,094,938	155,881
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted earnings per share	803,177,638	800,155,881

## 10. MOVEMENTS IN PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS AND INVESTMENT PROPERTY

During the six months ended 30 September 2024, the Group acquired property, plant and equipment of HK\$42,000 (Unaudited) (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$12,618,000 (Unaudited)).

During the six months ended 30 September 2023, the Group entered into rental agreements for the use of office premises, carpark space, warehouses and motor vehicles ranging from two to four years. On lease commencement of the above new rental agreements, the Group recognised HK\$3,005,000 (Unaudited) of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities, which are non-cash transactions.

During the six months ended 30 September 2024, the Group entered into finance lease arrangement as a lessor for sub-leasing a portion of a warehouse. The related right-of-use assets are derecognised and a gain on derecognition of right-of-use assets amounting to HK\$56,000 (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$33,000) is recognised in profit or loss and presented under other income and other gains (note 4).

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

	At 30 September 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	At 31 March 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Trade receivables Less: Allowance for credit losses	83,986 (1,028)	71,026 (434)
	82,958	70,592
Other receivables Less: Allowance for credit losses	6,634 (1,942)	5,930 (1,942)
	4,692	3,988
Refundable rental deposits ( <i>Note</i> ) Amount due from non-controlling interest of	886	869
a subsidiary Prepayments for purchase of materials and subcontracting fees Prepaid expenses	11 7,853 1,354	11 7,170 2,533
Utility and other deposits	938	716
	98,692	85,879
Analysed as: Current assets Non-current assets	97,806 886	84,417 1,462
	98,692	85,879

Note: Included in the refundable rental deposits as at 30 September 2024 were amounts of HK\$45,000 (Unaudited) (31 March 2024: HK\$45,000 (Audited)) and HK\$20,000 (Unaudited) (31 March 2024: HK\$20,000 (Audited)) paid to Dr. Ko, Ms. Cheung Mei Lam ("Ms. Cheung", who is the wife of Dr. Ko), respectively. The other refundable rental deposits as at 30 September 2024 and 31 March 2024 were paid to independent landlords.

#### **11. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS** (Continued)

Trade receivables represent amounts receivable for work certified after deduction of retention money.

Before accepting any new customer, the Group assesses the potential customer's credit quality and defines credit limits for customers. Recoverability of the existing customers is reviewed by the directors of the Company regularly.

The Group allows generally a credit period of 7 to 90 days to its customers.

The following is an aging analysis of trade receivables of the Group, after netting of impairment losses under expected credit loss model, presented based on dates of work certified by architects, surveyors or other representatives appointed by the customers that approximate to the invoice date at the end of each reporting period.

	At 30 September 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	At 31 March 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
0 to 30 days 31 to 90 days 91 to 180 days Above 180 days	45,748 20,651 4,142 13,445	39,957 19,806 2,566 8,697
Less: Allowance for credit losses	83,986 (1,028) 82,958	71,026 (434) 70,592

#### **11. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS** (Continued)

As at 30 September 2024, included in the Group's trade receivables balances are debtors with aggregate gross carrying amount of HK\$17,587,000 (Unaudited) (31 March 2024: HK\$11,263,000 (Audited)) which are past due 90 days or more as at the reporting date and is not considered as in default because these customers are in the process of internal settlement procedures that the management of the Group has acknowledged and approved the extended credit period.

Details of the impairment assessment are set out in note 13.

#### 12. CONTRACT ASSETS

Contract assets represent the Group's rights to considerations from customers for the provision of E&M engineering services, which arise when: (i) the Group completed the relevant services under such contracts but yet certified by architects, surveyors or other representatives appointed by the customers; and (ii) the customers withhold certain certified amounts payable to the Group as retention money (i.e. retention receivables) to secure the due performance of the contracts.

The increase in gross contract assets from HK\$244,000,000 (Audited) as at 31 March 2024 to HK\$280,736,000 (Unaudited) as at 30 September 2024 was primarily due to an increase in the size of contract works that the relevant services were completed but have not been certified by architects, surveyors or other representatives appointed by customers at the end of the reporting period. As at 30 September 2024, accumulated allowance for credit losses is HK\$2,241,000 (Unaudited) (31 March 2024: HK\$1,951,000 (Audited)).

#### **12. CONTRACT ASSETS** (Continued)

The Group's contracts with customers normally require it to perform the obligation (including, amongst others, primarily rectification of defects identified) under the contracts during the defects liability period generally for 12 to 24 months after issuance of practical completion certificates by customers. 5% to 10% of each interim payment from the customers is usually withheld by the customers as retention receivables in which 50% of the retention receivable is released upon issuance of practical completion certificates, and the remaining 50% of the retention receivable is released upon expiry of the defects liability period set out in the relevant contracts. The carrying amounts of retention receivables included in contract assets are HK\$96,902,000 (Unaudited) (31 March 2024: HK\$97,527,000 (Audited)) (net of allowance for credit losses).

Details of the impairment assessment are set out in note 13.

### 13. IMPAIRMENT LOSSES UNDER EXPECTED CREDIT LOSS MODEL, NET OF REVERSAL

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Impairment losses recognised in respect of: – Trade receivables – Other receivables – Contract assets	594 - 290	_ 1,295 
	884	1,295

The basis of determining the inputs and assumptions and the estimation techniques used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2024 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### 14. TRADE AND RETENTION PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2024	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Trade payables	41,912	29,403
Retention payables	17,852	15,200
Amount due to a non-controlling interest of		
a subsidiary	940	940
Accruals	13,685	13,140
	74,389	58,683

Included in the Group's trade and retention payables as at 30 September 2024 are amounts due to related parties amounting to HK\$5,555,000 (Unaudited) (31 March 2024: HK\$6,895,000 (Audited)), in aggregate, which are trade nature, unsecured, interest-free and repayable according to the relevant agreements.

The credit period of trade payables granted by the Group's suppliers are normally within 60 days. The following is an aged analysis of trade payables of the Group, based on the invoice date at the end of each reporting period:

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2024	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
0 to 30 days	31,508	18,128
31 to 90 days	9,349	10,220
91 to 180 days	-	1,055
181 to 365 days	1,055	-
	41,912	29,403

#### 15. BANK LOANS

The Group's bank loans were lent by a bank under its bank facilities granted to the Group. The bank facilities were secured by corporate guarantee given by the Company (31 March 2024: corporate guarantee given by the Company) in favour of the bank and the Group's two car park spaces and an office premises (31 March 2024: two car park spaces and an office premises).

Notwithstanding any provisions stated in the aforesaid bank facilities, the bank may at any time without prior notice, modify, cancel or suspend the banking facilities, at the sole discretion of such bank; including, without limitation, cancelling any unutilised facilities and declaring any outstanding amount to be immediately due and payable. Accordingly, the Group's bank loans as at 30 September 2024 and 31 March 2024 were classified as current liabilities on those dates.

As at 30 September 2024, bank loans of HK\$22,354,000 (Unaudited) (31 March 2024: HK\$23,594,000 (Audited)) bore variable interest rates at 2.75% per annum (31 March 2024: 2.75% to 2.85% per annum) below Hong Kong Prime Rate. The remaining bank loan at 30 September 2024 bore variable interest rate at 1.75% per annum above one-month Hong Kong Inter-bank Offered Rate. The bank loans were denominated in Hong Kong dollars.

#### 16. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	HK\$′000
Authorised ordinary shares with par value of HK\$0.01 each:		
At 1 April 2023, 30 September 2023,		
1 April 2024 and 30 September 2024	10,000,000,000	100,000
Ordinary shares, issued and fully paid:		
At 1 April 2023	800,000,000	8,000
Issue of ordinary shares (note 20)	10,827,000	108
		0-
At 30 September 2023, 1 April 2024 and		
30 September 2024	810,827,000	8,108

#### **17. PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES**

As at 30 September 2024, performance bonds of HK\$91,265,000 (Unaudited) (31 March 2024: HK\$94,428,000 (Audited)) were given by banks in favour of the Group's customers as security for the due performance and observance of the Group's obligations under the contracts entered into between the Group and its customers. If the Group fails to provide satisfactory performance to its customers to whom performance guarantees have been given, such customers may demand the banks to pay to them the sum or sum stipulated in such demand. The Group will become liable to compensate such banks accordingly. The performance guarantees will be released upon completion of the E&M engineering services.

Included in the performance bonds as at 30 September 2024 were HK\$367,000 (Unaudited) (31 March 2024: HK\$367,000 (Audited)), which were issued under the bank facilities granted by a bank to the Group and such bank facilities were secured by the Group's pledged bank balances and corporate guarantee given by the Company in favour of the bank. The remaining performance bonds as at 30 September 2024 were issued under the bank facilities granted by another bank to the Group and such bank facilities were secured by the Group's two carpark spaces, an office premise and corporate guarantee given by the Company (31 March 2024: two carpark spaces, an office premise and corporate guarantee given by the Company) in favour of the bank.

### **18. RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS**

Save as disclosed elsewhere in the condensed consolidated financial statements, the Group had the following transactions with its related parties during the reporting period:

## (a) The Group had the following transactions with related parties

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Subcontracting charges paid to Shun Tat Air Conditioning Engineering Company, a company controlled by a grandson of the uncle of Dr. Ko Subcontracting charges and information technology maintenance service fees paid to Yuk Shing Advertising & Decoration Engineering Co., a company controlled by a	1,212	1,096
brother of Dr. Ko	1,211	93
Purchases of construction materials from Mibuka Denki Electrical Controls Limited, a company controlled by Dr. Ko	-	139
Purchases of construction materials and others from Chit Shing Air Conditioning Trading Limited, a company controlled by a grandson of the uncle of Dr. Ko Staff costs paid to employees who are Mr. Ko Chun Hei Rand, son of Dr. Ko and Ms. Cheung, a nephew and a niece of Dr. Ko and brothers, a brother-in-law, a nephew and nieces of Ms. Cheung (2023: a nephew and a niece of	16,362	16,366
Dr. Ko and brothers, a brother-in-law, a nephew and nieces of Ms. Cheung)	1,660	1,713
Amounts paid to Milan Development Limited, a company	.,	.,,
wholly-owned by Ms. Cheung ( <i>Note i</i> ) – Interest expenses on lease liabilities	7	1
– Lease liabilities Amounts paid to Dr. Ko ( <i>Note ii</i> )	174	14
- Interest expenses on lease liabilities	10	13
– Lease liabilities	124	120
Amounts paid to Ms. Cheung (Note iii) – Interest expenses on lease liabilities	4	6
– Lease liabilities	55	54

(a)

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#### **18. RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS** (Continued)

# **The Group had the following transactions with related parties** (*Continued*)

Notes:

- As at 30 September 2024, the carrying amount of the relevant right-of-use assets was HK\$335,000 (Unaudited) (31 March 2024: HK\$510,000 (Audited)) and the carrying amount of the lease liabilities was HK\$340,000 (Unaudited) (31 March 2024: HK\$514,000 (Audited)).
- (ii) As at 30 September 2024, the carrying amount of the relevant right-of-use assets was HK\$567,000 (Unaudited) (31 March 2024: HK\$693,000 (Audited)) and the carrying amount of the lease liabilities was HK\$582,000 (Unaudited) (31 March 2024: HK\$706,000 (Audited)).
- (iii) As at 30 September 2024, the carrying amount of the relevant right-of-use assets was HK\$252,000 (Unaudited) (31 March 2024: HK\$308,000 (Audited)) and the carrying amount of the lease liabilities was HK\$259,000 (Unaudited) (31 March 2024: HK\$314,000 (Audited)).

The above transactions were conducted in accordance with the terms of the relevant agreements.

#### (b) Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel of the Group is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024 HK\$′000	2023 HK\$′000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Short-term employee benefits	2,813	2,830
Post-employment benefits	45	36
Share-based payments expense	119	12
	2,977	2,878

(c) As at 30 September 2024, the Group was granted certain bank facilities which were secured by personal guarantees of Dr. Ko and Ms. Cheung (31 March 2024: personal guarantees of Dr. Ko and Ms. Cheung) at nil consideration.

#### **19. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

# Fair value of the Group's financial assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis

The Group's financial asset at FVTPL is measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. The following table gives information about how the fair value of the financial asset is determined (in particular, the valuation technique and inputs used), as well as the level of the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurements are categorised (Levels 1 to 3) based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements is observable.

For valuation technique using discounted cash flows, the discount rate used take into consideration the credit risk of the relevant counterparties of the contracts or the Group, as appropriate.

	Fair value as at			
Financial asset	30 September 2024	31 March 2024	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation(s) technique and key input(s)
Project loan	Assets – HK\$5,000,000	Assets – HK\$5,000,000	Level 3	Valuation techniques: Discounted cash flow
				Key inputs: Forward interest rates, contracted interest rates and discount rate

There is no transfer amongst level 1, 2 and 3 during the period.

Reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements:

	Financial asset at FVTPL HK\$'000
At 1 April 2024 and 30 September 2024	5,000

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## **19.** FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

# Fair value measurement of financial instruments that are not measured at fair value on a recurring basis

The management of the Group considers that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in the condensed consolidated financial statements approximate their fair values.

#### 20. SHARE AWARD SCHEME AND SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company's share award scheme (the **"2023 Share Award Scheme**") was adopted pursuant to a resolution passed on 15 September 2023 for the primary purpose of providing incentives, retaining and rewarding the eligible employees. The 2023 Share Award Scheme is valid and effective for a period of 10 years commencing from 15 September 2023. There is no performance target attached to the awarded shares and vesting will take place on 31 March of each year beginning in 2024 and ending in 2033 and shall be vested in 10 equal tranches. On 28 March 2024, the Company allotted and issued 10,827,000 new shares to the trustee to hold on trust. As at 30 September 2024, the number of awarded shares which were granted (but not yet vested) under the 2023 Share Award Scheme were 9,279,900. No awarded shares were granted, vested and cancelled under the 2023 Share Award Scheme during the period.

### **20.** SHARE AWARD SCHEME AND SHARE OPTION SCHEME (Continued)

The table below discloses movement of the 2023 Share Award Scheme:

	Number of shares
Outstanding at 1 April 2024 Lapsed during the period	9,744,300 (464,400)
Outstanding at 30 September 2024	9,279,900

The closing price of the Company's shares on the date of grant is HK\$1.05 per share.

Out of the aggregate 10,827,000 awarded shares, 2,022,000 awarded shares are granted to five employees who are also the connected persons of Group.

Amounts of share-based payment expenses of HK\$896,000 (30 September 2024: HK\$114,000 (Unaudited)) for share awards of the Company have been recognised in the profit or loss during the six months ended 30 September 2024.

#### 21. CAPITAL AND OTHER COMMITMENTS

	At 30 September 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	At 31 March 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Commitments contracted for but not provided in the condensed consolidated financial statements:		
Capital commitment on acquisition of property, plant and equipment Other commitment on subscription of investor shares	353	353
Shares	10,353	353