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# LISI GROUP (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

利時集團(控股)有限公司 (Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 526)

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 AND APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY

The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of Lisi Group (Holdings) Limited (the "Company", together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") announces the unaudited consolidated results of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2023 (the "Reporting Period") together with the comparative figures as follows:

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the six months ended 30 September 2023 – unaudited (*Expressed in Renminbi* ("*RMB*"))

		Six month 30 Septe	
		2023	2022
	Note	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
<b>Continuing Operations</b>			
Revenue	3	1,334,269	1,277,444
Cost of sales		(961,055)	(933,359)
Gross profit	3(b)	373,214	344,085
Other income	4	142,918	8,233
Selling and distribution expenses		(49,066)	(49,204)
Administrative expenses		(59,264)	(63,864)

		Six months ended 30 September		
		2023	2022	
	Note	RMB'000	RMB'000	
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Profit from operations		407,802	239,250	
Finance costs	5(a)	(19,364)	(26,770)	
Net valuation loss on investment properties		(19,559)	(3,918)	
Impairment losses on financial assets and				
contract assets	5(c)	(5,914)	(2,601)	
Profit before taxation	5	362,965	205,961	
Income tax	6	(69,774)	(37,195)	
Profit for the period from Continuing Operations		293,191	168,766	
Discontinued Operations				
Profit for the period from Discontinued				
Operations	8		2,067,715	
Profit for the period attributable to equity shareholders of the Company		293,191	2,236,481	
Earnings per share – Basic and diluted (RMB cent)	7			
From Continuing Operations	7	3.6	2.1	
Form Discontinued Operations		-	25.7	
rom Discontinued Operations			23.1	
From Continuing Operations and				
Discontinued Operations		3.6	27.8	

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

For the six months ended 30 September 2023 – unaudited (*Expressed in RMB*)

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Profit for the period	293,191	2,236,481
Other comprehensive income for the period (after tax and reclassification adjustments):		
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
– Exchange differences on translation into		
presentation currency	(6,910)	(14,155)
Other comprehensive income for the period	(6,910)	(14,155)
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to equity shareholders of the		
Company	286,281	2,222,326

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# At 30 September 2023 – unaudited (*Expressed in RMB*)

	Note	30 September 2023 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 March 2023 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
<b>Non-current assets</b> Property, plant and equipment Investment properties Financial assets at fair value through profit or		373,697 542,592	434,848 562,151
loss ("FVPL") Deferred tax assets		796,896 17,098	803,773 19,348
		1,730,283	1,820,120
<b>Current assets</b> Inventories Trade and other receivables and contract assets Prepayments Restricted cash Cash and cash equivalents	9 9	309,515 1,233,266 171,920 273,079 370,145 2,357,925	346,003 922,668 81,013 247,465 453,497 2,050,646
<b>Current liabilities</b> Trade and other payables Bank and other loans Lease liabilities Income tax payable	10	637,786 715,226 12,647 85,757	712,338 758,054 16,541 20,294
		1,451,416	1,507,227
Net current assets		906,509	543,419
Total assets less current liabilities		2,636,792	2,363,539

		30 September	31 March
	<b>N</b> 7 .	2023	2023
	Note	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Non-current liabilities			
Bank and other loans		89,990	90,000
Lease liabilities		18,939	22,592
Deferred tax liabilities		166,600	175,965
		275,529	288,557
NET ASSETS		2,361,263	2,074,982
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	11(b)	69,888	69,888
Reserves		2,291,375	2,005,094
TOTAL EQUITY		2,361,263	2,074,982

## NOTES

## 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

This interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange" and the "Listing Rules" respectively), including compliance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34, *Interim financial reporting*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA").

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2023 annual financial statements, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the 2024 annual financial statements. Details of any changes in accounting policies are set out in Note 2.

The preparation of an interim financial report in conformity with HKAS 34 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

This interim financial information contains condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the 2023 annual financial statements. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for a full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs").

## 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Changes in accounting policies

The Group has applied the following amendments to the HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA for the current accounting period:

- HKFRS 17, Insurance Contracts
- Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2, Disclosure of Accounting Policies
- Amendments to HKAS 8, Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors: Definition of accounting estimates
- Amendments to HKAS 12 Income taxes: Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction
- Amendments to HKAS 12, Income taxes: International tax reform Pillar Two model rules

The group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

## 3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING

## (a) Disaggregation of revenue

Disaggregation of revenue by major products of service lines is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Continuing Operations		
Revenue from contracts with customers		
within the scope of HKFRS 15		
Disaggregated by major products of service lines		
– sales of goods	1,192,126	1,169,297
– rendering of services	110,236	67,957
	1,302,362	1,237,254
Revenue from other sources		
– investment income	12,316	22,096
- rental income from operating leases	19,591	18,094
	31,907	40,190
	1,334,269	1,277,444

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by timing of revenue recognition is disclosed as follows:

	Six months ended		
	<b>30 September</b>		
	<b>2023</b> 2		
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Continuing Operations			
Revenue from contracts with customers			
within the scope of HKFRS 15			
Disaggregated by timing of revenue recognition			
– Point in time	1,197,697	1,172,986	
– Over time	104,665	64,268	
	1,302,362	1,237,254	

## (b) Segment reporting

The Group manages its business by lines of business. The Group's reportable segment for the Reporting Period are presented as follows:

### **Continuing Operations**

- Manufacturing and trading: this segment manufactures and trades plastic and metallic household products.
- Retail: this segment manages the supermarket operations and property rental services.
- Wholesale: this segment carries out the wholesale of wine and electrical appliances business, and provides central air-conditioner installation services.
- Investments holding: this segment manages the investments in debt and equity securities.

### **Discontinued Operations**

- Car-sale: this segment carries out the trading of imported cars.
- Car trading platform: this segment provides imported cars platform services and property rental services.

No operating segments have been aggregated to form the above reportable segments.

(i) Segment results

For the purposes of assessing segment performance and allocating resources between segments, the Group's most senior executive management monitors the results attributable to each reportable segment on the following bases:

Revenue and net income are allocated to the reportable segments with reference to revenue and net income generated by those segments and the expenses incurred by those segments. Inter-segment sales are priced with reference to prices charged to external parties for similar products or services. Other than inter-segment sales, assistance provided by one segment to another is not measured.

The measure used for reporting segment result is gross profit. The Group's operating expenses such as selling and distribution expenses and administrative expenses, and assets and liabilities are not monitored by the Group's senior executive management based on segment. Accordingly, neither information on segment assets and liabilities nor information concerning capital expenditure, interest income not derived from investment in debt or equity securities, interest expenses and reconciliation of reportable segment profit to consolidated profit before tax is presented.

Information regarding the Group's reportable segments as provided to the Group's most senior executive management for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance for the Reporting Period and the six months ended 30 September 2022 is set out below.

				Six months ended	d 30 September 202	3 (Unaudited)			
		Cont	tinuing Operations			Disco	ntinued Operations		
	Manufacturing			Investments			Car trading		
	and trading	Retail	Wholesale	holding	Sub-total	Car-sale	platform	Sub-total	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Revenue from external customers	708,906	164,327	448,720	12,316	1,334,269	-	-	-	1,334,269
Inter-segment revenue			38,074		38,074				38,074
Reportable segment revenue	708,906	164,327	486,794	12,316	1,372,343				1,372,343
Reportable segment gross profit	228,082	46,030	86,786	12,316	373,214		_		373,214
				Six months ende	d 30 September 2022	2 (Unaudited)			
		Con	tinuing Operations	Six months ende	d 30 September 2022		ontinued Operations		
	Manufacturing	Con	tinuing Operations	Six months ende	d 30 September 2022		ontinued Operations Car trading		
	Manufacturing and trading	Con	tinuing Operations Wholesale		d 30 September 2022		1	Sub-total	Total
	0			Investments		Disco	Car trading	Sub-total RMB'000	
Revenue from external customers	and trading	Retail	Wholesale	Investments holding	Sub-total	Disco	Car trading platform		Total <i>RMB'000</i> 1,278,193
Revenue from external customers Inter-segment revenue	and trading RMB'000	Retail RMB'000	Wholesale RMB'000	Investments holding RMB'000	Sub-total RMB'000	Disco	Car trading platform RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
	and trading RMB'000 751,916	Retail <i>RMB</i> '000 168,931	Wholesale <i>RMB</i> '000 334,501	Investments holding RMB'000	Sub-total RMB'000 1,277,444	Disco	Car trading platform RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000

(ii) Reconciliations of reportable segment revenue

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2023	2022	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Continuing Operations			
Reportable segment revenue	1,372,343	1,326,062	
Elimination of inter-segment revenue	(38,074)	(48,618)	
Consolidated revenue	1,334,269	1,277,444	

## 4. OTHER INCOME

	Six months ended 30 September	
	<b>2023</b> 20	
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Continuing Operations		
Government grants	6,933	2,918
Interest income on cash at bank	5,096	3,987
Gain/(loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	131,573	(48)
Others	(684)	1,376
	142,918	8,233

## 5. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

## **Continuing Operations**

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

## (a) Finance costs

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2023	
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interest on bank and other borrowings	18,385	25,451
Interest on lease liabilities	949	1,278
Net foreign exchange difference	30	41
Total borrowing costs	19,364	26,770

# (b) Staff costs

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2023	
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Salaries, wages and other benefits	67,463	72,509
Contributions to defined contribution retirement plans	4,430	2,824
	71,893	75,333

## (c) Other items

	Six months ended 30 September	
	<b>2023</b> 20	
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Cost of inventories	859,913	880,681
Depreciation and amortization		
- owned property, plant and equipment	37,415	35,721
– right-of-use assets	7,873	9,521
Impairment losses on financial assets and contract assets	5,914	2,601

### 6. INCOME TAX

	Six months ended		
	<b>30 September</b>		
	<b>2023</b> 20		
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Continuing Operations			
Current taxation			
- Provision for the six months period	75,282	39,891	
- Under/(over)-provision in respect of prior years	1,606	(2,529)	
	76,888	37,362	
Deferred taxation:			
- Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(7,114)	(167)	
	69,774	37,195	

Notes:

- (i) Hong Kong Profits Tax rate for the Reporting Period is 16.5% (six months ended 30 September 2022: 16.5%). No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the Company and the subsidiaries of the Group incorporated in Hong Kong did not have assessable profits subject to Hong Kong Profits Tax for the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2022: RMBNil).
- (ii) The Group established in the Mainland China are subject to PRC Corporate Income Tax rate of 25% for the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2022: 25%). One of the Group's subsidiaries in the Mainland China enjoyed a preferential PRC Corporate Income Tax rate of 15% applicable for enterprise with advanced and new technologies.
- (iii) Subsidiaries incorporated in other jurisdictions are not subject to any income tax pursuant to the rules and regulations of their respective countries of incorporation.

## 7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

## (a) **Basic earnings per share**

The calculation of basic earnings per share for the Reporting Period is based on the profit attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company and the weighted average of 8,044,020,000 ordinary shares (2022: 8,044,020,000 ordinary shares) in issue during the Reporting Period.

	3	0 September 202	23	3	0 September 202	.2
	Continuing Operations <i>RMB'000</i>	Discontinued Operations <i>RMB'000</i>	Total RMB'000	Continuing Operations <i>RMB'000</i>	Discontinued Operations <i>RMB'000</i>	Total RMB'000
Profit for the period attributable to equity shareholders of the						
Company	293,191		293,191	168,766	2,067,715	2,236,481

## (b) Diluted earnings per share

There were no potential dilutive ordinary shares from Continuing Operations and Discontinued Operations during the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2022: Nil).

## 8. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

In view of the continuous low performance of the trading of imported cars business and the provision of imported cars platform services business (collectively, the "Automotive Business"), the directors of the Company considered that the full recovery of Automotive Business will be no earlier than the end of 2023 and it was difficult to ascertain and predict when exactly it will take place. On 6 May 2022, the Company entered into an agreement with Kenpay International Company Limited ("Purchaser"), a third party, to sell the entire issued share capital of Robust Cooperation Limited ("Robust") and Mega Convention Group Limited ("Mega") (collectively, the "Disposal Group") to the Purchaser at a consideration of HK\$3,000,000 (approximately RMB2,565,000). The Disposal was completed on 21 June 2022. Upon the completion of the Disposal, the Group ceased to engage in the Automotive Business.

The Disposal Group represented (i) the Car-sale segment and (ii) the Car trading platform segment (collectively, the "Discontinued Operations"). Accordingly, the consolidated results of the Discontinued Operations for the period from 1 April 2022 to 21 June 2022 have been presented as Discontinued Operations in the condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with HKFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations and the comparative figures of the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and corresponding notes have been showed the Discontinued Operations separately from Continuing Operations.

## 8(a). RESULTS OF THE DISCOUNTINUED OPERATIONS

	For the
	period from
	1 April 2022
	to 21 June
	2022
	RMB'000
	(Audited)
Revenue	749
Administrative expenses	(821)
Finance costs	(52,310)
Impairment losses on financial assets and guarantee contracts	(3,216)
Loss before taxation	(55,598)
Income tax	(1,045)
Loss for the period from Discontinued Operations	(56,643)
Net gain on disposal of the Discontinued Operations	2,124,358
Gain from Discontinued Operations	2,067,715

# 8(b). The net cash flows incurred by the Discontinued Operations are as follows:

	At 31 March 2023 <i>RMB'000</i>
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	4
Net cash generated from investing activities	_
Net cash used in financing activities	
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	4

# 8(c). Effect on disposal on financial position of the Group

	At
	21 June
	2022
	RMB'000
	(Audited)
Non-current assets	1,245,403
Current assets	455,644
Current liabilities	(3,596,841)
Non-current liabilities	(266,734)
Net liabilities disposed of	(2,162,528)
Cash consideration (HK\$3 million)	(2,565)
Exchange difference reclassified to profit or loss	40,735
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries	(2,124,358)

# 9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, CONTRACT ASSETS AND PREPAYMENTS

	At 30 September 2023	At 31 March 2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Trade receivables from: – Third parties	150,263	141,304
<ul> <li>Companies under the control of a shareholder of the Company (<i>Note</i> (<i>i</i>))</li> <li>Bills receivable</li> </ul>	782,760	578,552 293
	933,023	720,149
Less: loss allowance	(23,323)	(23,165)
	909,700	696,984
Amounts due from companies under the control of a shareholder		1.000
of the Company (Note (ii))	333	1,006
Other receivables	34,195	45,013
Less: loss allowance	(6,578)	(1,525)
	27,617	43,488
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	937,650	741,478
Compensation for land resumption	91,372	
Deposits:		
- Deposits for operating leases expenses	<b>5</b> 000	5 200
paid to third parties – Others	5,900 7,625	5,209 15,300
	13,525	20,509
Trade and other receivables (Note (iii))	1,042,547	761,987
Contract assets (Note (iv))	190,719	160,681
	1,233,266	922,668
Prepayments:		
- Prepayments to suppliers	160,529	76,905
– Others	11,391	4,108
	171,920	81,013

### Notes:

- (i) The balance mainly related to transactions under an export agency agreement entered into between the Group and a company under the control of a shareholder of the Company.
- (ii) The amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed terms of repayment.
- (iii) All of the trade and other receivables are expected to be recovered or recognized as expenses within one year.
- (iv) Contract assets are mainly arising from performance under the sale and installation of HVAC. The Group's HVAC business requires stage payments. A 20% to 30% of the consideration of goods will be payable after the completion of the installation inspection. This amount is included in contract assets until the completion of installation inspection as the Group's entitlement to this final payment is conditional upon the Group's work satisfactorily passing inspection. The contract assets are expected to by fully recovered in three years.

### Ageing analysis

Included in trade and other receivables are trade receivables (net of loss allowance) with the following ageing analysis (based on earlier of the invoice date and revenue recognition) as of the end of the reporting period:

	At	At
	<b>30 September</b>	31 March
	2023	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Within 1 month	163,205	123,042
More than 1 month but less than 3 months	286,755	214,006
Over 3 months	459,740	359,643
	909,700	696,691

## 10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

30 September 2023 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 March 2023 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Trade payables to:157,472- Third parties157,472- Companies under the control of shareholders of the Company102,370	217,103 115,735
259,842           Bills payable         219,952	332,838 173,824
479,794         Amounts due to companies under the control of shareholders of the Company (Note (i))         49	506,662
Accrued charges and other payables:19,960- Accrued expenses19,960- Payables for staff related costs75,959- Deposits from customers and suppliers:8,914	24,272 73,420 8,851
- Payables for miscellaneous taxes - Others 4,299 15,018 124,150	2,290 8,052 116,885
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost603,993Contract liabilities33,793637,786	623,547 88,791 712,338

## Note:

(i) The amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed terms of repayment.

All of the trade and other payables are expected to be settled or recognised as revenue within one year or are repayable on demand.

Included in trade and other payables are trade and bills payables with the following ageing analysis (based on the invoice date) as of the end of the reporting period:

	At	At
	<b>30 September</b>	31 March
	2023	2023
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Within 1 month	154,396	240,410
Over 1 month but within 3 months	152,001	77,758
Over 3 months but within 6 months	148,116	122,526
Over 6 months	25,281	65,968
	479,794	506,662

## 11. CAPITAL, RESERVES AND DIVIDENDS

## (a) Dividends

(*i*) Dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company attributable to the interim period.

The directors of the Company did not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2022: RMBNil).

# (*ii*) Dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company attributable to the previous financial year, approved during the interim period.

No dividend in respect of the previous financial period has been approved during the Reporting Period (six months ended 30 September 2022: RMBNil).

## (b) Share capital

	Six months ended 30 September 2023		Year ended 31 March 2023	
	No. of shares '000	HK\$'000	No. of shares '000	HK\$'000
Authorised: Ordinary shares at HK\$0.01 each	10,000,000	100,000	10,000,000	100,000
	Six months ended 30 September 2023		Year ended 31 March 2023	
	No. of shares '000	RMB'000	No. of shares '000	RMB'000
<b>Ordinary shares, issued</b> <b>and fully paid:</b> At 1 April and at 30				
September/31 March	8,044,020	69,888	8,044,020	69,888

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company. All ordinary shares rank equally with regard to the Company's residual assets.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

# **General Information**

# **Continuing Operations**

The Group's Continuing Operations consist of four segments: (i) manufacturing and trading business; (ii) retail business; (iii) wholesale business; and (iv) investments holding business. These segments collectively recorded revenue of approximately RMB1,334.3 million for the Reporting Period, representing an increase of 4.4% when compared to the revenue of approximately RMB1,277.4 million recorded in the corresponding period last year. The net profit of the Continuing Operations for the Reporting Period amounted to approximately RMB293.2 million when compared to the net profit of approximately RMB168.8 million recorded in the corresponding period last year.

The Group's basic and diluted earnings per share of the Continuing Operations for the Reporting Period were both RMB3.6 cents, while the Group's basic and diluted earnings per share of the Continuing Operations for the corresponding period last year were both RMB2.10 cents.

# **Discontinued Operations**

On 6 May 2022, the Group entered into an agreement to sell its Automotive Business, which encompassed the car-sale business and car trading platform business, for a total consideration of HK\$3.0 million (approximately RMB2.6 million). The Disposal was fully completed on 21 June 2022, resulting in a gain on disposal of approximately RMB2,124.4 million that was recognized during the period ended 30 September 2022.

Excluding the gain on disposal of the Automotive Business, the net loss of the Discontinued Operations for the period between 1 April 2022 to 21 June 2022 amounted to approximately RMB56.6 million.

# Net Assets, Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 30 September 2023, the Group's net assets increased to approximately RMB2,361.3 million, resulting in a net asset value per share of RMB29.4 cents. The increase in net assets was primarily attributed to the compensation to the Company from the resumption of land by the local government of Ningbo Municipality, the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") (the "Land Resumption"). For the details of the Land Resumption, please be referred to the announcement of the Company dated 24 July 2023.

As at 30 September 2023, the Group's total assets amounted to approximately RMB4,088.2 million, including cash and bank deposits of approximately RMB370.1 million. Bank and other loans amounted to approximately RMB805.2 million. The Group's debt-to-equity ratio (bank loans and other borrowings over total equity) decreased from 40.9% as at 31 March 2023 to 34.1% as at 30 September 2023, such decrease mainly due to the increase in the equity during the Reporting Period.

Most of the Group's business transactions were conducted in RMB and US\$. As at 30 September 2023, the Group's major borrowings included bank loans, which had an outstanding balance of approximately RMB769.6 million. The loans from shareholders was approximately RMB35.6 million. All of the Group's borrowings are denominated in RMB, HK\$, and US\$.

# **Pledge of Assets**

As at 30 September 2023, the Group's leasehold land and buildings and investment properties, with a carrying amount of approximately RMB487.9 million, were pledged as collateral to secure the Group's bank loans and facilities. Bank deposits amounting to approximately RMB273.1 million were pledged as collateral for the Group's bank loans and bills, letter of credit and security performance.

# **Prepayment to Suppliers**

As at 30 September 2023, the balance of prepayment to suppliers was approximately RMB160.5 million. Subsequent to 30 September 2023, the utilization of the prepayment to suppliers was approximately RMB39.7 million or 24.7% of the balance and RMB95.9 million or 59.8% of the balance was refunded.

# **Capital Expenditure and Commitments**

The Group will continue to allocate a reasonable amount of resources towards enhancing operational efficiency and meeting the needs of its customers and the demands of the market. To achieve these goals, the Group plans to optimize the utilization of its assets and improve its capital assets. Funding for these initiatives primarily come from trading revenue generated from operations and bank borrowings. The Group will also explore alternative debt and equity financing options to support its growth and expansion plans.

As at 30 September 2023, the Group had total capital commitments in respect of acquisition of plant and machinery of RMB2.3 million.

# **Significant Investments**

As at 30 September 2023, the Group held investments primarily in (i) investment properties of approximately RMB542.6 million, which represented eight properties situated in Ningbo and rented out under operating leases. The investment properties in aggregate constituted approximately 13.3% of the Group's total assets as at 30 September 2023; and (ii) financial assets at fair value through profit or loss of approximately RMB796.9 million, which represented the financial products offered by the National Trust Company Limited ("National Trust"). As at 30 September 2023, the fair value of the financial products in aggregate constituted approximately 19.5% of the Group's total assets. The Group did not hold any other significant investment with a value of 5% or more of the Group's total assets.

# **Investment properties**

The Group's investment properties in Ningbo, the PRC, comprising shopping arcade, retail shops, and warehouse, are rented out under operating leases to generate long-term rental yields. These investment properties are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. During the Reporting Period, the Group recorded a valuation loss of approximately RMB19.6 million on its investment properties. As at 30 September 2023, the investment properties were valued at approximately RMB542.6 million, constituting 13.3% of the Group's total assets. As at the date of this announcement, the Group plans to continue holding these investment properties for long-term rental yields.

# **Financial assets**

Purchase of the financial products has been one of the means by the Group's management to increase the Group's income. The Group utilized certain idle funds to subscribe for certain financial products from National Trust. The Group's investment policies for the investments in financial products are formulated with reference to rating of the financial products. Given (i) the underlying assets of the National Trust Financial Products are investment in state-owned enterprise with ultimate beneficial owners being governmental authorities of the PRC; (ii) the National Trust Financial Products are regular return products where at least 80% of its underlying assets and interests are deposits, bonds and other debt investments; and (iii) the historic income of the National Trust Financial Products having been stable, the Group considers the risk of the investment in the National Trust Financial Products are relatively low.

The trust investment products reach maturity consecutively between April 2023 and September 2023. On 14 March 2023, the Group entered into supplemental agreements to extend the respective terms of the National Trust Financial Products from 36 months to 54 months. For details of the extension of the financial products, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 14 March 2023 and 11 April 2023 and the circular of the Company dated 12 April 2023.

# **Exposure to Foreign-Exchange Fluctuations**

The Company utilizes the RMB as its functional currency, and the Group's monetary assets and liabilities are primarily denominated in RMB, HK\$, and US\$. The Group acknowledges that its exposure to foreign currency fluctuations is closely linked to the performance of the RMB exchange rate. However, as the RMB has not yet achieved international hard currency status, there are currently no effective methods available to hedge this risk for the Group's size and cash flow pattern.

As the Government of the PRC is driving RMB to get more internationalized and towards free floating in the future, we expect more hedging tools will be available in the currency market. The Group will monitor closely the development of currency policy of the PRC Government and the availability of the hedging tools which are appropriate for the operations of manufacturing business in this respect.

# **Segment Information**

After the disposal of the Automotive Business, the Group will concentrate its resources and efforts on its remaining business segments, comprising the manufacturing and trading business, retail business, wholesale business, and investment holding business.

In terms of geographical segmentation, the Group's main markets consist of the PRC, Europe, and the United States, which collectively accounted for 97.1% of the Group's total revenue during the Reporting Period. Among these markets, with the PRC contributed 50.6% of the Group's revenue while Europe and the United States contributed 46.5%. The remaining 2.9% was generated from other markets.

# **Contingent Liabilities**

The Group had no significant contingent liabilities as at 30 September 2023.

# **Employee Information**

As at 30 September 2023, the Group have a workforce of 1,832 employees who work at the chain stores, offices and factories situated in Hong Kong and the PRC. The Group provided its employees with competitive remuneration packages that were aligned with their responsibilities, qualifications, experience, and performance. In addition to offering competitive compensation, the Group provided its employees with opportunities for continuing professional development, including providing management skills workshops, practical seminars for knowledge updates, on-the-job training, and safety training programs.

# **Review of Operations**

During the Reporting Period, the Group recorded a net profit of approximately RMB293.2 million, compared to a net profit of approximately RMB2,236.5 million in the corresponding period last year. This significant decrease of the net profit was attributed primarily to the disposal of the Automotive Business in 2022, which resulted in a gain on disposal of approximately RMB2,124.4 million in the corresponding period last year.

# **Revenue from the Continuing Operations**

During the Reporting Period, the Group recorded revenue from the Continuing Operations of approximately RMB1,334.3 million, representing an increase of 4.4% when compared with the revenue of approximately RMB1,277.4 million recorded for the corresponding period last year.

# Manufacturing and Trading Business

During the Reporting Period, the manufacturing and trading business segment generated revenue of approximately RMB708.9 million, representing a decrease of 5.7% compared to the corresponding period last year's revenue of approximately RMB751.9 million. The decrease in revenue in this segment is mainly due to the severe competition in overseas markets as a result of the easing of pandemic control measures by various countries after the pandemic. In addition to cost-cutting measures, the management team of the Group will continuously make efforts to consolidate our established customer base and explore other opportunities in the market.

# **Retail Business**

The revenue in the Group's retail business for the Reporting Period decreased by 2.7% to approximately RMB164.3 million, compared to approximately RMB168.9 million in the corresponding period last year. The main reason for the decline in revenue was attributed to the heightened market competition posed by e-commerce platforms and major supermarket chains.

## Wholesale Business

The revenue in the Group's wholesale business increased by 34.1% to approximately RMB448.7 million, compared to approximately RMB334.5 million in the corresponding period last year. The wholesale business in wines and beverages decrease slightly, while the electrical appliances segment, particularly heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), recorded a well increase in revenue. This achievement can be attributed to the Group's collaboration with large property companies, which helped to drive growth in this segment.

# **Investments Holding Business**

The Group's investment income decreased by 44.3% to approximately RMB12.3 million during the Reporting Period, compared to approximately RMB22.1 million in the corresponding period last year.

## **Revenue from the Discontinued Operation**

# Car-sale business and car trading platform business

The trading and sales of imported car business, car trading platform and property rental business contributed approximately RMB0.7 million for the period from 1 April 2022 to 21 June 2022.

# PROSPECTS

# Strengthening our competence and competitiveness in the Manufacturing and Trading Business

Despite the challenging and volatile market environment following the COVID-19 outbreak, the Group committed to prioritizing cost control measures and concentrating on higher-margin products and customers to enhance its business and financial performance. The Group will continue to implement cost control measures, such as streamlining management sales resources and making structural changes in procurement and manufacturing planning.

Furthermore, the Group will maintain its focus on developing and introducing new products to meet the evolving needs of its diverse customer base. The Group will also expand its customer base in both existing and emerging markets, with the aim of achieving continuous growth and enhancing its overall performance.

# Optimization of retail business and expansion of the wholesale business with growth potential

Through the optimization of the product structure and enhancement of product display in supermarket, including dedicated sections for local characteristic products, new arrivals, and discounted items, the diverse shopping habits and preferences of our customers can be satisfied. Furthermore, the direct sourcing of fresh food from source suppliers allows us to lower the costs while delivering products with superior quality and value to consumers.

The Group's wholesale business segment, specifically the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) wholesale business, is still growing with the effective sales strategy and efforts of the business team. To further expand this business segment into various regions across the country, the Group will adopt a long-term approach by collaborating with large and well-established real estate developer. The Group is optimistic that this business segment will be expanded continuously and to have a well performance.

The Group will closely monitor the volatility of global financial markets and industry risks, maintain effective communication with our clients, and make timely adjustments to its sales strategies to achieve its goal of continuous business growth and performance improvement.

# DIRECTOR'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

Name	Capacity	Number of shares/ underlying shares (Note 1)	Approximate percentage of the issued share capital of the Company
Mr. Li Lixin	Note 2	2,755,137,680 (L) 1,687,282,681 (S)	34.25% 20.98%

Note 1: (L) denotes long positions (S) denotes short positions

Note 2: Mr. Li Lixin's interest in 2,755,137,680 shares is held as to 17,822,000 shares personally, 1,382,141,014 shares through Big-Max Manufacturing Co., Limited ("Big-Max") and 1,355,174,666 shares through Shi Hui Holdings Limited ("Shi Hui"). The issued share capital of Big-Max and Shi Hui are wholly owned by Mr. Li Lixin.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors and chief executive of the Company nor their associates had any interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which would have to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which each of them has taken or deemed to have taken under the SFO), or which would be required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register required to be kept therein, or which would be required, pursuant to the Model Code, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange as at 30 September 2023.

# SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

		Number of shares/	Approximate percentage of the issued share capital
Name	Capacity	underlying shares (Note)	of the Company
Big-Max Manufacturing Co., Limited	Beneficial owner	1,382,141,014 (L) 893,521,680 (S)	17.18% 11.11%
Shi Hui Holdings Limited	Beneficial owner	1,355,174,666 (L) 793,761,001 (S)	16.85% 9.87%
Central Huijin Investment Limited	Person having a security interest in shares/ interest in controlled corporation	1,815,343,680 (L)	22.57%
China Construction Bank Corporation	Person having a security interest in shares/ interest in controlled corporation	1,815,343,680 (L)	22.57%
Cheng Weihong	Interest in controlled corporation	1,849,407,702 (L) 398,000,000 (S)	22.99% 4.95%
Tong Shiping	Interest of spouse	1,849,407,702 (L) 398,000,000 (S)	22.99% 4.95%
Mighty Mark Investments Limited	Beneficial owner	956,407,702 (L)	11.89%
Poly Platinum Enterprises Limited	Beneficial owner/Person having a security interest in shares	933,000,000 (L)	11.60%
Greater Bay Area Homeland Development Fund (GP) Limited	Person having a security interest in shares/ interest in controlled corporation	933,000,000 (L)	11.60%

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Name	Capacity	Number of shares/ underlying shares (Note)	capital of the Company
Greater Bay Area Homeland Investments Limited	Person having a security interest in shares/ interest in controlled corporation	933,000,000 (L)	11.60%
Hopeful Glad Limited	Beneficial owner	893,000,000 (L) 398,000,000 (S)	11.10% 4.95%

Note: (L) denotes long positions (S) denotes short positions

Save as disclosed herein, as at 30 September 2023, the Directors are not aware of any other persons (not being a Director or chief executive of the Company) who had or was deemed to have any interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares which was required to be notified to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the Reporting Period.

# **COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE**

The Company is committed to striving good corporate governance practices and emphasising on transparency and accountability to its shareholders and stakeholders for enhancing investor confidence. Throughout the Reporting Period, the Company has adopted and complied with all the code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code as set forth in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, save and except for the deviations from code provision C.2.1.

# **Code provision C.2.1**

Code provision C.2.1 stipulates that, the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Li Lixin is the chairman of the Group. As at the date of this announcement, the role of chief executive officer remains vacant. The Company is continually looking for a suitable person to assume this role.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has an audit committee (the "Audit Committee") which was established in compliance with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules for the purpose of reviewing and providing supervision over the Group's financial reporting process and internal controls. The Audit Committee consists of three members, namely Mr. He Chengying, Mr. Shin Yick Fabian and Mr. Kwong Kwan Tong, all of them are independent non-executive Directors. The chairman of the Audit Committee is Mr. Shin Yick Fabian. The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2023 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is of the view that such results are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, rules and regulations and appropriate disclosures have been duly made.

# MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions. Upon specific enquiries being made with all the Directors, each of them have confirmed that they have fully complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code throughout the Reporting Period in relation to their securities dealings.

# **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

The Board has resolved not to declare any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2023.

# PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTERIM REPORT

This interim results announcement is published on the websites of the Company (http://www.lisigroup.com.hk) and the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk). The interim report of the Company for the Reporting Period containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be dispatched to shareholders of the Company and made available on the above websites in due course.

# APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY

The Board is pleased to announce that Mr. Pun Kam Wai Peter ("Mr. Pun") has been appointed as a joint company secretary of the Company with effect from 29 November 2023. Ms. Pang Yuen Shan Christina ("Ms. Pang") will work with Mr. Pun as joint company secretaries.

Mr. Pun joined the Group in July 2009 and had been Chief Financial Officer of the Group during October 2009 to March 2021 and company secretary of the Company during January 2019 to March 2021. Mr Pun possesses over 33 years of experience in financial management and corporate planning in various industries including FMCG (fast moving consumer goods), entertainment, telecom service, manufacturing and financial information service. Mr Pun is a member of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and CPA Australia. Besides, he holds a Master degree in Business Administration from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a Master degree in Professional Accounting from University of Southern Queensland, Australia.

The appointment of Mr. Pun as the joint company secretary of the Company will allow Ms. Pang and Mr. Pun to share the duty and workload to complement corporate development in a more efficient manner by supporting the Board on governance matters, and ensuring board procedures and all applicable laws, rules and regulations are complied with and promptly followed.

The Board would like to take the opportunity to express its warm welcome to Mr. Pun for his appointment.

By Order of the Board Li Lixin Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 29 November 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Li Lixin, Mr. Cheng Jianhe and Ms. Jin Yaxue being executive Directors, Mr. He Chengying, Mr. Shin Yick Fabian and Mr. Kwong Kwan Tong being independent non-executive Directors.