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五礦地產有限公司

MINMETALS LAND LIMITED
(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 230)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS

The board of directors (the "Board") of Minmetals Land Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2023 together with the comparative figures of the corresponding period in 2022.

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS For the six months ended 30 June 2023

		Six months ended 30 June		
	Notes	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	
REVENUE Cost of sales	3	8,343,105 (6,540,081)	6,283,210 (5,435,987)	
Gross profit		1,803,024	847,223	
Other income Fair value changes on investment properties Selling and marketing expenses Administrative and other expenses Allowance for impairment of inventories Impairment loss reversed/(recognised) under the expected credit loss model, net Finance income Finance costs Share of results of associates	4	38,367 (14,912) (165,329) (231,983) (192,274) 328 95,070 (245,355) (67,846)	52,642 (57,052) (166,055) (284,196) (168,944) (7,269) 87,029 (63,987) (63,197)	
Share of results of joint ventures	-	11,710	94,743	
PROFIT BEFORE TAX Income tax expense	5	1,030,800 (437,661)	270,937 (220,785)	
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	6	593,139	50,152	
Profit/(loss) for the period attributable to: Equity holders of the Company Holders of perpetual capital instruments Non-controlling interests		111,693 481,446	90,293 46,990 (87,131)	
		593,139	50,152	
EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY, IN HK CENTS Basic Diluted	8 8	3.34 3.34	2.70 2.70	

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

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	593,139	50,152	
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (EXPENSE)/INCOME Other comprehensive (expense)/income that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:			
Currency translation differences	(740,445)	(1,301,126)	
Fair value (loss)/gain on hedging instruments in cash flow hedges	(11,703)	44,252	
Share of other comprehensive expense of associates Share of other comprehensive expense of joint ventures	(67,913) (10,912)	(143,248) (12,161)	
Share of other comprehensive expense of joint ventures	(10,712)	(12,101)	
Other comprehensive expense that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in	(830,973)	(1,412,283)	
subsequent periods: Fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	(125,073)	(80,769)	
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE EXPENSE FOR THE PERIOD	(956,046)	(1,493,052)	
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE EXPENSE FOR THE PERIOD	(362,907)	(1,442,900)	
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the period attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company	(518,606)	(809,930)	
Holders of perpetual capital instruments	` '-'	(60,690)	
Non-controlling interests	155,699	(572,280)	
	(362,907)	(1,442,900)	

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION $30\ June\ 2023$

	Notes	30 June 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS Property, plant and equipment Investment properties Interests in associates Interests in joint ventures Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income Other financial assets Other receivables Deferred tax assets		648,187 2,752,924 2,133,874 343,035 276,355 7,860 520,756	662,273 2,774,432 2,269,633 341,852 401,428 31,270 9,039 754,807
Total non-current assets		6,682,991	7,244,734
CURRENT ASSETS Inventories Prepayments, trade and other receivables Prepaid income tax Contract assets Contract costs Other financial assets Cash and bank deposits, restricted Cash and bank deposits, unrestricted	9 10 11	33,697,122 10,759,036 667,992 123,537 246,849 19,567 320,155 7,033,572	39,506,138 11,009,807 818,011 144,360 238,300 724,314 7,701,361
Total current assets		52,867,830	60,142,291
Total assets		59,550,821	67,387,025
EQUITY Share capital Reserves		334,691 5,966,232	334,691 6,484,838
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company Non-controlling interests		6,300,923 10,063,858	6,819,529 9,992,569
Total equity		16,364,781	16,812,098
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES Borrowings Other payables Deferred tax liabilities Lease liabilities	12	13,045,602 233,816 254,435 6,494	17,176,328 250,256 316,495 10,021
Total non-current liabilities		13,540,347	17,753,100
CURRENT LIABILITIES Borrowings Trade and other payables Contract liabilities Lease liabilities Taxation payable	12 13	12,660,232 9,412,089 6,900,746 10,561 662,065	7,132,439 13,581,206 11,415,551 18,893 673,738
Total current liabilities		29,645,693	32,821,827
Total liabilities		43,186,040	50,574,927
Total equity and liabilities		59,550,821	67,387,025
Net current assets		23,222,137	27,320,464
Total assets less current liabilities		29,905,128	34,565,198

NOTES TO INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION 30 June 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Minmetals Land Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") are principally engaged in real estate development, specialised construction and property investment. The People's Republic of China is the major market for the Group's businesses.

The Company is a limited liability company incorporated in Bermuda. The Company is listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Its immediate holding company is June Glory International Limited (incorporated in the British Virgin Islands) and its ultimate holding company is China Minmetals Corporation (incorporated in Mainland China).

The interim condensed consolidated financial information has been approved for issue by the Board on 24 August 2023.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim condensed consolidated financial information has been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

The interim condensed consolidated financial information does not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The interim condensed consolidated financial information is presented in thousands of units of Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$'000"), unless otherwise stated, which is also the functional currency of the Company.

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial information are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022, except for the adoption of the following new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") for the first time for the current period's financial information.

HKFRS 17 Amendments to HKFRS 17 Amendment to HKFRS 17

Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2 Amendments to HKAS 8 Amendments to HKAS 12

Amendments to HKAS 12

Insurance Contracts
Insurance Contracts
Initial Application of HKFRS 17 and HKFRS 9

— Comparative Information Disclosure of Accounting Policies

Definition of Accounting Estimates
Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from

a Single Transaction

International Tax Reform — Pillar Two Model Rules

The nature and impact of the new and revised HKFRSs that are applicable to the Group are described below:

- (a) Amendments to HKAS 1 require entities to disclose their material accounting policy information rather than their significant accounting policies. Accounting policy information is material if, when considered together with other information included in an entity's financial statements, it can reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements. Amendments to HKFRS Practice Statement 2 provide non-mandatory guidance on how to apply the concept of materiality to accounting policy disclosures. The Group has applied the amendments since 1 January 2023. The amendments did not have any significant impact on the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial information.
- (b) Amendments to HKAS 8 clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies. Accounting estimates are defined as monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty. The amendments also clarify how entities use measurement techniques and inputs to develop accounting estimates. The Group has applied the amendments to changes in accounting policies and changes in accounting estimates that occur on or after 1 January 2023. Since the Group's policy of determining accounting estimates aligns with the amendments, the amendments did not have any significant impact on the financial position or performance of the Group.
- (c) Amendments to HKAS 12 Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction narrow the scope of the initial recognition exception in HKAS 12 so that it no longer applies to transactions that give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences, such as leases and decommissioning obligations. Therefore, entities are required to recognise a deferred tax asset (provided that sufficient taxable profit is available) and a deferred tax liability for temporary differences arising from these transactions. The amendments did not have any significant impact on the financial position of the Group as at 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022 or its consolidated financial performance for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Group has adopted the amendments on temporary differences related to leases from 1 January 2023.

(d) Amendments to HKAS 12 International Tax Reform — Pillar Two Model Rules introduce a mandatory temporary exception from the recognition and disclosure of deferred taxes arising from the implementation of the Pillar Two model rules published by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. The amendments also introduce disclosure requirements for the affected entities to help users of the financial statements better understand the entities' exposure to Pillar Two income taxes, including the disclosure of current tax related to Pillar Two income taxes separately in the periods when Pillar Two legislation is effective and the disclosure of known or reasonably estimable information of their exposure to Pillar Two income taxes in periods in which the legislation is enacted or substantively enacted but not yet in effect. Entities are required to disclose the information relating to their exposure to Pillar Two income taxes in annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023, but are not required to disclose such information for any interim periods ending on or before 31 December 2023. The Group has applied the amendments retrospectively. Since the Group did not fall within the scope of the Pillar Two model rules, the amendments did not have any significant impact to the Group.

3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

An analysis of revenue is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue from contracts with customers Revenue from other sources Rental and management fee income from investment properties	8,319,895	6,261,579
	8,343,105	6,283,210

Disaggregated revenue information for revenue from contracts with customers

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

Segments	Real estate development <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Specialised construction <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Types of goods or services			
Sales of properties	7,939,111	_	7,939,111
Specialised construction services	_	134,742	134,742
Management services	246,042		246,042
Total revenue from contracts with customers	8,185,153	134,742	8,319,895
Geographical markets			
Mainland China	8,182,552		8,182,552
Hong Kong	2,601	134,742	137,343
Total revenue from contracts with customers	8,185,153	134,742	8,319,895
Timing of revenue recognition			
Properties transferred at a point in time	7,939,111	_	7,939,111
Specialised construction services transferred over time	_	134,742	134,742
Management services transferred over time	246,042		246,042
Total revenue from contracts with customers	8,185,153	134,742	8,319,895

For the six months ended 30 June 2022

Segments	Real estate development <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Specialised construction <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Total HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Types of goods or services			
Sales of properties	5,977,052	_	5,977,052
Specialised construction services	_	77,695	77,695
Management services	206,832		206,832
Total revenue from contracts with customers	6,183,884	77,695	6,261,579
Geographical markets			
Mainland China	6,181,946	_	6,181,946
Hong Kong	1,938	77,695	79,633
Total revenue from contracts with customers	6,183,884	77,695	6,261,579
Timing of revenue recognition			
Properties transferred at a point in time Specialised construction services transferred	5,977,052	_	5,977,052
over time	_	77,695	77,695
Management services transferred over time	206,832		206,832
Total revenue from contracts with customers	6,183,884	77,695	6,261,579

The chief operating decision maker has been identified as the executive directors of the Company (the "Executive Directors"). The Executive Directors review the Group's internal financial reports in order to assess performance and allocate resources. The Executive Directors have determined the operating segments based on these reports as follows:

Real estate development: Development and sales of residential and commercial properties

Specialised construction: Design, installation and selling of curtain walls and aluminum windows,

doors and other materials

Property investment: Holding of properties to generate rental income and/or to gain from the

appreciation in properties' values in the long term

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group changed the internal reporting structure for making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. The "Securities investment" segment was no longer disclosed separately. Accordingly, the amounts previously reported under the reportable operating segments have been aggregated to conform with the current period's presentation.

Segment revenue and results

		development nded 30 June		construction nded 30 June		investment ended 30 June		otal ended 30 June
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
REVENUE								
Total segment revenue	8,185,153	6,183,884	134,742	77,695	26,529	24,568	8,346,424	6,286,147
Inter-segment revenue					(3,319)	(2,937)	(3,319)	(2,937)
Sales to external customers	8,185,153	6,183,884	134,742	77,695	23,210	21,631	8,343,105	6,283,210
RESULTS								
Segment results	1,301,961	316,280	5,595	(22,144)	6,123	9,208	1,313,679	303,344
Unallocated corporate								
expenses, net							(76,458)	(86,995)
							1,237,221	216,349
Finance income							95,070	87,029
Finance costs							(245,355)	(63,987)
Share of results of associates							(67,846)	(63,197)
Share of results of joint ventures							11,710	94,743
Profit before tax							1,030,800	270,937

Segment assets and liabilities

	Real estate	development	Specialised	construction	Property	investment	To	otal
	30 June	31 December	30 June	31 December	30 June	31 December	30 June	31 December
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Assets Segment assets	52,546,438	58,273,797	195,922	190,449	2,068,698	2,084,007	54,811,058	60,548,253
Unallocated corporate assets							4,739,763	6,838,772
Total assets							59,550,821	67,387,025
	Real estate	development	Specialised	construction	Property	investment	To	otal
	30 June	31 December	30 June	31 December	30 June	31 December	30 June	31 December
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Liabilities Segment liabilities	41,869,104	49,213,791	186,422	98,193	17,626	13,675	42,073,152	49,325,659
Unallocated corporate								4.849.859
liabilities							1,112,888	1,249,268

4. OTHER INCOME

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2023	2022	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Government subsidies	9,053	9,987	
Dividend income	5,201	28,339	
Management fee income from a fellow subsidiary	1,354	1,453	
Others	22,759	12,863	
	38,367	52,642	

5. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (30 June 2022: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong. Under the two-tiered profits tax regime, the first HK\$2,000,000 (30 June 2022: HK\$2,000,000) of the profits of qualifying group entities established in Hong Kong have been taxed at 8.25%, and profits above that amount have been subject to the tax rate of 16.5%. The profits of the group entities not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime continue to be taxed at a rate of 16.5%.

The PRC enterprise income tax has been calculated on the estimated assessable profit derived in Mainland China for the period at the rate of 25% (30 June 2022: 25%).

Land appreciation tax is levied at progressive rates ranging from 30% to 60% on the appreciation of land value, being the proceeds of sales of properties less deductible expenditures including costs of land and development and construction expenditures.

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2023	2022	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Current tax			
PRC enterprise income tax	186,203	(29,684)	
PRC land appreciation tax	64,421	107,311	
Hong Kong profits tax	142	82	
	250,766	77,709	
Deferred tax	186,895	143,076	
	437,661	220,785	

6. PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2023	2022	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Profit for the period has been arrived at after charging:			
Cost of properties sold (i)	6,409,782	5,347,171	
Cost of specialised construction	123,394	81,924	
Depreciation	15,454	30,179	
Direct operating expenses incurred for investment properties that			
generated rental income	6,905	6,892	
Allowance for impairment of inventories	192,274	168,944	
Net foreign exchange loss	1,773	27,170	
Employee benefit expense (including directors' emoluments) (ii)	156,910	177,573	

- (i) Included in cost of properties sold are capitalised interest expenses of HK\$408,582,000 (30 June 2022: HK\$154,763,000).
- (ii) Employee benefit expense capitalised as properties under development was HK\$30,163,000 (30 June 2022: HK\$40,211,000).

7. DIVIDENDS

The directors of the Company (the "Directors") do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022: Nil).

8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

Since there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares during the periods ended 30 June 2023 and 2022, the diluted earnings per share is equal to the basic earnings per share.

9. INVENTORIES

	30 June 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Duamantias un dan davidamment	(Chadartea)	(Flucitod)
Properties under development — located in Mainland China	19,397,027	19,364,770
— located in Hong Kong	7,428,533	6,948,179
	26,825,560	26,312,949
Properties held for sale		
— located in Mainland China	6,871,562	13,193,189
	33,697,122	39,506,138

As at 30 June 2023, inventories with carrying amounts of HK\$12,179,344,000 (31 December 2022: HK\$12,729,428,000) have been pledged as collateral for bank borrowings.

10. PREPAYMENTS, TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

The following is an aging analysis of trade receivables at the end of the reporting period based on the due date for rental receivables, date of properties delivered to purchasers and billing date of construction services certified:

	30 June	31 December
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Within 90 days	141,855	119,632
91 to 180 days	12,370	3,784
181 days to 1 year	21,868	1,848
1 year to 2 years	32,323	31,960
Over 2 years	25,183	26,978
	233,599	184,202
Less: Allowance for impairment	(41,374)	(43,677)
	192,225	140,525

11. CONTRACT ASSETS

	30 June 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Construction services Retention receivables	72,160 51,377	92,983 51,377
	123,537	144,360
12. BORROWINGS		
	30 June 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Non-current Bank borrowings, secured Bank borrowings, unsecured Guaranteed bonds, unsecured Bonds, unsecured Loans from non-controlling shareholders of a subsidiary, unsecured	1,139,020 6,306,384 2,345,362 2,164,755 1,090,081	1,386,825 11,329,880 2,332,362 893,197 1,234,064 17,176,328
Current Bank borrowings, secured Bank borrowings, unsecured Guaranteed bonds, unsecured Bonds, unsecured Loans from non-controlling shareholders of a subsidiary, unsecured	2,916,286 9,675,690 34,352 33,904 12,660,232	3,143,723 2,975,325 973,837 39,554 7,132,439
	25,705,834	24,308,767

13. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade and other payables included deferred revenue which amounted to HK\$254,228,000 (31 December 2022: HK\$271,363,000).

The following is an aging analysis of trade, bills and contract payables of the Group based on invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

1 year to 2 years Over 2 years 134,783 154,365 1,761,179 2,413,338 14. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS 30 June 2023 2022 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) (Audited) Contracted but not provided for — Expenditure in respect of acquisition of land use rights — 1,550			30 June 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2022 HK\$'000 (Audited)
91 to 180 days 549,790 181,691 181 days to 1 year 322,467 531,540 1 year to 2 years 300,962 340,507 Over 2 years 134,783 154,365 1,761,179 2,413,338 2,413,338 1,761,179 1,761,179 1,761		Within 90 days	453,177	1,205,235
1 year to 2 years 300,962 340,507 Over 2 years 134,783 154,365 14. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS 30 June 2023 31 December 2023 2022 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 (Audited) (Audited) Contracted but not provided for — Expenditure in respect of acquisition of land use rights — Expenditure in respect of property, plant and equipment 1,550 — Expenditure in respect of property, plant and equipment 213,030 221,337		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· ·	
134,783 154,365 1,761,179 2,413,338 2,413,33		181 days to 1 year	322,467	531,540
14. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS 30 June 2023 2022 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) (Audited) Contracted but not provided for (Unaudited) (Audited) Expenditure in respect of acquisition of land use rights 1,550 Expenditure in respect of property, plant and equipment 213,030 221,337		1 year to 2 years	300,962	340,507
14. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS 30 June 31 December 2023 2022 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) (Audited) Contracted but not provided for — Expenditure in respect of acquisition of land use rights — 1,550 — Expenditure in respect of property, plant and equipment 213,030 221,337		Over 2 years	134,783	154,365
Contracted but not provided for Expenditure in respect of acquisition of land use rights Expenditure in respect of property, plant and equipment 30 June 231 December 2022 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) (Audited) - 1,550 213,030 221,337			1,761,179	2,413,338
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 Expenditure in respect of acquisition of land use rights Expenditure in respect of property, plant and equipment 213,030 221,337 		Contracted but not provided for		
- Expenditure in respect of property, plant and equipment 213,030 221,337		<u> -</u>	_	1,550
Expenditure in respect of investment properties 177,653 183,729			213,030	221,337
		— Expenditure in respect of investment properties	177,653	183,729
390,683 406,616			390,683	406,616

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

OPERATION REVIEW

Overview

In the first half of 2023, the overall Chinese real estate market showed an upswing followed by a downturn. In the first quarter, market activity had been picking up significantly, which was spurred on by the release of pent-up demand accumulated in earlier times, as the pandemic situation in China was getting better. The recovery, however, lost momentum in the second quarter as homebuyer sentiment once again slipped downhill when pent-up demand was basically unleashed. The national real estate market was still under great pressure from overhaul. The Group achieved satisfactory operating performance for the half-year by making ongoing efforts to reinforce its robust business strategy, accelerating its transformation into an "urban operator", adhering to the strategy of high-quality and maintaining enhancement on its operational efficiency. During the period, the Group's revenue soared by 32.8% to HK\$8,343 million as compared to the corresponding period last year, and profit for the period surged 10.9 times to HK\$593 million as compared to the corresponding period last year. Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company increased by 24.4% to HK\$112 million as compared to the corresponding period last year. Core profit attributable to equity holders of the Company¹ was HK\$398 million.

Market Review

In the first half of the year, China's real estate market recovery fell short of expectations with relatively mediocre performance in the market and enterprises under constrained supply and demand, albeit the market has shown certain improvements since 2023. China's real estate sector enjoyed a brief uptick in the first quarter, benefitting from economic recovery driven by the unleashed pent-up demand accumulated during the pandemic and supportive policy measures. The market has cooled significantly in the second quarter, with sales slowed in April, while China's macro-economic indicators went south in May and June, coupled with tempered expectations for home purchases, and subdued property investment and new construction. From January to June 2023, national commercial housing sales posted a 1.1% year-on-year growth to RMB6,309.2 billion whilst the commercial housing sales by floor area were down 5.3% year-on-year to 595.15 million square meters, data published by the National Bureau of Statistics ("NBS") showed. Property developer's overall investment desire remained low against the backdrop of sluggish real estate sales.

Note:

"Core profit attributable to equity holders of the Company" excludes allowance for impairment of inventories, share of impairment of inventories of associates and joint ventures, exchange loss/gain, fair value changes of investment properties and reversal/allowance for impairment of receivables.

According to the data released by NBS, national property investment fell 7.9% year on year to RMB5,855.0 billion during January to June 2023 while the developer's housing construction area sank 6.6% year-on-year to 7,915.48 million square meters.

Business Development

(1) Real Estate Development

Contracted Sales

During the period, the contracted sales of the Company together with its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates for the first half of 2023 increased by 7.1% to RMB7.06 billion compared with the corresponding period last year (30 June 2022: RMB6.59 billion) whilst the gross floor area ("GFA") contracted for sale increased by 35.2% to 330,000 square meters (30 June 2022: 244,000 square meters) compared with the corresponding period last year. The contracted sales were mainly derived from the real estate development projects in Tier 1 and core Tier 2 cities.

The contracted sales breakdown was listed as below:

	For the six months ended 30 June				
	20)23	2022		
	Contracted	Contracted	Contracted	Contracted	
Location	amount	GFA	amount	GFA	
	(RMB		(RMB		
	million)	(sq.m.)	million)	(sq.m.)	
Pan Bohai Rim	2,630	101,000	1,490	60,000	
Yangtze River Delta	1,240	41,000	2,350	44,000	
Central China Region	860	74,000	610	61,000	
Chengdu-Chongqing Region	760	53,000	220	25,000	
Pearl River Delta					
(including Hong Kong)	1,570	61,000	1,920	54,000	
Total	7,060	330,000	6,590	244,000	

Revenue

During the period, the revenue from the real estate development business rose by 32.4% to HK\$8,185 million (30 June 2022: HK\$6,184 million) as compared with the corresponding period last year. The revenue was mainly derived from the real estate development projects in Pearl River Delta. The gross profit margin of the real estate development business increased by 8.2 percentage points to 21.7% (30 June 2022:

13.5%) as compared with the corresponding period last year, mainly due to a higher proportion of real estate development projects with higher gross profit margin recognised during the period.

(2) Specialised Construction

The Group is engaged in the business of specialised construction mainly comprising the services of design, production and installation of curtain walls in the Hong Kong market, with iconic projects including but not limited to West Kowloon Palace Museum, Ocean Park Water World, Liantang Port and Xiqu Centre.

In recent years, the Group has continued to optimise its operating structure and proactively modified its business direction. For this reason, the Group has adopted a relatively conservative bidding strategy to strengthen risk control. Therefore, no new projects were undertaken during the period, but the Group continued to maintain a sound cooperative relationship with local developers with ongoing efforts in seeking good development opportunities.

In 2022, the progress of projects was delayed due to the ongoing pandemic, but it has gradually returned to normalcy and actively caught up with the construction schedule in 2023. Revenue from the specialised construction business increased significantly after returning to normalcy, with revenue increased by 73.1% to HK\$135 million (30 June 2022: HK\$78 million) as compared with the corresponding period last year.

(3) Property Investment

The Group's property investment business primarily comprises two commercial office buildings in Hong Kong, namely China Minmetals Tower in Tsimshatsui and LKF29 in Central. As at 30 June 2023, LKF29 recorded an occupancy rate of 89.1% (30 June 2022: 91.8%), edged down by 2.7% as compared to the corresponding period last year. In the second half of 2022, China Minmetals Tower underwent renovation and replanning of space for leasing to enhance its market competitiveness. With the market sentiment fuelled by favourable measures such as border reopening in the first half of the year, the Group had the units leased out successfully with the occupancy rate reached 89.0% (30 June 2022: 63.2%), marking a sharp rise in the occupancy rate during the period as compared with the corresponding period last year. During the period, revenue from the property investment business increased by 9.5% to HK\$23 million (30 June 2022: HK\$21 million) as compared with the corresponding period last year; the gross profit margin increased by 2.1 percentage points to 70.2% (30 June 2022: 68.1%).

Land Bank

As at 30 June 2023, the Group's total developable GFA ("Land Bank") amounted to 7,429,000 square meters. The composition of the Group's Land Bank was listed as below:

		Percentage share of Land
City tier	Land Bank	Bank
	('000 sq.m.)	
First tier cities	2,329	31.4%
Second tier cities	2,760	37.2%
Third tier cities	2,340	31.4%
Total	7,429	100.0%
		Percentage share of Land
Location	Land Bank	Bank
	('000 sq.m.)	
Pan Bohai Rim	2,483	33.4%
Yangtze River Delta	304	4.1%
Central China Region	1,696	22.8%
Chengdu-Chongqing Region	1,355	18.3%
Pearl River Delta (including Hong Kong)	1,591	21.4%
Total	7,429	100.0%

Entrusted Asset Management

During the period, the Group recorded a management service income of RMB1.20 million under the entrusted management service agreement, of which China Minmetals Corporation entrusted the Company with the management of its non-listed assets within its real estate development segment, including the real estate development projects in Beijing, Tianjin, Shenyang, Liaoning, Jiangsu, Hunan and Guangdong.

Outlook

Looking forward to the second half of the year, downward pressure on China's macroeconomy is still striking with the real estate market overhaul shows no sign of easing, and the business environment, which is far from optimistic. Leveraging on the advantages of its background as a state-owned enterprise, the Group will calmly respond to the changing market landscape by upholding its prudent business strategy, adhering to the general principle of high-quality development with a focus on premium products, reinforcing its transformation and upgrade into an "urban operator". In addition, the Group will speed up the sales and inventory destocking, strengthen the ability of cash collection, ensure a healthy financial situation with prudent investment and expansion, and make continuous effort to enhance the Group's core competitiveness.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

The Group's revenue was primarily derived from three business segments, namely real estate development, specialised construction and property investment. The Group's consolidated revenue for the first half of 2023 rose by 32.8% to HK\$8,343 million as compared to HK\$6,283 million from the corresponding period last year.

The Group's consolidated revenue breakdown was listed as below:

	For the six months ended 30 June					
	2023		2022			
	Percentage		Percentage			
	HK\$	share of	HK\$	share of	Year-on-	
	million	revenue	million	revenue	year change	
Real estate development	8,185	98.1%	6,184	98.4%	32.4%	
Specialised construction	135	1.6%	78	1.2%	73.1%	
Property investment	23	0.3%	21	0.4%	9.5%	
Total	8,343	100.0%	6,283	100.0%	32.8%	

The Group's revenue from the real estate development business increased by 32.4% to HK\$8,185 million (30 June 2022: HK\$6,184 million) as compared to the corresponding period last year, and accounted for 98.1% of the Group's consolidated revenue, which was due to certain real estate development projects in the Pearl River Delta had been recognised in the first half of 2023, resulting in an increase in revenue from the real estate development business during the period as compared with the corresponding period last year.

Revenue from the specialised construction business increased by 73.1% to HK\$135 million (30 June 2022: HK\$78 million) as compared to the corresponding period last year, and accounted for 1.6% of the Group's consolidated revenue. The significant increase in revenue from the specialised construction business after returning to normalcy was primarily attributable to a rise in completion of the projects under construction by working against the clock vigorously.

Revenue from the property investment business increased by 9.5% to HK\$23 million (30 June 2022: HK\$21 million) as compared to the corresponding period last year, and accounted for 0.3% of the Group's consolidated revenue. Revenue from the property investment business was mainly generated from two commercial buildings in Hong Kong, and the increase in revenue was primarily due to the Group successfully rented out most of the vacant flats in the first half of the year with growing rental income, riding on the favourable news such as the reopening of borders between Mainland China and Hong Kong at the beginning of this year.

The Group's overall gross profit margin increased to 21.6% from 13.5% in the corresponding period last year, mainly due to the products with higher gross profit margins as compared to the corresponding period last year recognised for the real estate development business, the turn from loss to profit of the specialised construction business, and the increase in the gross profit margin of the property investment business during the period.

Other Income

The Group's other income decreased by 28.3% to HK\$38 million (30 June 2022: HK\$53 million) as compared to the corresponding period last year, mainly due to the significant decrease in dividend income during the period as compared with the corresponding period last year.

Fair Value Changes on Investment Properties

The Group's fair value loss on investment properties for the period decreased by 73.7% to HK\$15 million (30 June 2022: HK\$57 million) as compared to the corresponding period last year. Despite the rising occupancy rates underpinned by the border reopening as well as the return of business and societal normality during the period, the market rental levels of renewed and newly leased properties were still under pressure as the market has not yet fully recovered, resulting in fair value loss on investment properties in Hong Kong.

Selling and Marketing Expenses

The Group's selling and marketing expenses amounted to HK\$165 million. Despite the revenue growth, the sales and marketing expenses during the period remained flat with the corresponding period last year (30 June 2022: HK\$166 million) due to reducing depreciation expenses of an individual subsidiary.

Administrative and Other Expenses

The Group's administrative and other expenses decreased by 18.3% to HK\$232 million (30 June 2022: HK\$284 million) as compared to the corresponding period last year, mainly due to the Group's stringent control over the administrative expenses, resulting in the reduction in non-operating expenses, staff costs, bank charges and professional fees during the period.

Impairment of Inventories

The real estate market was sluggish during the period, with sales price of some of the Group's projects declined to varying degrees. The Group made an impairment provision of HK\$192 million for inventories with signs of impairment under the principle of prudence (30 June 2022: HK\$169 million).

Finance Costs

The Group's finance costs charged to the statement of profit or loss increased by 282.8% to HK\$245 million (30 June 2022: HK\$64 million) as compared to the corresponding period last year, mainly due to the rising finance costs and declining interest capitalisation rate.

Share of Results of Joint Ventures

The Group's share of profit of joint ventures decreased by 87.4% to HK\$12 million (30 June 2022: HK\$95 million) as compared to the corresponding period last year, mainly due to the shrinking recognition scale of an individual joint venture located in Yangtze River Delta, decreasing its profit contribution to the Group accordingly during the period.

Profit during the period

In view of the above, the Group's net profit increased by 10.9 times to HK\$593 million (30 June 2022: HK\$50 million) as compared to the corresponding period last year. The profit attributable to equity holders of the Company rose by 24.4% to HK\$112 million from HK\$90 million in the corresponding period last year, mainly due to scaled-up recognition of real estate development business and the Group's improved gross profit level during the period. Core profit attributable to equity holders of the Company¹ was HK\$398 million (30 June 2022: HK\$425 million). Basic earnings per share was HK3.34 cents, up 23.7% from the corresponding period last year (30 June 2022: HK2.70 cents).

Financial Position

As at 30 June 2023, the Group's total assets decreased by 11.6% to HK\$59,551 million (31 December 2022: HK\$67,387 million), which was primarily attributable to the significant decrease in the carrying amount of the Group's assets denominated in RMB when converted into Hong Kong dollars due to the weakening exchange rate of RMB during the period. Although the Group's profit for the period increased as compared with the corresponding period last year, the Group's net assets for the end of period amounted to HK\$16,365 million, approximately the same level as at the end of 2022 (31 December 2022: HK\$16,812 million) due to the persisting fluctuations in exchange rates.

The contract liabilities, which mainly represent contracted sales carried forward will subsequently be recognised as the Group's revenue when presold properties are completed and delivered to buyers. During the period, the Group's contract liabilities decreased by 39.5% to HK\$6,901 million (31 December 2022: HK\$11,416 million), which was mainly due to the Group's recognised revenue exceeded the return in new contracted sales during the period.

As at 30 June 2023, the Group's gearing ratio (total liabilities to total assets) was 72.5% (31 December 2022: 75.1%). The gearing ratio, net of contract liabilities and deferred revenue, was 68.8% (31 December 2022: 69.8%). Net gearing ratio (net debt to total equity) increased by 17.6 percentage points to 112.1% (31 December 2022: 94.5%), mainly as a result of increased borrowings and decline in cash position during the period.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

During the period, the Group's working capital was mainly derived from cash flows generated from business operations and borrowings.

In terms of offshore financing, the Group entered into a 3-year club loan agreement of HK\$970 million with a number of banks in February 2023, with the proceeds were used to refinance the existing borrowings. In addition, the Group actively adjusted its loan structure and entered into a one-year revolving loan agreement of Renminbi ("RMB") 1 billion with a bank in May 2023, with the proceeds were used to replace existing Hong Kong dollar borrowings. In terms of onshore financing, the Group issued non-publicly unsecured bonds of RMB1.2 billion to domestic professional investors in June 2023. The Group continues to give full play to its competitive advantage as a listed flagship in Hong Kong, adheres to prudent financial management principles and maintains stable financial strength by enhancing cash flow and liquidity.

Total borrowings of the Group stood at HK\$25,706 million as at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: HK\$24,309 million), which mainly comprised borrowings from banks and bonds. The increase in total borrowings was mainly due to RMB bonds and construction loans. The Group's weighted average borrowing costs increased by 0.9 percentage points to 5.0% (31 December 2022: 4.1%).

The maturity profile of the Group's borrowings was as follows:

	30 June 2023		31 December 2022	
	Percentage			Percentage
	HK\$	share of	HK\$	share of
	million	borrowings	million	borrowings
Within one year	12,660	49.2%	7,132	29.3%
In the second year	1,120	4.4%	6,717	27.6%
In the third to fifth year	11,926	46.4%	10,460	43.1%
Total	25,706	100.0%	24,309	100.0%

The currency profile of the Group's borrowings was as follows:

	30 June 2023		31 December 2022	
	Percentage			Percentage
	HK\$	share of	HK\$	share of
	million	borrowings	million	borrowings
Renminbi	7,585	29.5%	5,686	23.4%
Hong Kong Dollar	15,776	61.4%	15,317	63.0%
United States Dollar	2,345	9.1%	3,306	13.6%
Total	25,706	100.0%	24,309	100.0%

During the period, the finance cost recognised in the profit or loss amounted to HK\$245 million (30 June 2022: HK\$64 million) after capitalisation of HK\$388 million (30 June 2022: HK\$339 million) into properties under development.

As at 30 June 2023, the Group had cash and bank deposits (excluding restricted cash and bank deposits) of HK\$7,034 million (31 December 2022: HK\$7,701 million), of which 95.0%, 4.8% and 0.2% (31 December 2022: 97.7%, 1.9% and 0.4%) were denominated in Renminbi, Hong Kong dollar and United States dollar respectively. The unutilised banking facilities of the Group as at 30 June 2023 amounted to HK\$5,691 million (31 December 2022: HK\$7,141 million).

EXPOSURE TO FLUCTUATION IN EXCHANGE RATES AND INTEREST RATES

Exchange Rate Risk

The Group's principal business is located in Mainland China where the external financing is denominated in Hong Kong dollar and revenue is denominated in Renminbi primarily. The Group is exposed to exchange rate risk in transactions that are denominated in a currency other than Hong Kong dollar, the reporting and functional currency of the Company. The Group has been closely monitoring the fluctuation in Renminbi exchange rate and has considered necessary measures to minimise the impact arising from exchange rate fluctuation including adjustment to the proportion of borrowings in foreign currencies and utilisation of foreign exchange hedging instruments such as forward foreign exchange contracts or capped forward contracts.

Interest Rate Risk

The Group is also exposed to interest rate risk resulting from fluctuation in interest rates. Most of the borrowings of the Group were on a floating rate basis and therefore, an increase in interest rate would raise the Group's finance cost. In order to mitigate the interest rate risk, the Group entered into interest rate swap contracts in which the Group would receive interest of one-month HIBOR and pay monthly interest at a fixed rate based on the notional amount of HK\$1.0 billion. As at 30 June 2023, 25.8% (31 December 2022: 23.0%) of the Group's borrowings was on a fixed rate basis with the remainder on a floating rate basis.

As at 30 June 2023, save as disclosed above, the Group did not possess any kind of financial instruments for hedging or speculative purposes.

CHARGES ON ASSETS OF THE GROUP

As at 30 June 2023, certain assets of the Group were pledged to secure certain banking facilities granted to the Group and mortgage loan facilities to the purchasers of the Group's properties. These pledged assets of the Group included:

- i. inventories with carrying amounts of HK\$12,179 million (31 December 2022: HK\$12,729 million);
- ii. property, plant and equipment with carrying amounts of approximately HK\$189 million (31 December 2022: HK\$195 million);
- iii. investment properties with fair value of approximately HK\$181 million (31 December 2022: 186 million); and
- iv. 100% equity interest in a subsidiary.

FINANCIAL GUARANTEES AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 30 June 2023, guarantees given to banks for mortgage facilities granted to purchasers of the Group's properties amounted to HK\$7,990 million (31 December 2022: HK\$8,919 million). Such guarantees will terminate upon the earlier of (i) the issuance of the property ownership certificate, which will generally be available within one year after the purchasers take possession of the relevant properties; or (ii) the repayment of mortgage loans by the purchasers. After taking into account the net realisable value of these properties and the low default rate, the Directors consider that the fair value of the financial guarantee at initial recognition and subsequently at the end of each reporting period is not significant.

EMPLOYEES

The total number of staff of the Group, including the Directors, decreased by 8.9% to 1,075 as at 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022: 1,180). The Group will continue to adopt a remuneration policy in line with the market practice where it operates. The total remuneration and benefits for the Directors and staff of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2023 amounted to HK\$187 million (30 June 2022: HK\$218 million).

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Corporate Governance Code

In the opinion of the Directors, throughout the six months ended 30 June 2023, the Company has complied with the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code ("CG Code") as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, except for the following deviations:

- 1. Every Director, including those appointed for a specific term, are subject to retirement by rotation in the manner as set out in code provision B.2.2 of the CG Code, except for the Chairman and the Managing Director of the Company where they are not required to do so pursuant to the Private Company Act 1981 of Bermuda under which the Company is incorporated.
- 2. Deviating from code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code, Mr. He Jianbo, an Executive Director of the Company, serves as the Chairman of the Board. He is responsible for the overall strategic direction of the Group and management of the Board as well as organising the management of the Company for strategic planning and business operations to enable more effective implementation of long-term strategies. It is believed that the balance of power and authority is adequately ensured as major decisions have been made in consultation with the Board, which comprises three Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company and two Non-executive Directors of the Company offering their experience, expertise, independent advice and views from different perspectives.

3. The chairman of the board should attend the annual general meeting as set out in code provision F.2.2 of the CG Code. However. Mr. He Jianbo, the Chairman of the Board, was unable to attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 6 June 2023 due to other work commitment. Mr. Liu Bo, the Executive Director and the General Manager of the Company, chaired the meeting on behalf of the Chairman of the Board and was available to answer questions.

Code for Securities Transactions by Directors

The Company has established a set of guidelines as its own "Rules and Procedures for Directors and Relevant Employees of the Company in respect of Dealings in Securities of the Company" (the "Rules for Securities Transactions") on terms no less exacting than those contained in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules.

Having made specific enquiries of all the Directors, they had confirmed in writing that they had complied with the Rules for Securities Transactions throughout the six months ended 30 June 2023.

REVIEW BY AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee of the Company has reviewed the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2023, which have also been reviewed by the Company's independent auditor, Ernst & Young, in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 June 2023.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises nine directors, namely Mr. He Jianbo as the Chairman and an executive director, Mr. Liu Bo, Mr. Chen Xingwu and Mr. Yang Shangping as executive directors, Ms. He Xiaoli and Mr. Huang Guoping as non-executive directors, and Mr. Lam Chung Lun, Billy, Ms. Law Fan Chiu Fun, Fanny and Professor Wang Xiuli as independent non-executive directors.

By order of the Board

Minmetals Land Limited

He Jianbo

Chairman

Hong Kong, 24 August 2023

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