



#### **ASX PRELIMINARY FINAL REPORT**

# eCargo Holdings Limited ARBN 601 083 069

**December 31, 2022** 

Lodged with ASX under Listing Rule 4.3A

This preliminary final report covers the consolidated entity, consisting of eCargo Holdings Limited and its controlled entities ("ECG" or the "Company"). The financial statements are presented in Hong Kong Dollars ("HK\$"), the official currency of Hong Kong, unless otherwise stated.

The report is based on accounts which are in the process of being audited.

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## Details of the reporting period and the previous corresponding period

Reporting period: January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 Prior corresponding period: January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

#### Results for announcement to the market

Key information

(HK\$)	Year ended December 31, 2022	Year ended December 31, 2021	% Change
Revenue from ordinary operations	125,398,864	87,588,762	43%
Profit after income tax expense	28,055,010	896,702	3,029%
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to owners of the Company	31,719,354	(1,859,100)	-1,806%

#### Dividends

No dividends have been paid nor are any dividends proposed to be paid.

### **Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**

Please refer to Appendix 1 - page 1

#### **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

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## **Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**

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#### **Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

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### Additional dividend information

The Company has not declared any dividends.

## Dividend reinvestment plan

The Company has no dividend reinvestment plan.

## Net tangible asset backing

Net tangible asset backing per ordinary share at:

December 31, 2022 (HK\$8.3 cents) December 31, 2021 (HK\$14.6 cents)



At December 31, 2022, there were 615,250,000 shares in issue, which would convert to a net asset backing of loss HK\$6.2 cents per share (December 31, 2021: HK\$11.4 cents per share).

## Controlled entities acquired or disposed of

During the year, no controlled entities was being acquired.

During the year, Amblique Pty Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ECG, was disposed for a consideration of US\$5,000,000. ECG realised a gain on disposal of this subsidiary of HK\$28,797,432.

Name of entities <u>Date control lost</u>

Amblique Pty Limited 30 April 2022

## Associates and joint venture entities

ECG's joint ventures are set out in note 18 to the financial statements.

## Other significant information

Other than the details disclosed herein, there is no other information that needs to be disclosed to investors.

## Foreign entities

The reports have been prepared under the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards.

## Commentary on the operations and results

Group revenue increased by 43.2% to HK\$125.4 million (FY21: HK\$87.6 million), driven by a growing portfolio of strategically-selected brands that are in demand by Chinese consumers, and sourcing services for brands in new categories.

The FY22 statutory net profit increased to HK\$28.1 million (FY21: HK\$0.9 million), including profit from discontinued operations of HK\$23.3 million.

The FY22 statutory EBITDA grew to HK\$31.3 million while EBITDA from continuing operations was HK\$8.0 million, demonstrating the scale that is being built in the business. This is the first time since the establishment of the business, excluding the Australia domestic digital segment, has generated a net profit, demonstrating that our shift in strategy a year and a half ago is performing strongly.

#### Statement as to the audit status

The report is based on accounts which are in the process of being audited. The Company expects that the audit, when completed, will result in an unqualified audit opinion.

ECARGO HOLDINGS LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2022

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$ (Restated)
Continuing operations			(Hostatoa)
Revenue	6	125,398,864	87,588,762
Cost of sales	7	(84,989,931)	(52,024,968)
Gross profit		40,408,933	35,563,794
Selling and distribution expenses	7	(10,662,587)	(9,578,540)
Administrative expenses Reversal of/(provision for) impairment of financial and	7	(30,476,342)	(38,592,283)
contract assets	3.1	218,478	(9,137)
Other income	10	4,883,608	4,207,673
Other losses – net	10	(341,043)	(1,339,421)
Operating profit/(loss)		4,031,047	(9,747,914)
Finance income	11	47,086	10,669
Finance expense	11	(1,305,192)	(2,847,432)
Finance expense – net	11	(1,258,106)	(2,836,763)
Share of results of joint ventures	18	1,213,101	2,791,027
Profit/(loss) before income tax		3,986,042	(9,793,650)
Income tax credit	12	730,271	1,823,274
Profit/(loss) for the year from continuing			
operations		4,716,313	(7,970,376)
Discontinued operation			
Profit for the period/year from discontinued operation	13	23,338,697	8,867,078
Profit for the year is attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		28,055,010	896,702

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Other comprehensive income/(loss)	Note	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$ (Restated)
Item that may be reclassified to profit or loss Currency translation differences Release of exchange difference upon disposal of a subsidiary presented as discontinued operation	13	607,107 3,057,237	(2,755,802)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		3,664,344	(2,755,802)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		31,719,354	(1,859,100)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to owners of the Company arises from: Continuing operations Discontinued operation		5,323,420 26,395,934	(10,726,178) 8,867,078
Earnings/(loss) per share for profit/(loss) from continuing operations attributable to owners of the Company			
- Basic and diluted (HK cents per share)	14	0.77	(1.30)
Earnings per share for profit attributable to owners of the Company			
- Basic and diluted (HK cents per share)	14	4.56	0.15

The above consolidated statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	15(a)	82,403	660,912
Right-of-use assets	15(b)	422,665	1,859,848
Intangible assets	16	12,856,066	19,803,231
Interests in joint ventures	18	2,708,115	2,856,736
Deferred income tax assets	25	341,821	1,900,079
Deposits	22	-	412,619
		16,411,070	27,493,425
Current assets			
Inventories	20	7,239,712	2,820,453
Trade receivables	21	21,013,992	22,205,126
Contract assets	5	-	1,630,638
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	22	3,547,195	5,246,438
Amounts due from related parties	30	8,208,908	4,648,375
Income tax receivables		-	144,809
Cash and cash equivalents	23	27,074,136	32,644,769
		67,083,943	69,340,608
Total assets		83,495,013	96,834,033
Equity and liabilities Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Share capital	26	427,820,968	427,820,968
Currency translation reserve		(377,917)	(4,042,261)
Accumulated losses		(465,747,406)	(493,802,416)
Total deficit		(38,304,355)	(70,023,709)

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED) AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
Liabilities Non-current liabilities Deferred income tax liabilities Lease liabilities Other payables Amounts due to related parties Shareholder's loan	25 15(b) 24 30 28	6,694,149 55,245 - 18,318,950 43,381,467 	7,916,894 517,543 1,045,861 4,413,207 92,782,809 106,676,314
Current liabilities Trade payables Contract liabilities Other payables and accruals Amounts due to related parties Put option liabilities Lease liabilities Bank borrowings	24 5 24 30 31 15(b) 29	3,551,781 - 11,855,542 20,595,838 7,979,700 422,057 8,944,639 - 53,349,557	3,547,645 1,365,266 11,640,322 28,788,482 8,479,950 1,770,763 4,589,000 60,181,428
Total liabilities		121,799,368	166,857,742
Total deficit and liabilities		83,495,013	96,834,033

The above consolidated statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Currency		
	Share	translation	Accumulated	Total
	capital	reserve	losses	deficit
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Balance at 1 January 2021	427,820,968	(1,286,459)	(494,699,118)	(68,164,609)
Comprehensive income				
Profit for the year	-	-	896,702	896,702
Other comprehensive loss				
Currency translation differences	-	(2,755,802)	-	(2,755,802)
Total comprehensive loss/(income) for			<del></del>	
the year	-	(2,755,802)	896,702	(1,859,100)
Balance at 31 December 2021	427,820,968	(4,042,261)	(493,802,416) =======	(70,023,709)
Balance at 1 January 2022	427,820,968	(4,042,261)	(493,802,416)	(70,023,709)
Comprehensive income				
Profit for the year	-	-	28,055,010	28,055,010
Other comprehensive income				
Currency translation differences	-	607,107	-	607,107
Release of currency translation differences upon				
disposal of a subsidiary (Note 13)	-	3,057,237	-	3,057,237
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	3,664,344	28,055,010	31,719,354
Balance at 31 December 2022	427,820,968	(377,917)	(465,747,406)	(38,304,355)

The above consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$ (Restated)
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from/(used in) operations Interest paid	27 11	9,887,200 (1,305,192)	(21,876,922) (206,771)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities from continuing operations Net cash (used in)/generated from operating		8,582,008	(22,083,693)
activities from discontinued operation		(614,554)	6,732,048
		7,967,454	(15,351,645)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment in joint ventures	18	-	(781,170)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	15(a)	(39,319)	(35,532)
Interest received	11	47,086	10,669
Dividend received from joint ventures	18	1,361,722	1,244,947
Net cash inflow of disposal of a subsidiary	13	32,406,979	-
Net cash generated from investing activities			
from continuing operations		33,776,468	438,914
Net cash used in investing activities from discontinued operation		(59,260)	(200,597)
		33,717,208	238,317

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$ (Restated)
Cash flows from financing activities Principal elements of lease payment Proceeds from bank borrowings Repayment of bank borrowings Repayment of shareholder's loan	27(b) 27(b) 27(b) 27(b)	(753,404) 4,719,685 (364,046) (49,401,342)	(1,079,464) 4,589,000 - -
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities from continuing operations Net cash used in financing activities from discontinued operation		(45,799,107) (277,968) (46,077,075)	3,509,536 (1,252,167)  2,257,369
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(4,392,413)	(12,855,959)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		32,644,769	48,677,017
Exchange loss on cash and cash equivalents		(1,178,220)	(3,176,289)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	23	27,074,136	32,644,769

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 General information

eCargo Holdings Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "ECG" or the "Group") are principally engaged in the development and provision of eCommerce technologies, integrated offline and online supply chain operations, provision of digital commerce solutions and services and brand distribution.

The Company is a limited liability company incorporated in Hong Kong. The address of its registered office is 13103N, ATL Logistics Centre B, 3 Kwai Chung Container Terminals, New Territories, Hong Kong.

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$"), unless otherwise stated.

## 2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies

## 2.1 Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements of ECG have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, which is a collective term for all individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations ("Ints") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap.622).

## 2.2 Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying ECG's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements are disclosed in Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements.

On 30 April 2022, ECG disposed of the entire equity interest of Amblique, a wholly-owned subsidiary. For the presentation of the consolidated financial statements for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 2021, it was regarded as discontinued operations and certain comparative figures have been restated. Refer to Note 13 for details.

(a) The following new and amendments to standards are mandatory for the first time for the financial year beginning on 1 January 2022, but do not have significant financial impact to ECG.

Annual Improvements Project Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018-2020

(amendments)

Amendments to HKFRS 3, HKAS 16 Narrow-scope amendments

and HKAS 37 AG 5 (revised)

Revised Accounting Guideline 5 Merger

Accounting for Common Control Combinations

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

## 2.2 Basis of preparation of the financial statements (Continued)

(b) The following new standards, amendments/revisions to standards and interpretation have been issued, but are not effective for the financial year beginning on 1 January 2022 and have not been early adopted by ECG.

Effective for

accounting periods

		beginning on or after
Amendment to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (amendments)	1 January 2023
HKFRS 17	Insurance Contracts	1 January 2023
HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2	Disclosure of Accounting Policies (amendments)	1 January 2023
HKAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates (amendments)	1 January 2023
HKAS 12	Deferred Tax Related to Assets and Liabilities Arising from a Single Transaction (amendments)	1 January 2023
Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (amendments)	1 January 2024
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants (amendments)	1 January 2024
Amendments to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (amendments)	1 January 2024
HK Int 5 (2020)	Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020) Presentation of Financial Statements - Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that Contains a Repayment on Demand Clause (HK Int 5 (2020))	1 January 2024
HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture (amendments)	To be determined

ECG will apply the above HKFRSs when they become effective. ECG is in the process of making an assessment of the impact of the above HKFRSs.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

## 2.3 Principle of consolidation and equity accounting

### 2.3.1 Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities (including a structured entity) over which ECG has control. ECG controls an entity when ECG is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to ECG. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for business combinations by ECG (Note 2.4).

Intra-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transferred asset. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by ECG.

## 2.3.2 Joint arrangements

Under HKFRS 11 Joint Arrangements, investments in joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures. The classification depends on the contractual rights and obligations of each investor, rather than the legal structure of the joint arrangement. Interest in joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method (Note 2.3.3), after initially being recognised at cost in the consolidated statement of financial position.

## 2.3.3 Equity method

Under the equity method, the investment is initially recognised at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognise ECG's share of the post-acquisition profits or losses of the investee in profit or loss, and ECG's share of movements in other comprehensive income of the investee in other comprehensive income. Dividends received or receivable from associates and joint ventures are recognised as a reduction in the carrying amount of the investment.

Where ECG's share of losses in an equity-accounted investment equals or exceeds its interest in the entity, including any other unsecured long-term receivables, ECG does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the other entity.

Unrealised gains on transactions between ECG and its associates and joint ventures are eliminated to the extent of ECG's interest in these entities. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of equity-accounted investees have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by ECG.

The carrying amount of equity-accounted investments is tested for impairment in accordance with the policy described in Note 2.10.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

## 2.3 Principle of consolidation and equity accounting (Continued)

## 2.3.4 Changes in ownership interests

ECG treats transactions with non-controlling interest that do not result in a loss of control as transactions with equity owners of ECG. A change in ownership interest results in an adjustment between the carrying amounts of the controlling and non-controlling interests to reflect their relative interests in the subsidiary. Any difference between the amount of the adjustment to non-controlling interests and any consideration paid or received is recognised in a separate reserve within equity attributable to owners of the Company.

When ECG ceases to consolidate or equity account for an investment because of a loss of control, joint control or significant influence, any retained interest in the entity is remeasured to its fair value with the change in carrying amount recognised in profit or loss. This fair value becomes the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequently accounting for the retained interest as an associate, joint venture or financial asset. In addition, any amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in respect of that entity are accounted for as if ECG had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. This may mean that amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss or transferred to another category of equity as specified/permitted by applicable HKFRSs.

If the ownership interest in joint ventures or an associate is reduced but joint control or significant influence is retained, only a proportionate share of the amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss where appropriate.

### 2.4 Business combinations

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for all business combinations, regardless of whether equity instruments or other assets are acquired. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary comprises the:

- fair values of the assets transferred
- liabilities incurred to the former owners of the acquired business
- equity interests issued by ECG
- fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement, and
- fair value of any pre-existing equity interest in the subsidiary.

Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are, with limited exceptions, measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. ECG recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquired entity on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the acquired entity's net identifiable assets.

Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

The excess of the consideration transferred, amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquired entity, and acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquired entity over the fair value of the net identifiable assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If those amounts are less than the fair value of the net identifiable assets of the business acquired, the difference is recognised directly in profit or loss as a bargain purchase.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

## 2.4 Business combinations (Continued)

Where settlement of any part of cash consideration is deferred, the amounts payable in the future are discounted to their present value as at the date of exchange. The discount rate used is the entity's incremental borrowing rate, being the rate at which a similar borrowing could be obtained from an independent financier under comparable terms and conditions. Contingent consideration is classified either as equity or a financial liability. Amounts classified as a financial liability are subsequently remeasured to fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the acquisition date carrying value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is remeasured to fair value at the acquisition date. Any gains or losses arising from such remeasurement are recognised in profit or loss.

## 2.5 Separate financial statements

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost less impairment. Cost includes direct attributable costs of investment. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividend received and receivable.

Impairment testing of the investments in subsidiaries is required upon receiving a dividend from these investments if the dividend exceeds the total comprehensive income of the subsidiary in the year the dividend is declared or if the carrying amount of the investment in the separate financial statements exceeds the carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements of the investee's net assets including goodwill.

## 2.6 Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-makers ("CODM"), who are responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments has been identified as the executive director of ECG that make strategic decisions.

#### 2.7 Foreign currency translation

(a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the entities of ECG are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entities operate (the "functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in HK\$ which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

### (b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are remeasured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised within "other gains/(losses) – net" in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

## 2.7 Foreign currency translation (Continued)

### (b) Transactions and balances (Continued)

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. Translation differences on assets and liabilities carried at fair value are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss. For example, translation differences on non-monetary assets and liabilities such as equities held at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in profit or loss as part of the fair value gain or loss and translation differences on non-monetary assets such as equities classified as fair value through other comprehensive income ("OCI") are recognised in other comprehensive income.

## (c) Group companies

The results and financial position of all ECG entities (none of which has the currency of a hyper-inflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- (i) assets and liabilities for each statement of financial position presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that statement of financial position;
- (ii) income and expenses for each statement of comprehensive income are translated at average exchange rates (unless this average is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the rate on the dates of the transactions); and
- (iii) all resulting currency translation differences are recognised in other comprehensive income.

On consolidation, exchange differences arising from the translation of any net investment in foreign entities, and of borrowings and other financial instruments designated as hedges of such investments, are recognised in other comprehensive income. When a foreign operation is sold or any borrowings forming part of the net investment are repaid, the associated exchange differences are reclassified to profit or loss, as part of the gain or loss on sale.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of a foreign operation are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operation and translated at the closing rate.

### 2.8 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Cost may also include transfers from equity of any gains or losses on qualifying cash flow hedges of foreign currency purchases of property, plant and equipment.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to ECG and that cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is recognised. All other repairs and maintenance are expensed in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income during the financial year in which they are incurred.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

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

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their costs to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Leasehold improvements over the shorter of lease term and useful life

Furniture and fixtures 20%
Office equipment 20%
Computer equipment 33.33%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting year.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount and are recognised within "other gains/(losses) – net" in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

## 2.9 Intangible assets

### (a) Goodwill

Goodwill is measured as described in Note 2.4. Goodwill on acquisitions of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Goodwill is not amortised but it is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired, and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.

Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing. The allocation is made to those cash-generating units or groups of cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the business combination in which the goodwill arose.

## (b) Brand name

The brand name acquired in a business combination is recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. The brand has a finite useful life and is carried at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method over its estimated useful life of 10 years.

#### (c) Contractual customer relationships

Contractual customer relationships acquired in a business combination are recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. The contractual customer relations have a finite useful life and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method over the expected life of the customer relationships of 5 years.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

## 2.9 Intangible assets (Continued)

## (d) Supplier relationships

Supplier relationships acquired in a business combination are recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. The supplier relationships have a finite useful life and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method over the expected life of the supplier relationships of 5 to 10 years.

#### (e) Software

Software acquired in a business combination are recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. The software has a finite useful life and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method over the expected life of the software of 5 to 10 years.

ECG amortised intangible assets with a limited useful life using the straight-line method over the following period.

Brand name 10 years
Contractual customer relationships 5 years
Supplier relationships 5-10 years
Software 5-10 years

#### 2.10 Impairment of non-financial assets

Goodwill and intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired. Other assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows which are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at the end of each reporting period.

### 2.11 Discontinued operations

A discontinued operation is a component of the entity that has been disposed of or is classified as held for sale and that represents a separate major line of business or geographical area of operations, is part of a single co-ordinated plan to dispose of such a line of business or area of operations, or is a subsidiary acquired exclusively with a view to resale. The results of discontinued operations are presented separately in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### 2.12 Investment and other financial assets

#### (i) Classification

ECG classifies its financial assets in the measurement category as those to be measured at amortised cost.

The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

#### (ii) Recognition and derecognition

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which ECG commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and ECG has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

#### (iii) Measurement

At initial recognition, ECG measures a financial asset carried at amortised cost at its fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset.

Subsequently, financial assets at amortised cost that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost. Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition is recognised directly in the profit or loss, together with foreign exchange gains and losses. Impairment losses are presented as separate line item in the statement of comprehensive income.

## (iv) Impairment

ECG assesses on a forward looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its debt instruments carried at amortised cost. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

For trade receivables, ECG applies the simplified approach permitted by HKFRS 9, which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of the receivables, see Note 21 for further details.

#### 2.13 Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned to individual items of inventory on the basis of First-in-First-out. Costs of purchased inventory are determined after deducting rebates and discounts. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

### 2.14 Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for goods sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. They are generally due for settlement within 30 days and therefore all classified as current.

Trade receivables are recognised initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional unless they contain significant financing components, when they are recognised at fair value. ECG holds the trade and other receivables with the objective of collecting the contractual cash flows and therefore measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. See Note 21 for further information about ECG's accounting for trade receivables and Note 3.1 for a description of ECG's impairment policies.

## 2.15 Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

## 2.16 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax from the proceeds.

#### 2.17 Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and serviced provided to ECG prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. Trade and other payables are presented as current liabilities unless payment is not due within 12 months after the reporting period. They are recognised initially at their fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

## 2.18 Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless ECG has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

#### 2.19 Borrowing costs

General and specific borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying asset are capitalised during the period of time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use or sale. Qualifying assets are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale.

Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation.

Other borrowing costs are expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### 2.20 Current and deferred income tax

The income tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred income tax. Income tax is recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

### (a) Current income tax

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the date of statement of financial position in the countries where ECG, its subsidiaries operate and generate taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

#### (b) Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, deferred tax liabilities are not recognised if they arise from the initial recognition of goodwill. Deferred income tax is also not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the end of the reporting period and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only if it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are not recognised for temporary differences between the carrying amount and tax bases of investments in foreign operations where the Company is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and where the deferred tax balances relate to the same taxation authority. Current tax assets and tax liabilities are offset where the entity has a legally enforceable right to offset and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Current and deferred tax is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

## 2.21 Employee benefits

## (a) Short-term obligations

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits and accumulating sick leave that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liabilities are presented as current employee benefit obligations in the consolidated statement of financial position.

## (b) Other long-term employee benefit obligation

The liabilities for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments at the reporting date are discounted using market yields on high-quality corporate bonds with terms to maturity that match as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

## (c) Post-employment obligations

## Pension obligations

ECG companies incorporated in Hong Kong operate a defined contribution plan, which is the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme ("MPF Scheme") established under and pursuant to the Mandatory Provident Fund Ordinance.

The MPF Scheme is generally funded by the payments from employees and by ECG. Contributions to the scheme by ECG and employees are calculated as a percentage of employees' basic salaries. ECG has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

ECG's contributions to defined contribution plan are reduced by contributions forfeited by those employees who leave the scheme prior to vesting fully in the contributions.

The assets of the scheme are held in separate trustee-administered funds.

ECG companies incorporated in the PRC and Australia contribute based on certain percentage of the salaries of the employees to a defined contribution retirement benefit plan organised by relevant government authorities in the PRC and Australia on a monthly basis. The government authorities undertake to assume the retirement benefit obligations payable to all existing and future retired employees under these plans and ECG has no further obligation for post-retirement benefits beyond the contributions made. Contributions to these plans are expensed as incurred. Assets of the plans are held and managed by government authorities and are separate from those of ECG.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

## 2.21 Employee benefits (Continued)

## (d) Bonus plan

The expected cost of bonus payment is recognised as a liability when ECG has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of services rendered by employees and a reliable estimate of the obligation can be made. Liabilities for bonus plan are expected to be settled within 12 months and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when they are settled.

#### 2.22 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when ECG has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

## 2.23 Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured when or as the control of the goods or services is transferred to a customer. Depending on the terms of the contract and the laws that apply to the contract, control of the goods and services may be transferred over time or at a point in time. Control of the goods and services is transferred over time if ECG's performance:

- provides all of the benefits received and consumed simultaneously by the customer;
- creates and enhances an asset that the customer controls as ECG performs; or
- does not create an asset with an alternative use to ECG and ECG has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

If control of the goods and services transfers over time, revenue is recognised over the period of the contract by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation. ECG use the output methods to measure the progress towards, recognising revenue based on direct measurements of the value transferred to the customer. Otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the customer obtains control of the goods and services.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

## 2.23 Revenue recognition (Continued)

Contracts with customers may include multiple performance obligations. For such arrangements, ECG allocates revenue to each performance obligation based on its relative standalone selling price. ECG generally determines standalone selling prices based on the prices charged to customers. If the standalone selling price is not directly observable, it is estimated using expected cost plus a margin or adjusted market assessment approach, depending on the availability of observable information. Assumptions and estimations have been made in estimating the relative selling price of each distinct performance obligation, and changes in judgements on these assumptions and estimates may impact the revenue recognition.

When either party to a contract has performed, ECG presents the contract in the consolidated statement of financial position as a contract assets or a contract liability, depending on the relationship between the entity's performance and the customer's payment.

A contract asset is ECG's right to consideration in exchange for goods and services that ECG has transferred to a customer. A receivable is recorded when ECG has an unconditional right to consideration. A right to consideration is unconditional if only the passage of time is required before payment of the consideration is due.

If a customer pays consideration or ECG has a right to an amount of consideration that is unconditional, before ECG transfers a good or service to the customer, ECG presents the contract liability when the payment is made or a receivable is recorded (whichever is earlier). A contract liability is ECG's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which ECG has received consideration (or an amount of consideration is due from the customer).

## (i) Sale of goods

ECG sells fast moving consumer goods. Sales are recognised when control of the products has transferred, being when the products are delivered to the customer and there is no unfulfilled obligation that could affect the customer's acceptance of the products.

Delivery occurs when the products have been shipped to the specified location, the risks of obsolescence and loss have been transferred to the customer, and either the customer has accepted the products in accordance with the sales contract, the acceptance provisions have lapsed, or ECG has objective evidence that all criteria for acceptance have been satisfied.

Revenue from these sales is recognised based on the price specified in the contract. Revenue is only recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal will not occur. No element of financing is deemed present.

A receivable is recognised when the goods are delivered as this is the point in time that the consideration is unconditional because only the passage of time is required before the payment is due.

#### (ii) Service income

Revenue from service income is recognised over time when the services are rendered. Revenue is recognised over the respective contract terms.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### 2.24 Interest income

Interest income on financial assets at amortised cost is calculated by using the effective interest method and is recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. Interest income is presented as finance income where it is earned from financial assets that are held for cash management purpose. Any other interest income is included in other income. Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets the effective interest rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

## 2.25 Earnings/loss per share

(i) Basic earnings/loss per share

Basic earnings/loss per share is calculated by dividing:

- the profit/loss attributable to owners of the Company, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares
- by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year, adjusted for bonus elements in ordinary shares issued during the year and excluding treasury shares.
- (ii) Diluted earnings/loss per share

Diluted earnings/loss per share adjusts the figures used in the determination of basic earnings/loss per share to take into account:

- the after income tax effect of interest and other financing costs associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares, and
- the weighted average number of additional ordinary shares that would have been outstanding assuming the conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

#### 2.26 Leases

Leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by ECG.

Contracts may contain both lease and non-lease components. ECG allocates the consideration in the contract to the lease and non-lease components based on their relative stand-alone prices. However, for leases of real estate for which the group is a lessee, it has elected not to separate lease and non-lease components and instead accounts for these as a single lease component.

Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased assets that are held by the lessor. Leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2 Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### 2.26 Leases (Continued)

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable
- variable lease payment that are based on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date
- amounts expected to be payable by ECG under residual value guarantees
- the exercise price of a purchase option if ECG is reasonably certain to exercise that option, and;
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects ECG exercising that option.

Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension options are also included in the measurement of the liability.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for leases in ECG, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, ECG, where possible, uses recent third-party financing received by the individual lessee as a starting point, adjusted to reflect changes in financing conditions since third party financing was received.

Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- · the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received
- · any initial direct costs, and
- restoration costs.

Right-of-use assets are generally depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. If ECG is reasonably certain to exercise a purchase option, the right-of-use asset is depreciated over the underlying asset's useful life.

Payments associated with short-term leases are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less.

#### 2.27 Government grants

Grants from the government are recognised at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and ECG will comply with all attached conditions.

Government grants relating to costs are deferred and recognised in the profit or loss over the period necessary to match them with the costs that they are intended to compensate.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 3 Financial risk management

ECG's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk, cash flow and fair value interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. ECG's overall risk management policy focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the ECG's financial performance.

Management regularly monitors the financial risks of ECG. The use of financial derivatives to hedge certain risk exposures is governed by ECG's policies approved by the management of ECG in order to manage those risks. ECG does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

### 3.1 Financial risk factors

#### (a) Market risk

## (i) Foreign exchange risk

ECG mainly operates in Hong Kong and the PRC, and is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from various currency exposures, primarily with respect to the Renminbi ("RMB"), Australian Dollars ("A\$"), United States Dollars ("US\$") and Great Britain Pound ("GBP").

Foreign exchange risk arises mainly from future commercial transactions, recognised assets and liabilities.

ECG manages its foreign exchange risks by performing regular review and monitoring its foreign exchange exposure. ECG currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy.

At 31 December 2022, if HK\$ had strengthened/weakened by 5% against the A\$ with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit/(loss) for the year would have been approximately HK\$517,000 higher/lower (2021: HK\$666,000 lower/higher), mainly as a result of foreign exchange gains/losses on translation of trade receivables and other receivables, trade and other payables and bank deposits denominated in the A\$.

At 31 December 2022, if HK\$ had strengthened/weakened by 5% against the RMB with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit/(loss) for the year would have been approximately HK\$462,000 higher/lower (2021: HK\$421,000 lower/higher), mainly as a result of foreign exchange gains/losses on translation of trade receivables and other receivables, trade and other payables and bank deposits denominated in the RMB.

At 31 December 2022, if HK\$ had strengthened/weakened by 5% against the GBP with all other variables held constant, post-tax loss for the year would change by approximately HK\$184,000 higher/lower (2021: Nil), mainly as a result of foreign exchange gains/losses on translation of trade receivables, trade and other payables and bank deposits denominated in the GBP.

The foreign exchange exposure for the US\$ is considered minimal as HK\$ is pegged with the US\$.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 3 Financial risk management (Continued)

#### 3.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

- (a) Market risk (Continued)
  - (ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

ECG's interest rate risk arises from shareholder's loan and bank borrowings, which is issued at variable rate exposes ECG to cash flow interest rate risk which is partially offset by cash held at variable rates. ECG currently does not hedge its exposure to cash flow. ECG analyses its interest rate exposure on a regular basis and will consider the interest rate exposure when enter into any financing, renewal of existing positions and alternative financing transactions.

ECG's practice is to manage its interest income/cost through monitoring and reviewing interest rate changes in the market and its impact to the ECG's financial performance. During the year, ECG's borrowings at variable rate were denominated in HK\$.

At 31 December 2022, if interest rate on borrowings held at variable rate had been 50 basis points higher/lower with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit/(loss) for the year would have been approximately HK\$218,000 lower/higher (2021: HK\$407,000 lower/higher), mainly as a result of higher/lower interest expense on floating rate borrowings. The interest rate exposes on cash is considered immaterial as the interest rate of cash is low.

#### (b) Credit risk

## (i) Risk management

The credit risk of ECG mainly arises from cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables and other financial assets at amortised cost (2021: same). The carrying amounts of these balances represent ECG's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to the financial assets.

In respect of cash deposited at banks, the credit risk is considered to be low as the counterparties are considered financially reputable.

At the date of the consolidated statement of financial position, 49% (2021: 61%) of the total receivables was due from ECG's largest five debtors. There was 1 customer (2021: 1 customer) which individually contributed over 10% of ECG's trade receivables. The amount of trade receivables from this customer amounted to 16.8% (2021: 34.8%) of the ECG's total trade receivables. Accordingly, ECG's consolidated results would be heavily affected by the financial capability of these debtors to fulfill their obligations with ECG. ECG's credit risk monitoring activities relating to the debtors include review of the credit profile, business prospects, background and their financial capacity.

#### (ii) Impairment of financial assets

ECG has the following financial assets that are subject to the expected credit loss model:

- trade receivables and contract assets
- other financial assets carried at amortised cost

While cash and cash equivalents and pledged deposits are also subject to the impairment requirements of HKFRS 9, the identified impairment loss was immaterial.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 3 Financial risk management (Continued)

## 3.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

- (b) Credit risk (Continued)
  - (ii) Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

Trade receivables and contract assets

ECG applies the HKFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected credit loss allowance for all trade receivables and contract assets.

To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables and contract assets have been grouped on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The contract assets relate to unbilled work in progress and have substantially the same risk characteristics as the trade receivables for the same types of contracts. ECG has therefore concluded that the expected loss rates for trade receivables are a reasonable approximation of the loss rates for the contract assets.

The individually impaired trade receivables relate to customers whose creditworthiness has materially deteriorated and it is assessed that these receivables are not expected to be recovered.

The expected loss rates are based on the payment profiles of sales over a period of 24 months before 31 December 2022 and the corresponding historical credit losses experienced within this period. The historical loss rates are adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors affecting the ability of the customers to settle the receivables. ECG has identified the GDP of the countries in which it sells its goods and services to be the most relevant factors, and accordingly adjusts the historical loss rates based on expected changes in these factors.

On that basis, the loss allowance as at 31 December 2022 and 2021 was determined as follows for both trade receivables and contract assets:

As at 31 December 2022	Lifetime expected loss rate	Gross carrying amount	Lifetime expected credit loss	Net carrying amount
Individual assessment	100%	65,247	(65,247)	
assessment	10070		(05,24/)	
Collective assessment				
Current	0%-2.1%	15,939,567	(137,039)	15,802,528
Past due:				
1 to 30 days	0%-2.1%	2,408,735	(1,758)	2,406,977
31 to 60 days	0%-3.1%	319,991	(5,217)	314,774
61 to 90 days	0%-3.2%	2,095,372	(6,498)	2,088,874
Over 90 days	0%-65.3%	554,581	(153,742)	400,839
		21,318,246	(304,254)	21,013,992

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 3 Financial risk management (Continued)

### 3.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

- (b) Credit risk (Continued)
  - (ii) Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

Trade receivables and contract assets (Continued)

Lifetime expected loss rate	Gross carrying amount	Lifetime expected credit loss	Net carrying amount
100%	503,784	(503,784)	-
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0%-0.4%	14,180,058	(259,394)	13,927,264
0%-0.4%	4,499,493	(13,794)	4,485,699
0%-1.8%	3,318,886	(44,043)	3,274,843
0%-6.9%	2,041,916	(78,529)	1,963,387
0%-28%	248,619	(64,048)	184,571
	24,295,572	(459,808)	23,835,764
	expected loss rate  100%  0%-0.4%  0%-0.4%  0%-1.8%  0%-6.9%	expected loss rate     Gross carrying amount       100%     503,784       0%-0.4%     14,186,658       0%-0.4%     4,499,493       0%-1.8%     3,318,886       0%-6.9%     2,041,916       0%-28%     248,619	expected loss rate         Gross carrying amount         expected credit loss           100%         503,784         (503,784)           0%-0.4%         14,186,658         (259,394)           0%-0.4%         4,499,493         (13,794)           0%-1.8%         3,318,886         (44,043)           0%-6.9%         2,041,916         (78,529)           0%-28%         248,619         (64,048)

The loss allowances for trade receivables and contract assets as at 31 December reconcile to the opening loss allowances as follows:

	Trade receivables and contract assets		
	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$	
Opening loss allowance at 1 January (Decrease)/increase in loss allowance recognised in	963,592	975,096	
profit or loss	(218,478)	16,122	
Less: disposal of a subsidiary	(427,447)	-	
Currency translation differences	51,834	(27,626)	
Closing loss allowance at 31 December	369,501	963,592	

Trade receivables and contract assets are written off where there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with ECG, and a failure to make contractual payments for a period of greater than 180 days past due

Impairment losses on trade receivables and contract assets are presented as net impairment losses within operating profit. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against the same line item.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 3 Financial risk management (Continued)

### 3.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

- (b) Credit risk (Continued)
  - (ii) Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

Other financial assets at amortised cost

Other financial assets at amortised cost include deposits, other receivables and amounts due from related parties. (2021: same). Management monitors closely the credit qualities and the collectability of the other financial assets at amortised cost. As at 31 December 2022, there is no loss allowance in respect of individually assessed receivables (2021: Nil). The impairment provision is determined based on the 12-month expected credit losses which is close to zero.

## (c) Liquidity risk

ECG adopts prudent liquidity risk management and maintains sufficient cash and the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities.

As at 31 December 2022, the Company had net current assets of HK\$13,734,386 and net liabilities of HK\$38,304,355. The ultimate holding company, JL Enterprise Holdings Limited ("JL Enterprise") has in the past offered a total loan facility of HK\$100 million to the Company and up to 31 December 2022, approximately HK\$56.6 million remained available and undrawn. In addition, JL Enterprise has agreed to provide continuing financial support to ECG. Management considered that ECG has sufficient financial resources and position to meet its liquidity needs.

The contractual undiscounted cash flows of ECG's financial liabilities, which include trade payables, other payables and accruals, amounts due to related parties, put option liabilities and lease liabilities, mature within one year from the date of consolidated statement of financial position, equal to their carrying balances as the impact of discounting is not significant.

## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 3 Financial risk management (Continued)

## 3.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

### (c) Liquidity risk (Continued)

The table below analyses ECG's non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the date of consolidated statement of financial position to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than 3 months or repayable on demand HK\$	Between 3 months and 1 year HK\$	Between 1 and 2 years HK\$	Between 2 and 5 years HK\$	Total contractual cashflow HK\$	Carrying amount HK\$
At 31 December 2022						
Trade payables	3,551,781	-	-	-	3,551,781	3,551,781
Other payables and accruals	11,855,542	-	-	-	11,855,542	11,855,542
Amounts due to related						
parties	20,595,838	-	-	18,318,950	38,914,788	38,914,788
Put option liabilities	7,979,700	-	-	-	7,979,700	7,979,700
Lease liabilities	188,348	259,431	57,371	-	505,150	477,302
Bank borrowings	8,944,639	-	-	-	8,944,639	8,944,639
Shareholder's loan	-	-	43,815,282	-	43,815,282	43,381,467
	53,115,848	259,431	43,872,653	18,318,950	115,566,882	115,105,219
At 31 December 2021						
Trade payables	3,547,645	-	-	-	3,547,645	3,547,645
Other payables and accruals  Amounts due to related	11,640,322	-	1,045,861	-	12,686,183	12,686,183
parties	28,788,482	-	_	4,413,207	33,201,689	33,201,689
Put option liabilities	8,479,950	-	_	-	8,479,950	8,479,950
Lease liabilities	531,420	1,319,551	472,219	60,502	2,383,692	2,288,306
Bank borrowings	4,589,000	-	-	-	4,589,000	4,589,000
Shareholder's loan	-	-	93,710,637	-	93,710,637	92,782,809
	57,576,819	1,319,551	95,228,717	4,473,709	158,598,796	157,575,582

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## 3 Financial risk management (Continued)

### 3.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

### (c) Liquidity risk (Continued)

The table below summarises the maturity analysis of the ECG's bank borrowings, subject to the lenders' rights to demand immediate repayment, based on agreed scheduled repayments set out in the relevant agreements. The amounts include interest payments computed using contractual rates. As a result, these amounts were greater than the amounts disclosed in the "on demand" time band in the maturity analysis contained in the tables above. Taking into account ECG's financial position, the directors do not consider that it is probable that the relevant banks will exercise their discretion to demand immediate repayment. The directors believe that such bank borrowings will be repaid in accordance with the scheduled repayment dates set out in the relevant agreements.

	Less than 1 year HK\$	Between 1 and 2 years HK\$	Between 2 and 5 years HK\$	Over 5 years HK\$	Total undiscounted cash outflow HK\$
At 31 December 2022 Bank borrowings	1,903,108	1,990,362	3,899,788	2,041,829	9,835,087
At 31 December 2021 Bank borrowings	1,032,118	1,212,818	2,627,269		4,872,205

## 3.2 Capital management

ECG's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard ECG's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

ECG actively and regularly reviews and manages its capital structure to ensure optimal capital structure and shareholder returns, taking into consideration the future capital requirements of ECG and capital efficiency, prevailing and projected profitability, projected operating cash flows, projected capital expenditures and projected strategic investment opportunities. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, ECG may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

## 3.3 Fair value estimation

ECG's financial instruments include "cash and cash equivalents", "trade receivables", "deposits and other receivables", "amounts due from related parties", "trade and other payables", "amounts due to related parties", "bank borrowings", "shareholder's loan", "put option liabilities" and "lease liabilities". The carrying amounts less impairment (where relevant) of these balances are a reasonable approximation of their fair values due to their short term maturities.

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## 4 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

## (a) Impairment assessment of long-lived assets

At the end of each reporting period, ECG reviews internal and external sources of information to identify indications that the following classes of asset may be impaired or, except in the case of goodwill, an impairment loss previously recognised no longer exists or may have decreased:

- Property, plant and equipment;
- Intangible assets; and
- Interests in joint ventures

If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. In addition, for goodwill, the recoverable amount is estimated annually whether or not there is any indication of impairment. An impairment loss is recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount.

The sources utilised to identify indications of impairment are often subjective in nature and ECG is required to use judgement in applying such information to its business. ECG's interpretation of this information has a direct impact on whether an impairment assessment is performed as at the end of any given reporting period.

If an indication of impairment is identified, such information is further subject to an exercise that requires ECG to estimate the recoverable value, representing the greater of the asset's fair value less cost to sell or its value in use. Depending on ECG's assessment of the overall materiality of the asset under review and complexity of deriving reasonable estimates of the recoverable value, ECG may perform such assessments utilising internal resources or ECG may engage external advisors for counsel. Regardless of the resources utilised, ECG is required to make assumptions to make these assessments, including the utilisation of such asset, the cash flows to be generated, appropriate market discount rates and the projected market and regulatory conditions. Changes in any of these assumptions could result in a material change to future estimates of the recoverable value of any asset.

### (b) Net realisable value of inventories

Net realisable value of inventories is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less estimated costs of selling expenses. These estimates are based on the current market condition and the historical experience of selling products of similar nature. It could change significantly as a result of changes in customer taste and competitor actions in response to severe industry cycles. Management will reassess the estimations by the end of each reporting period. Where the expectation is different from the original estimate, such difference will impact the carrying value of inventories and write-down of inventories in the period in which such estimate is changed.

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## 5 Segment information

Management have determined the operating segments based on the information reviewed by the executive directors for the purpose of allocating resources and assessing performance.

The CODM considers the business from both geographic and services perspective. During the year, due to the Group restructures its business portfolio to focus on growing overseas brands in Asia market following the disposal of eCommerce Solution Services (formally known as "Australia") effective from 30 April 2022 (Note 13), the CODM has adopted the new reporting format effective for the year ended 31 December 2022 which includes (i) Digital Commerce Service and (ii) Brand Distribution (formerly known as Greater China altogether). The comparative segment information has been restated to reflect the current organisational structure.

The CODM assesses and measures the operating performance of ECG based on the revenue, gross profit and adjusted EBITDA (excluding impact of foreign exchange) as management believes that such information is the most relevant in evaluating the results of ECG's segments. Adjusted EBITDA (excluding impact of foreign exchange) is defined as profit/loss before income tax, excluding impact of foreign exchange gain/loss, depreciation of property, plant and equipment, depreciation of right-of-use assets, amortisation of intangible assets, finance income, finance expense and ECG's share of results of joint ventures.

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## 5 Segment information (Continued)

Information regarding ECG's reportable segments as provided to ECG's CODM is set out below:

				<b>Discontinued</b>	
	<b>Continuing</b>			<b>Operation</b>	
_	_	-			
		,	_		
					Consolidated
HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
19,463,648	95,688,170	-	115,151,818	13,818,784	128,970,602
6,129,035	4,118,011	-	10,247,046	-	10,247,046
25,592,683	99,806,181	-	125,398,864	13,818,784	139,217,648
22,250,512	18,158,421		40,408,933	12,666,934	53,075,867
16 278 870	160 777	(8 441 867)	8 000 780	(6 272 805)	1,627,894
10,2/6,6/9					(320,215)
_				,	(320,215) $(129,072)$
(107 820)		(30,390)			(841,049)
(19/,039)	(449,491)	(2.021.074)			(3,250,623)
_	_				47,092
<del>-</del>	(606.584)	• • • •	• • • •	<del>-</del>	(1,305,192)
-	1,213,101	-	1,213,101	-	1,213,101
16.081.040	512.913	(12.607.911)	3.986.042	(6,944,106)	(2,958,064)
-	-	730,271	730,271	1,485,371	2,215,642
16,081,040	512,913	(11,877,640)	4,716,313	(5,458,735)	(742,422)
	6,129,035 25,592,683 22,250,512 16,278,879 - (197,839) - - 16,081,040	Digital Commerce Service HK\$  19,463,648 95,688,170 6,129,035 4,118,011  25,592,683 99,806,181  22,250,512 18,158,421  16,278,879 163,777 202,015 (9,905) (197,839) (449,491) (606,584) - 1,213,101  16,081,040 512,913	Commerce Service Poistribution HK\$         Brand Distribution HK\$         income/ (expense) (expense) HK\$           19,463,648	Digital Commerce Brand income/ Service Distribution (expense) Total HK\$ HK\$ HK\$ HK\$  19,463,648 95,688,170 - 115,151,818 6,129,035 4,118,011 - 10,247,046  25,592,683 99,806,181 - 125,398,864  22,250,512 18,158,421 - 40,408,933  16,278,879 163,777 (8,441,867) 8,000,789 - 202,015 (543,058) (341,043) - (9,905) (50,390) (60,295) (197,839) (449,491) - (647,330) - (2,921,074) - 47,086 47,086 - (606,584) (698,608) (1,305,192) - 1,213,101  16,081,040 512,913 (12,607,911) 3,986,042 - 730,271	Continuing Operations         Unallocated corporate         Commerce         Brand income/ service         Brand income/ service         Total HK\$         Service HK\$         HK\$

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## 5 Segment information (Continued)

Information regarding ECG's reportable segments as provided to ECG's CODM is set out below: (Continued)

### 2021

		Continuing	<u>Operations</u> Unallocated		Discontinued Operation	
	Digital Commerce Service HK\$	Brand Distribution HK\$	corporate income/ (expense) HK\$	Total HK\$	eCommerce Solution Service HK\$	Consolidated HK\$
Revenue from external customers Revenue from related companies (Note 30)	14,614,242 2,400,000	70,574,520 -	- -	85,188,762 2,400,000	69,009,477 -	154,198,239 2,400,000
	17,014,242	70,574,520	-	87,588,762	69,009,477	156,598,239
Gross profit	13,435,244	22,128,550	-	35,563,794	53,047,590	88,611,384
Adjusted EBITDA gain/(loss) – excluding impact of foreign exchange Net foreign exchange loss Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Depreciation of right-of-use assets	4,735,573 - - (205,353)	2,504,683 (764,299) (18,322) (738,755)	(10,594,667) (575,122) (38,557)	(3,354,411) (1,339,421) (56,879) (944,108)	12,545,742 (217,475) (180,854) (1,010,889)	9,191,331 (1,556,896) (237,733) (1,954,997)
Amortisation of intangible assets Finance income Finance expense Share of result of joint ventures	- - - -	(527,832) 2,791,027	(4,053,095) 10,669 (2,319,600)	(4,053,095) 10,669 (2,847,432) 2,791,027	(602,427) 295 (64,247)	(4,655,522) 10,964 (2,911,679) 2,791,027
Profit/(loss) before income tax Income tax credit/(expense)	4,530,220	3,246,502 1,823,274	(17,570,372)	(9,793,650) 1,823,274	10,470,145 (1,603,067)	676,495 220,207
Profit/(loss) for the year	4,530,220	5,069,776	(17,570,372)	(7,970,376)	8,867,078	896,702

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## **Segment information (Continued)**

The segment assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

		Continuing			<u>Discontinued</u> <u>operation</u>	
As at at December 2002	Digital Commerce Service HK\$	Brand Distribution HK\$	Unallocated Corporate Assets/(Liabilities) HK\$	Total HK\$	eCommerce Solution Service HK\$	Consolidated HK\$
As at 31 December 2022 Segment assets Deferred income tax assets	26,969,869 -	32,410,234 341,821	23,773,089	83,153,192 341,821	-	83,153,192 341,821
	26,969,869	32,752,055	23,773,089	83,495,013	<del></del>	83,495,013
Segment liabilities	(46,252,289) ———	(50,413,288)	(25,133,791)	(121,799,368) ====================================		(121,799,368)
As at 31 December 2021 Segment assets Deferred income tax assets	23,019,055	30,843,627 367,474	16,707,651	70,570,333 367,474	24,363,621 1,532,605	94,933,954 1,900,079
	23,019,055	31,211,101	16,707,651	70,937,807	25,896,226	96,834,033
Segment liabilities	(103,386,364)	(42,019,216)	(17,482,702)	(162,888,282)	(3,969,460)	(166,857,742)

## Information about major customer

For the year ended 31 December 2022, there was one external customer contributing 10% or more of ECG's total revenue.

For the year ended 31 December 2021, there was one external customer contributing 10% or more of ECG's total revenue.

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## 5 Segment information (Continued)

Geographical information

	Revo	enue	Non-current assets		
	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$	
<b>Continuing operations</b> Greater China	125,398,864	87,588,762	16,411,070	21,178,804	
<b>Discontinued operation</b> Australia	13,818,784	69,009,477	<del>-</del>	6,314,621	
	139,217,648	156,598,239	16,411,070	27,493,425	

Revenue by geographical location is determined on the basis of the place of sales to the customers.

Non-current assets by geographical location are determined based on the location of the relevant assets.

ECG has recognised the following assets and liabilities related to contracts with customers:

	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
Contract assets		1,630,638
Contract liabilities		1,365,266

Significant changes in contract assets and liabilities

There are no contract assets as at FY2022 due to the disposal of a subsidiary. ECG also applied the simplified approach to provide for expected credit losses prescribed by HKFRS 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for contract assets. No impairment was made for contract assets as at 31 December 2022 and 2021.

There are no contract liabilities as at FY2022 due to the disposal of a subsidiary.

Revenue recognised in relation to contract liabilities

The following table shows how much of the revenue recognised in the current reporting period relates to carried-forward contract liabilities.

	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$ (Restated)
Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liabilities balance at the beginning of the year		` '
Services income	918,941	-

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#### 6 Revenue

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Revenue recognised during the year was as follows:		
	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$ (Restated)
Service income – recognised over time Sales of goods – recognised at a point in time	25,544,826 99,854,038	22,072,580 65,516,182
	125,398,864	87,588,762
Expenses by nature		
	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$ (Restated)
Outsourced services fulfilment expenses, included in cost of		(Restated)
sales	3,342,172	3,578,998
Other direct costs, included in cost of sales	11,548,895	13,256,809
Cost of inventories, included in cost of sales Auditor's remuneration	70,098,864	35,189,161
– Audit services	1,275,000	1,400,000
Employee benefit expenses (Note 8)	23,782,109	22,186,198
Consultancy fees	2,074,852	2,851,163
Outsourced labour costs (Note 30)	600,000	600,000
Amortisation of intangible assets (Note 16)	2,921,074	4,053,095
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Note 15(a))	60,295	56,879
Depreciation of right of use assets (Note 15(b))	647,330	944,108
Legal and professional expenses	376,284	1,648,163
Travel expenses	443,532	321,043
Operating leases rental (Note 15(b))	602,038	494,227
IT expenses	542,336	850,953
Advertising and marketing expenses	4,364,051	7,712,378
Entertainment and gift	1,504,923	1,188,293
Telecommunication expenses	129,634	141,936
Insurance expenses	175,777	118,544
Other expenses	1,639,694	3,603,843
	126,128,860	100,195,791
Employee benefit expenses (including Directors' emol	uments)	2021

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	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$ (Restated)
Wages and salaries Pension costs Other employee benefits and welfare	20,968,484 2,556,055 257,570	19,717,407 2,316,412 152,379
	23,782,109	22,186,198

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- 9 Benefits and interests of Directors (disclosures required by section 383 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) and Companies (Disclosure of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation (Cap. 622G)
- (a) Directors' emoluments

The remuneration of each Director is set out below:

For the year ended 31 December 2022:

Emoluments paid or receivable in respect of a person's services as a Director, whether of the Company undertaking:

						Linoidinents	
						paid or	
						receivable in	
						respect of	
						Director's other	
						services in	
						connection with	
				Employer's	Remunerations	the management	
				contribution to	paid or receivable	of the affairs of	
				a retirement	in respect of	the Company or	
				benefit	accepting office	its subsidiary	
	<u>Fees</u>	Salary	Others*	<u>scheme</u>	as Director	undertaking	<u>Total</u>
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Mr. John Lau^	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. John Lines# 2	56,160	-	-	-	-	-	56,160
Mr. Rupert Myer AO# $^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$	42,206	-	-	-	-	-	42,206
Mr. Yuming Zou#	98,098	-	-	-	-	-	98,098
Mr. Von Lam#	98,098	-	-	-	-	-	98,098
	294,562	-	-	-	-	-	294,562

Emoluments

<sup>^:</sup> Executive Director

<sup>#:</sup> Independent Non-Executive Directors

<sup>\*:</sup> Included discretionary bonuses, housing allowance and estimated money value of other benefits

<sup>1:</sup> Resigned on 31 May 2022

<sup>2:</sup> Appointed on 31 May 2022

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 9 Benefits and interests of Directors (disclosures required by section 383 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) and Companies (Disclosure of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation (Cap. 622G) (Continued)
- (a) Directors' emoluments (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2021:

Emoluments paid or receivable in respect of a person's services as a Director, whether of the Company undertaking:

						Emoluments	
						paid or receivable	
						in respect of	
						Director's other	
						services in	
						connection with	
				Employer's	Remunerations	the management	
				contribution to	paid or receivable	of the affairs of	
				a retirement	in respect of	the Company or	
				benefit	accepting office	its subsidiary	
	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Salary</u>	Others*	<u>scheme</u>	as Director	undertaking	<u>Total</u>
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Mr. John Lau^	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Christopher Lau 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Rupert Myer AO#	105,285	-	-	-	-	-	105,285
Mr. Heath Zarin <sup>2</sup>	40,639	-	-	-	-	-	40,639
Mr. Yuming Zou#	105,285	-	-	-	-	-	105,285
Mr. Von Lam# 3	47,350	-	-	-	-	-	47,350
	298,559	-	-	-	-	-	298,559

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(b) Directors' retirement benefits and termination benefits

None of the Directors received or will receive any retirement benefits or termination benefits during the year (2021: Nil).

(c) Consideration provided to third parties for making available Directors' services

The Company does not pay consideration to any third parties for making available Directors' services during the year (2021: Nil).

<sup>^:</sup> Executive Director

<sup>#:</sup> Independent Non-Executive Directors

<sup>\*:</sup> Included discretionary bonuses, housing allowance and estimated money value of other benefits

<sup>1:</sup> Resigned on 7 April 2021

<sup>2:</sup> Resigned on 17 May 2021

<sup>3:</sup> Appointed on 15 July 2021

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- 9 Benefits and interests of Directors (disclosures required by section 383 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) and Companies (Disclosure of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation (Cap. 622G) (Continued)
- (d) Information about loans, quasi-loans and other dealings in favour of Directors, controlled bodies corporate by and connected entities with such Directors

No loans, quasi-loans and other dealing were made in favour of Directors, controlled bodies corporate by and connected entities with such Directors at the end of the year or at any time during the year (2021: Nil).

(e) Directors' material interests in transactions, arrangements or contracts

Other than those disclosed in Note 30 to the financial statements, no significant transactions, arrangements and contracts in relation to ECG's business to which the Company was a party and in which a Director had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

#### 10 Other income

	2022	2021
	HK\$	HK\$
		(Restated)
Government grant	216,000	580,976
IT consultancy income (Note 30(a))	2,087,828	2,851,970
Management fee income (Note 30(a))	2,137,268	28,078
Others	442,512	746,649
	4,883,608	4,207,673

Employment Support Scheme of HK\$216,000 (2021: Nil) was recognised for the year ended 31 December 2022. No Export Market Development grants (2021: HK\$580,976) was recognised for the year ended 31 December 2022. There are no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies attaching to these grants. ECG did not benefit directly from any other forms of government assistance.

## Other losses - net

	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$ (Restated)
Net foreign exchange losses	341,043	1,339,421

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### 11 Finance expense - net

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	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$ (Restated)
Finance income: - Interest income on short-term bank deposits	47,086 	10,669
<ul> <li>Finance expense:</li> <li>Interest and finance charge paid/payable for lease liabilities (Note 15(b))</li> <li>Interest expense on shareholder's loan</li> <li>Interest expense on bank borrowings</li> </ul>	(52,435) (698,608) (554,149)	(102,323) (2,640,662) (104,447)
	(1,305,192)	(2,847,432)
Finance expense - net	(1,258,106)	(2,836,763)
Income tax credit		
	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
Current income tax - Australian corporate tax Over provision in prior years Deferred income tax (Note 25)	242,141	1,092,004 (572,458)
Income tax credit	(2,457,783) ————————————————————————————————————	(739,753)
Income tax (credit)/expense is attributable to: - Profit/(loss) from continuing operations - (Loss)/profit from discontinued operation	(730,271) (1,485,371)	(1,823,274) 1,603,067
	(2,215,642)	(220,207)

Subsidiaries established in Hong Kong are subject to Hong Kong profits tax at a rate of 16.5% (2021:16.5%). For the year ended 31 December 2022, tax recession relates to tax reduction to tax payable under Two-Tiered Profits Rates Regime capped at HK\$165,000 for one of the Hong Kong incorporated entities of the Group (2021: HK\$165,000). No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as ECG had sufficient tax losses brought forward to offset against the estimated assessable profit for the year ended 31 December 2022 and 2021.

Subsidiaries established in Australia and the PRC are subject to 30% (2021: 30%) and 25% (2021: 25%) income tax rate during the year respectively. No provision for PRC profits tax has been made as there was no assessable profit for the year ended 31 December 2022 and 2021 in PRC.

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### 12 Income tax credit (Continued)

The tax on ECG's profit/(loss) before income tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the domestic tax rates applicable to losses in the respectively of ECG companies as follows.

	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$ (Restated)
Profit/(loss) before income tax from continuing operations (Loss)/profit before income tax from discontinuing operations Less: joint venture's results reported net of tax	3,986,042 (6,944,106) (1,213,101)	(9,793,650) 10,470,145 (2,791,027)
	(4,171,165)	(2,114,532)
Tax calculated at domestic tax rates applicable in the respective countries	(1,474,399)	(507,774)
<ul> <li>Tax effect of: <ul> <li>Income not subject to tax</li> <li>Expenses not deductible for tax purposes</li> <li>Over provision in prior years</li> <li>Temporary differences not recognised</li> <li>Tax losses for which no deferred income tax assets were recognised</li> <li>Utilisation of previously unrecognised tax loss</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	(35,640) 530,620 - (53,450) 2,742,569 (3,925,342)	(9,131) 122,152 (572,458) 97,804 3,101,815 (2,452,615)
Income tax credit	(2,215,642)	(220,207)

## 13 Discontinued operation

On 30 April 2022, eCargo Holdings Limited disposed of the entire equity interest of Amblique Pty Limited ("Amblique"), a wholly-owned subsidiary, in the form of management buy-out at a total consideration of US\$5,000,000 (approximately HK\$39,000,000). Upon completion of the disposal on 30 April 2022, the Group recorded a gain of approximately HK\$28,797,000.

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## 13 Discontinued operation (Continued)

The financial information relating to Amblique for the period to the date of disposal was reported as discontinued operations. The financial performance and cash flow information of the discontinued operation reflects the operations for the four months ended 30 April 2022 and are presented below:

	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
Revenue Cost of sales	13,818,784 (1,151,850)	69,009,477 (15,961,887)
Gross Profit Other income and other gains, net Selling and distribution expense Administrative expenses Research and development expense Finance income/(expense), net	12,666,934 136,797 (457,507) (17,909,138) (1,381,198) 6	53,047,590 692,983 (1,488,880) (39,004,906) (2,712,690) (63,952)
(Loss)/profit before income tax Income tax credit/(expense)	(6,944,106) 1,485,371	10,470,145 (1,603,067)
(Loss)/profit after income tax of discontinued operation	(5,458,735)	8,867,078
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary after income tax (see below)	28,797,432	-
Profit for the period/year from discontinued operation	23,338,697	8,867,078
Exchange differences on translation of discontinued operation	3,057,237	
Other comprehensive income from discontinued operations	3,057,237	_
Cash flows are detailed as follows:		
	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
Operating cash flows Investing cash flows Financing cash flows	(614,554) (59,260) (277,968)	6,732,048 (200,597) (1,252,167)
Total cash flows	(951,782)	5,279,284

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## 13 Discontinued operation (Continued)

The gain on disposal is as follows:

	HK\$
Cash consideration receivable (Note) Carrying amount of net assets disposed of Transaction costs Income tax expense on gain Reclassification of currency translation differences	39,000,000 (4,636,037) (623,200) (1,886,094) (3,057,237)
Gain on disposal	28,797,432
Cash received	39,000,000
Cash and cash equivalents disposed of	(6,593,021)
Inflow of cash arising from discontinued operation	32,406,979

Note: The cash consideration was received in August 2022.

## 14 Earnings/(loss) per share

### (a) Basic

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

	2022	2021
	HK\$	HK\$
		(Restated)
Earnings/(loss) attributable to owners of the Company (HK\$)		
- From continuing operations	4,716,313	(7,970,376)
- From discontinued operation	23,338,697	8,867,078
	28,055,010	896,702
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	615,250,000	615,250,000
Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share (HK cent)		
- From continuing operations	0.77	(1.30)
- From discontinued operation	3.79	1.45
	4.56	0.15

## (b) Diluted

Diluted earnings/loss per share for the year is equal to the basic earnings/loss per share as there are no potential dilutive ordinary shares outstanding during the year (2021: same).

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## 15(a) Property, plant and equipment

	Furniture and fixtures HK\$	Computer equipment HK\$	Office equipment HK\$	Leasehold improvement HK\$	Total HK\$
As at 1 January 2021 Cost Accumulated depreciation	765,989	2,852,402	1,278,555	4,775,000	9,671,946
and impairment	(448,057)	(2,535,908)	(1,277,001)	(4,772,055)	(9,033,021)
Net book amount	317,932	316,494	1,554	2,945	638,925
Year ended 31 December 2021					
Opening net book amount	317,932	316,494	1,554	2,945	638,925
Additions	-	212,726	23,698	-	236,424
Depreciation charge (Note)	(48,959)	(185,167)	(631)	(2,976)	(237,733)
Currency translation differences	(15,075)	38,001	339	31	23,296
Closing net book amount	253,898	382,054	24,960	-	660,912
As at 31 December 2021 Cost	811,487	3,052,781	1,021,986	4,775,000	9,661,254
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(557,589)	(2,670,727)	(997,026)	(4,775,000)	(9,000,342)
Net book amount	253,898	382,054	24,960	-	660,912
Year ended 31 December 2022					
Opening net book amount	253,898	382,054	24,960	-	660,912
Additions	-	98,579	-	-	98,579
Depreciation charge (Note)	(14,734)	(107,901)	(6,437)	-	(129,072)
Disposal of a subsidiary	(228,162)	(292,480)	-	-	(520,642)
Currency translation differences	(11,002)	(14,911)	(1,461)	-	(27,374)
Closing net book amount	-	65,341	17,062	-	82,403
As at at December and					
As at 31 December 2022 Cost Accumulated depreciation and	218,877	1,710,100	929,498	4,509,042	7,367,517
impairment	(218,877)	(1,644,759)	(912,436)	(4,509,042)	(7,285,114)
Net book amount		65,341	17,062	-	82,403

Note: Depreciation of property, plant and equipment included HK\$60,295 for continuing operations for the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: HK\$56,879). Depreciation for right-of-use assets included HK\$647,330 for continuing operations for the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: HK\$944,108). The remaining amounts are attributable to the discontinued operation.

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### 15(b) Leases

This note provides information for leases where ECG is a lessee.

(i) Amounts recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position

The consolidated statement of financial position shows the following amounts relating to leases:

2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
422,665	1,859,848
422,057	1,770,763
55,245	517,543
477,302	2,288,306
	422,665 422,057 55,245

There were no additions to the right-of-use assets during the 2022 financial year (2021: Nil). There was HK\$1,437,183 decreased to the right-of-use assets during 2021 financial year as a result of disposal of a subsidiary.

(ii) Amounts recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income

The consolidated statement of comprehensive income shows the following amounts relating to leases:

Depreciation charge of right-of-use	Note	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$ (Restated)
Buildings	7	647,330	944,108
Interest expense (included in finance cost) Expenses relating to short-term leases	11	52,435	102,323
(included in administrative expenses)	7	602,038	494,227
		654,473	596,550

The total cash outflow for leases in 2022 was HK\$753,404 (2021: HK\$1,341,754).

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## 15(b) Leases (Continued)

(iii) ECG's leasing activities and how these are accounted for

ECG leases various offices. Rental contracts are typically made for fixed periods of 12 months to 3 years, there are no extension options in the rental contracts.

Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased assets that are held by the lessor. Leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

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## 16 Intangible assets

	Goodwill HK\$	Contractual customer relationships HK\$	Supplier relationships HK\$	Brand name HK\$	Software HK\$	Total HK\$
As at 1 January 2021						
Cost Accumulated amortisation and	74,151,213	7,239,446	27,913,700	30,524,302	112,922,959	252,751,620
impairment	(74,151,213)	(7,239,446)	(23,565,320)	(10,166,981)	(111,487,173)	(226,610,133)
Net book value	-	-	4,348,380	20,357,321	1,435,786	26,141,487
Year ended 31 December 2021						
Opening net book amount	-	-	4,348,380	20,357,321	1,435,786	26,141,487
Amortisation charge (Note)	-	-	(1,079,258)	(2,973,837)	(602,427)	(4,655,522)
Currency translation differences			(196,984)	(1,427,336)	(58,414)	(1,682,734)
Closing net book value	-	-	3,072,138	15,956,148	774,945	19,803,231
As at 31 December 2021	<b>20 00( 190</b>	( )(0,40(	0( 1(0 (17	o0 oo= =o0	440 744 000	0.47 070 900
Cost Accumulated amortisation and	70,296,489	6,863,106	26,462,617	28,937,508	112,511,089	245,070,809
impairment	(70,296,489)	(6,863,106)	(23,390,479)	(12,981,360)	(111,736,144)	(225,267,578)
Net book value	-	-	3,072,138	15,956,148	774,945	19,803,231
Year ended 31 December 2022						
Opening net book amount	-	-	3,072,138	15,956,148	774,945	19,803,231
Amortisation charge (Note)	-	-	(1,007,242)	(2,135,724)	(107,657)	(3,250,623)
Disposal of a subsidiary	-	-	-	(2,001,328)	(635,885)	(2,637,213)
Currency translation differences	-	-	(162,229)	(865,697)	(31,403)	(1,059,329)
Closing net book value	-	-	1,902,667	10,953,399		12,856,066
As at 31 December 2022						
Cost	55,095,047	-	25,266,643	19,052,577	-	99,414,267
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(55,095,047)	-	(23,363,976)	(8,099,178)	-	(86,558,201)
Net book value	-	-	1,902,667	10,953,399	-	12,856,066

Note: Amortisation of intangible assets included HK\$2,921,074 for continuing operations for the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: HK\$4,053,095). The remaining amounts are attributable to the discontinued operation.

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## 16 Intangible assets (Continued)

Notes:

### (a) Goodwill of cash generating unit ("CGU")

Goodwill is attributable to the Australia CGU and Fast Moving Consumer Goods CGU ("FMCG CGU"). FMCG CGU represents the trading of fast moving consumer goods with eCommerce store and export business.

The recoverable amount of Australia CGU and FMCG CGU were determined based on higher of value in use calculations and fair value less cost of disposal. The Australia CGU was disposed effective from 30 April 2022 (Note 13). As at 31 December 2022 and 2021, there was no carrying amount of goodwill included in intangible assets balance as the goodwill arising from prior business combination has been fully impaired in previous period.

Goodwill is allocated to the Group's CGUs in the following:

	Australia CGU	FMCG CGU	Total
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
At 1 January 2020	12,146,476	6,429,049	18,575,525
Impairment	(13,284,136)	(6,283,075)	(19,567,211)
Currency translation differences	1,137,660	(145,974)	991,686
-			
At 31 December 2020 and			
1 January 2021	-	-	_
Exchange differences	-	-	_
<u> </u>			
At 31 December 2021 and			
1 January 2022	-	-	-
Exchange differences	-	-	_
_			
At 31 December 2022	-	-	_
-			

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 16 Intangible assets (Continued)

### (b) Impairment tests for intangible assets of CGUs

The carrying value of intangible assets other than goodwill is primarily comprised of the following CGUs:

	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
Australia CGU (Note i)		
- Contractual customer relationships	-	_
- Brand name	-	2,320,634
- Software	-	774,945
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	-	3,095,579
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FMCG CGU (Note ii)		
- Supplier relationships	1,902,667	3,072,138
- Brand name	10,953,399	13,635,514
	12,856,066	16,707,652

### (i) Australia CGU

The Australia CGU was disposed effective from 31 April 2022 (Note 13). As at 31 December 2021, since no impairment indicator was identified for the Australia CGU for intangible assets other than goodwill, no impairment assessment was performed.

### (ii) FMCG CGU

As at 31 December 2022 and 2021, since no impairment indicator was identified for the FMCG CGU for intangible assets other than goodwill, no impairment assessment was performed.

#### (c) Amortisation

A total of amortisation expense of HK\$2,921,074 for continuing operations (2021: HK\$4,053,095) has been charged to administrative expenses for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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## 17 Subsidiaries

As at 31 December 2022, the Company's principal subsidiaries that has direct and indirect interests are set out below:

Name eCargo Enterprise Limited	Place of incorporation/ establishment and kind of legal entity Hong Kong, limited liability	Principal activities and place of operation Provision of eCommerce technologies services in Hong Kong	Equity interest held by the Company directly 100%	Equity interest held by the Company indirectly	Particulars of issued share capital/registered capital HK\$10,000 ordinary share capital
ECG Digital Holdings Limited	British Virgin Islands ("BVI"), limited liability	Investment holdings in Hong Kong	100%	-	50,000 ordinary shares of US\$1 each
Jessica's Suitcase Pty Limited	Australia, limited liability	Operate an online store and trading	100%	-	2,116 ordinary shares of A\$51,513
ECG Distribution Holding Limited	BVI, limited liability	Investment holdings in BVI	100%	-	50,000 ordinary shares of US\$1 each
ECG Asia Limited	BVI, limited liability	Investment holdings in BVI	100%	-	50,000 ordinary shares of US\$1 each
ECG Digital Commerce Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability	Provision of eMarketplace technology services in Hong Kong	-	100%	HK\$10,000 ordinary share capital
eCargo (China) Holdings Limited	BVI, limited liability	Investment holdings in BVI	-	100%	1 ordinary share of US\$1 each
ECTrade Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability	Provision of eCommerce technologies services in Hong Kong	-	100%	1,000 ordinary shares of HK\$1 each
JLE (China) Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability	Investment holdings in Hong Kong	-	100%	HK\$100 ordinary share capital
Jessica's Suitcase Co. Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability	Dormant	-	100%	HK\$10,000 ordinary share capital

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## 17 Subsidiaries (Continued)

As at 31 December 2022, the Company has direct and indirect interests in the following subsidiaries: (Continued)

	Place of incorporation/		Equity interest held	Equity interest held	Particulars of issued
	establishment	Principal activities	by the	by the	share
	and kind of	and place of	Company	Company	capital/registered
<u>Name</u>	<u>legal entity</u>	operation	<u>directly</u>	<u>indirectly</u>	<u>capital</u>
深圳市嘉宏天成	The PRC, limited	Provision of	-	100%	RMB13,000,000
貿易發展有限	liability	eCommerce			registered share
公司		business services in the PRC			capital
杰叶商貿(上海)	The PRC, limited	Provision of	-	100%	US\$10,000,000
有限公司	liability	eCommerce			registered share
		support and marketing services			capital
		in PRC			
Metcash Export	Australia, limited	Operate an online	-	85% (note)	100 ordinary
Services Pty	liability	store and trading of			shares of A\$1
Limited		FMCG			each
Metcash Asia	The PRC, limited	Provision of	_	85% (note)	RMB 9,000,000
Limited	liability	eCommerce		03/0 (11010)	registered share
	•	support and			capital
		marketing services			
		in PRC			

#### Note

ECG acquired 85% interest in Metcash Export Services Pty Limited ("MES") and Metcash Asia Limited ("MAL") (collectively the "MES Group") in February 2019. Management concluded that ECG has effectively control the remaining 15% equity interest of MES Group. Further details are included in Note 31. As such, ECG has not recognised any non-controlling interest in respect of the remaining 15% equity interest legally held by remaining shareholders of MES and ECG has accounted for MES Group as 100% owned in the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

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## 18 Interests in joint ventures

	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
Interests in joint ventures		
Beginning of the year	2,856,736	529,486
Investment in joint ventures (Note a and b)	-	781,170
Share of results from joint ventures	1,213,101	2,791,027
Dividend received from joint ventures	(1,361,722)	(1,244,947)
End of the year	2,708,115	2,856,736

#### Note:

- (a) In January 2021, ECG established PJF Wines Limited ("PJF") with CN Investment Limited, a related party. PJF is a limited liability company incorporated in BVI and is engaged in the trading of dining wines in Mainland China. Both ECG and the other holds 50% equity interest in PJF and they jointly control PJF as the key operating and financial decisions of PJF required unanimous consent from them.
- (b) In August 2021, ECG established Mellow Asia Limited ("Mellow") with Mellow.store Limited, an independent third party. Mellow is a limited liability company incorporated in Hong Kong and is engaged in the trading of non-psychoactive chemical products in Asia-Pacific region. Both ECG and the other shareholder holds 50% equity interest in Mellow and they jointly control Mellow as the key operating and financial decisions of Mellow required unanimous consent from them.

				% of owners	ship interest	
				As at 31 I	December	
		Place of	Country of			Measurement
Name of entity	Principal activity	business	incorporation	2022	2021	method
PJF Wines Limited	Trading of dining wine	Hong Kong	BVI	50%	50%	Equity method
Mellow Asia Limited	Trading of non- psychoactive chemical products	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	50%	50%	Equity method
Asean Business Group Pty Limited ("ABG")	Trading of fast moving consumer goods	Australia	Australia	33.33%	33.33%	Equity method

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## 18 Interests in joint venture (Continued)

### Reconciliation of summarised financial information

#### **Summarised financial information for joint ventures**

Set out below is the summarised financial information of the material joint venture as at and for the year ended 31 December 2022 and 2021 which are accounted for using the equity method.

	ABG 2022 HK\$	ABG 2021 HK\$
Current assets Current liabilities	9,897,195 (7,874,994)	12,999,660 (6,338,516)
Profit after income tax	4,405,964	8,808,162

The information above reflects the amounts presented in the financial statements of the material joint venture not ECG's share of those amounts.

Reconciliation of the summarised financial information presented to the carrying amount of ECG's in ABG.

ABG	ABG
2022	2021
HK\$	HK\$
6,662,491	1,588,617
4,405,964	8,808,162
(4,085,166)	(3,734,841)
370,884	553
7,354,173	6,662,491
33.33%	33.33%
2,451,146	2,220,608
	2022 HK\$ 6,662,491 4,405,964 (4,085,166) 370,884  7,354,173 33.33%

### Individually immaterial joint ventures

In addition to the interests in joint ventures of ABG disclosed above, ECG also has interests in joint ventures of PJF and Mellow whose financial information are individually immaterial as at and for the year ended 31 December 2022. As at 31 December 2022, the carrying amount of interest in individually immaterial joint ventures that are accounted for using the equity method were approximately HK\$381,000 (2021: HK\$636,000).

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## 19 Financial instruments by category

## ECG holds the following instruments:

	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
Financial assets		
Financial assets at amortised cost Trade and other receivables (excluding prepayments)	24,298,560	06 044 651
Amounts due from related parties	8,208,908	26,344,651 4,648,375
Cash and cash equivalents	27,074,136	32,644,769
	59,581,604	63,637,795
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
Trade and other payables (excluding non-financial liabilities)	14,820,671	12,381,846
Amounts due to related parties	38,914,788	33,201,689
Shareholder's loan	43,381,467	92,782,809
Bank borrowings	8,944,639	4,589,000
Put option liabilities	7,979,700	8,479,950
Lease liabilities	477,302	2,288,306
	114,518,567	153,723,600
Inventories		
	2022	2021
	HK\$	HK\$
Finished goods	7,239,712	2,820,453

The cost of inventories recognised as an expense and included in "cost of sales" amounted to HK\$70,098,864 (2021: HK\$35,189,161).

There was no write down of inventories to net realisable value during the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: Nil).

## 21 Trade receivables

2022	2021
HK\$	HK\$
21,383,493	23,168,718
(369,501)	(963,592)
21,013,992	22,205,126
	HK\$ 21,383,493 (369,501)

Management considered the carrying amounts of trade receivables approximate their fair values.

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### 21 Trade receivables (Continued)

Credit terms granted to customers are normally 30 days. The aging analysis of the trade receivables based on invoice date is as follows:

	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
1 – 30 days 31 – 60 days 61 – 90 days Over 90 days	11,136,206 2,107,587 2,485,266 5,284,933	12,296,626 4,485,699 3,274,843 2,147,958
	21,013,992	22,205,126

ECG applies the HKFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables and contract assets.

The loss allowance decreased by HK\$594,091 to HK\$369,501 for trade receivables assessed under individual and collective assessments during the current reporting period. ECG does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements over these balances.

Information about the impairment of trade receivables, ECG's exposure to credit risk and foreign currency risk and details about the calculation of the allowance can be found in Note 3.1.

The carrying amounts of ECG's trade receivables are denominated in the following currencies:

	2022	2021
	HK\$	HK\$
HK\$	5,939,130	472,970
RMB	3,262,827	2,405,252
A\$	8,115,689	11,343,207
GBP	1,630,622	-
US\$	1,953,882	7,846,646
Others	111,842	137,051
	21,013,992	22,205,126

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying value of trade receivables mentioned above.

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## 22 Prepayments, deposits and other receivables

	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
Prepayments Rental and utilities deposits Other receivables	262,627 2,861,850 422,718	1,519,532 2,244,959 1,894,566
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	3,547,195	5,659,057
Less: non-current portion Deposits		(412,619)
Current portion	3,547,195	5,246,438

Other receivables were neither past due nor impaired and they were interest-free and repayable on demand as at 31 December 2022 and 2021. Management considers that the carrying amounts of deposits and other receivables approximate their fair values.

The carrying amounts of ECG's deposits and other receivables are denominated in the following currencies:

	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
HK\$ RMB A\$	779,392 94,766 2,410,410	809,392 594,324 2,735,809
	3,284,568	4,139,525

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## 23 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are denominated in the following currencies:

	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
Cash on hand		
HK\$ RMB	13,455 67,900	14,396 68,451
	81,355	82,847
Cash at banks		
HK\$	407,631	1,098,629
RMB	4,758,286	5,110,800
A\$	3,174,995	21,694,691
US\$	14,561,475	4,328,530
GBP	3,054,560	-
Others	1,035,834	329,272
	26,992,781 	32,561,922
Total	27,074,136	32,644,769

As at 31 December 2022, the amount of cash at banks represented ECG's maximum exposure to credit risk.

The conversion of RMB denominated balances into foreign currencies is subject to the rules and regulations of foreign exchange control promulgated by the relevant government authorities.

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## 24 Trade payables, other payables and accruals

	2022	2021
	HK\$	HK\$
Trade payables	3,551,781	3,547,645
Accrued expenses Accrued employee benefit expenses Other payables	2,359,657 1,139,761 6,470,030	3,965,552 3,851,982 4,868,649
Other tax payables	1,886,094	-
Other payables and accruals	11,855,542	12,686,183
Less: non-current portion Other payables	-	(1,045,861)
	11,855,542	11,640,322
	15,407,323	15,187,967
The carrying amounts of ECG's trade payables, other payables and following currencies:	l accruals are den	ominated in the
	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
HK\$ RMB A\$ US\$ Others	7,097,194 4,433,559 3,583,400 - 293,170	3,351,715 1,687,966 11,113,661 80,486
	15,407,323	16,233,828

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## 25 Deferred income tax

016,815)	
10,015)	(6,637,323)
99,639	739,753 (119,245)
	(6,016,815)
	99,639 92,935) 52,328)

The movements in deferred income tax assets and liabilities during the year, without taking into consideration the offsetting of balances within the same tax jurisdiction, are as follows:

## (i) Deferred income tax assets

Movements	Deferred revenue HK\$	Accruals & provision HK\$	Right-of-use assets HK\$	Other HK\$	Total HK\$
At 1 January 2021 Credited to the consolidated statement of comprehensive	931,962	2,863,785	123,982	449,806	4,369,535
income Currency translation	(487,055)	(1,008,353)	12,102	(313,413)	(1,796,719)
differences	(35,331)	(105,518)	(6,771)	(14,941)	(162,561)
At 31 December 2021	409,576	1,749,914	129,313	121,452	2,410,255
At 1 January 2022 Credited to the consolidated statement of comprehensive	409,576	1,749,914	129,313	121,452	2,410,255
income	478,279	864,743	151,005	141,818	1,635,845
Disposal of a subsidiary Currency translation	(854,183)	(2,157,961)	(269,688)	(238,982)	(3,520,814)
differences	(33,672)	(114,875)	(10,630)	(24,288)	(183,465)
At 31 December 2022	-	341,821	-	-	341,821

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## 25 Deferred income tax (Continued)

### (ii) Deferred income tax liabilities

Movements	Accelerated depreciation and amortisation HK\$	Accrued income HK\$	Total HK\$
At 1 January 2021 Credited to the consolidated statement of	(10,194,157)	(812,701)	(11,006,858)
comprehensive income	1,876,695	659,777	2,536,472
Currency translation differences	18,838	24,478	43,316
At 31 December 2021	(8,298,624)	(128,446)	(8,427,070)
At 1 January 2022 Credited to the consolidated statement of	(8,298,624)	(128,446)	(8,427,070)
comprehensive income	795,699	26,239	821,938
Disposal of a subsidiary	330,592	97,287	427,879
Currency translation differences	478,184	4,920	483,104
At 31 December 2022	(6,694,149)	-	(6,694,149)

Deferred income tax assets are recognised for tax loss carried forward to the extent that the realisation of the related tax benefit through future taxable profits is probable.

As at 31 December 2022, ECG did not recognise deferred income tax assets of HK\$24,871,880 (2021: HK\$33,765,192) in respect of accumulated losses amounting to HK\$120,587,375 (2021: HK\$179,273,164) that can be carried forward against future taxable income. As at 31 December 2022, in respect of the accumulated losses of HK\$64,894,177 and HK\$7,591,863 arising in Hong Kong and Australia, respectively, does not have any expiry date while the accumulated tax losses of HK\$13,324,750, HK\$14,549,988, HK\$7,117,812 and HK\$11,478,767 arising in the PRC will be expired in 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027.

### 26 Share capital

	Number of shares	Share capital HK\$
As at 1 January 2021, 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022	615,250,000	427,820,968

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## Notes to the consolidated statement of cash flows

(a) Cash generated from operations for the year comprises:

	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$ (Restated)
Profit/(loss) before income tax	3,986,042	(9,793,650)
Adjustments for:		
- Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Note 15(a))	60,295	56,879
- Depreciation of right-of-use assets (Note 15(b))	647,330	944,108
- Amortisation of intangible assets (Note 16)	2,921,074	4,053,095
- Net foreign exchange losses (Note 10)	341,043	1,339,421
- (Reversal of)/provision for impairment of trade receivables	(040, 4 <b>-</b> 0)	0.40 <b>=</b>
(Note 3.1) - Finance income (Note 11)	(218,478)	9,137
- Finance expense (Note 11)	(47,086)	(10,669)
	1,305,192	2,847,432
- Share of results of joint ventures (Note 18)	(1,213,101)	(2,791,027)
Changes in working capital:	7,782,311	(3,345,274)
- Inventories	(4,027,553)	3,468,849
- Trade receivables	(1,590,244)	(7,160,950)
- Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	(2,218,585)	(222,629)
- Trade payables	782,499	(1,162,648)
- Other payables and accruals	5,282,640	(157,684)
- Balances with related parties	3,876,132	(13,296,586)
Cash generate from/(used in) operations	9,887,200	(21,876,922)

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## 27 Notes to the consolidated statement of cash flows (Continued)

(b) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financial activities

The reconciliation of liabilities arising from financial activities is as follows:

borrowings Total
HK\$ HK\$
- (96,222,238)
(4,589,000) (2,090,770)
- (2,807,261)
- (155,123)
- 1,278,614
- 336,663
(4,589,000) (99,660,115)
(3,801,490) 47,329,832
(554,149) (1,305,192)
- 115,757
- 716,310
(8,944,639) (52,803,408)
(4,589,00 (3,801,49 (554,14

(i) Other changes include non-cash movements, including accrued interest expense which was settled by non-cash payment.

## 28 Shareholder's loan

	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
Shareholder's loan	43,381,467	92,782,809

On 29 August 2016, ECG entered into an agreement with JL Enterprises Holdings Limited, ECG's ultimate holding company, wholly owned by Mr. John Lau, the Executive Chairman of ECG. Pursuant to the agreement, JL Enterprises Holdings Limited agreed, to provide a loan facility in an aggregate amount of up to HK\$50 million to support ECG's working capital requirements. On 15 March 2017, an addendum agreement was signed to amend the maximum outstanding amount of the loan facility to HK\$70 million. On 14 February 2019, another addendum agreement was signed to amend the maximum outstanding amount of the loan facility to HK\$100 million (Note 30). As at 31 December 2022, the carrying amount of the shareholder's loan from JL Enterprises Holdings Limited amounted to HK\$43,381,467 (2021: HK\$92,789,809), representing the outstanding principal amounts and interest accrued thereon.

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### 28 Shareholder's loan (Continued)

For the year ended of 2022, all loan facilities are unsecured and bear interest at 1% (2021: unsecured and bear interest at prime rate quoted from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited). The interest rate is subjected to review with shareholder from time to time. All loan facilities can be utilised at ECG's demand and are repayable in accordance with a separate agreement to be made between ECG and JL Enterprises Holdings Limited. As at 31 December 2022, ECG and JL Enterprises Holdings Limited mutually agreed that the shareholder's loan is not required to be repaid until 31 March 2024. There is no repayment on demand clause in the shareholder's loan agreement.

The carrying amount of shareholder's loan approximates to its fair value and is denominated in HK\$.

The weighted average interest rate of the shareholder's loan bear average coupon rate of 1% per annum (2021: 2.8% per annum).

### 29 Bank Borrowing

	As at	As at
	31 December	31 December
	2022	2021
	HK\$	HK\$
Current		
Bank borrowing	8,944,639	4,589,000

As at 31 December 2022, the Group's bank borrowing was interest bearing at the Hong Kong Best Lending Rate minus 2.25% per annum (2021: Hong Kong Best Lending Rate minus 2.25% per annum) and secured by personal guarantee given by the Executive Chairman of the Company. The bank borrowing was dominated in HK\$. The bank borrowings include a repayable on demand clause and therefore the balance is classified under current liabilities.

The carrying amount of borrowing approximates to its fair value and is denominated in following currencies:

2022

2021

	HK\$	HK\$
HK\$ A\$ GBP	8,635,955 92,224 216,460	4,589,000 - -
	8,944,639	4,589,000

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## 29 Bank Borrowing (Continued)

The weighted average interest rate of the bank borrowing was 2.8% per annum (2021: 2.3% per annum).

According to the repayment schedule of the bank borrowing, without considering the repayable demand clause, bank borrowing was repayable as follows:

	As at 31 December 2022 HK\$	As at 31 December 2021 HK\$
Within 1 year Between 1 and 2 years Between 2 and 5 years Over 5 years	1,669,886 1,804,647 3,534,433 1,935,673	915,357 1,125,933 2,547,710
	8,944,639	4,589,000

The bank borrowing does not have any terms of financial covenant.

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## 30 Related party transactions

JL Enterprise Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and wholly owned by Mr. John Lau, the Executive Chairman of ECG, is being regarded as the ultimate holding company of the Group and of the Company. Chess Depositary Nominees Pty Ltd., a company incorporated in Australia is being regarded as the immediate holding company of the Group and of the Company.

The Board of Directors are of the view that the following parties were considered related parties that had transactions or balances with ECG:

### Name of related party

Mr. John Lau Mr. John Lines Mr. Von Lam Mr. Yuming Zou JL Enterprises Holdings Limited

#### EC-GO eCommerce Limited

Allport Cargo Services Limited Cargo Services Far East Limited Cargo Services (China) Limited CN Logistics Limited (HK) CS China Logistics Limited 深圳市一全通电子商务有限公司深圳市看我商貿服務有限公司 Dreamtown International Ltd Asean Business Group Pty Limited PJF Wines Limited Mellow Asia Limited

### **Relationship with ECG**

Executive Director/Executive Chairman Independent Non-executive Director Independent Non-executive Director Independent Non-executive Director Shareholder of the Company, controlled by Mr. John Lau Shareholder of the Company, controlled by Mr. John Lau Joint venture Joint venture Joint venture

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## 30 Related party transactions (Continued)

The following transactions were carried out with related parties:

		2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
(a)	Revenue – note (i)		
	Sales of goods: - Asean Business Group Pty Limited - Dreamtown International Ltd - PJF Wines (HK) limited	136,469 3,919,693 61,849	- - -
	Sales of software development services: - Cargo Services Far East Limited	2,400,000	2,400,000
	IT Consultancy revenue: - Cargo Services Far East Limited	2,087,828	2,851,970
	Service income: - Dreamtown International Ltd	1,641,207	
	Management Income: - PJF Wines (HK) Limited	2,137,268	28,078
(b)	Expenses – note (i)		
	Purchase of outsourced labour services: - Cargo Services Far East Limited	600,000	600,000
	Purchases of outsourced import, storage, and courier fulfillment services: - Cargo Service (China) Limited - CN Logistics Limited	1,577,215	3,389,465 148,830
	Lease payment/rental expense: - Cargo Services Far East Limited	147,485	130,752

(c) Key Management compensation – note (ii)

Details of the Key Management compensation are disclosed in Note 9 to this consolidated financial statement.

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# 30 Related party transactions (Continued)

(d) Balances with related parties

	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
Amounts due from related parties – note (iii) - Allport Cargo Services Limited - PJF Wines (HK) Limited - 深圳市看我商貿服務有限公司 - 深圳市一全通电子商务有限公司 - CN Logistics Limited (HK) - Asean Business Group Pty Limited - Mellow Asia Limited	549,455 1,770,504 2,659,427 1,727 2,950,269 77,632 199,894 8,208,908	486,828 1,498,830 2,655,997 6,720 - - - 4,648,375
Amounts due to related parties (current) – note (iii)  - Cargo Services Far East Limited  - Cargo Services (China) Limited  - CN Logistics Limited (HK)  - CS China Logistics Limited  - Dreamtown International Ltd	(8,189,986) (9,180,847) - (685,297) (2,539,708)  (20,595,838)	(184,211) (23,400,637) (55,163) (717,922) (4,430,549) (28,788,482)
Amounts due to related parties (non- current) – note (iv and v) - EC-GO eCommerce Limited - Cargo Services (China) Limited	(4,413,207) (13,905,743) (18,318,950)  (38,914,788)	(4,413,207) - (4,413,207)  (33,201,689)

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### 30 Related party transactions (Continued)

The following transactions were carried out with related parties: (Continued)

(e) Shareholder's loan

	Total HK\$
At 1 January 2021 Interest charged	90,478,810 2,303,999
At 31 December 2021	92,782,809
At 1 January 2022 Interest charged Repayment	92,782,809 698,608 (50,099,950)
At 31 December 2022	43,381,467

#### Notes:

- (i) These transactions are carried out on terms mutually agreed with the related parties.
- (ii) Key Management are deemed to be the directors who have responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the Company.
- (iii) Balances with related parties arise mainly from sale and purchase transactions and are due one month after the date of sale or purchase. The receivable balances and payable balances bear no interest and are denominated in HK\$.
- (iv) The amount of HK\$4,413,207 due to EC-GO eCommerce Limited ("EC-GO") was classified as a non-current liability as at 31 December 2022 for which ECG and EC-GO mutually agreed that the amount is not required to be repaid in the next twenty-four months from the reporting date.
- (v) The amount of HK\$13,905,743 due to Cargo Services (China) Limited ("Cargo Services") was classified as a non-current liability as at 31 December 2022 for which ECG and Cargo Services mutually agreed that the amount is not required to be repaid in the next twenty-four months from the reporting date.

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## 31 Put option liabilities

On 25 February 2019, ECG acquired 85% interest in MES Group. In connection with the acquisition, a put option to sell the remaining 15% equity interest in MES Group was granted to Metcash Limited ("Metcash"), the original shareholders. Metcash may exercise the put option at any time on and from the date that is 18 months after the completion date. The put option has no expiry date.

Management has recognised the put option as a financial liability in the statement of financial position as a reduction of equity attributable to non-controlling interest and accounted for MES Group as 100% owned since the date of acquisition. As such, ECG has not recognised any non-controlling interest in respect of the remaining 15% equity interest legally held by Metcash.

The exercise price of the put option is at a fixed price plus 15% of the consolidated net assets value of Metcash Export Services Pty Ltd and Metcash Asia Limited at the acquisition date. It is recognised as a financial liability in the statement of financial position and carried at amortised cost.

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## 32 Statement of financial position and reserve movement of the Company

	Note	2022 HK\$	2021 HK\$
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Investments in subsidiaries		30,357,562	30,357,562
		30,357,562	30,357,562
Current assets			
Amount due from a related parties		29,437	1,170
Cash and cash equivalents		3,569	4,229
		33,006	5,399
Total assets		30,390,568	30,362,961
Equity Equity attributable to owners of the Company Share capital Accumulated losses	a	427,820,968 (497,346,865)	427,820,968 (495,278,796)
Total deficit		(69,525,897)	(67,457,828)
<b>Liabilities Non-current liability</b> Shareholder's loan		43,381,467	92,782,809
Current liabilities			
Amounts due to subsidiaries		56,199,904	3,429,811
Amounts due to related parties Other payables and accruals		335,094	1,244,948 363,221
		56,534,998	5,037,980
Total liabilities		99,916,465	97,820,789
Total deficit and liabilities		30,390,568	30,362,961

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# 32 Statement of financial position and reserve movement of the Company (Continued)

Note:

(a) Reserve movement of the Company

	Accumulated losses HK\$
As at 1 January 2021	(489,382,770)
Loss for the year	(5,896,026)
As at 31 December 2021 and 1 January 2022	(495,278,796)
Loss for the year	(2,068,069)
As at 31 December 2022	(497,346,865)