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KINGBO STRIKE LIMITED

工蓋有限公司*

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock code: 1421)

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The board (the "**Board**") of directors (the "**Directors**") of Kingbo Strike Limited (the "**Company**") presents the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "**Group**") for the six months ended 31 December 2023 together with comparative figures for the six months ended 31 December 2022 as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		Six months ended 31 December		
		2023	2022	
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
		Unaudited	Unaudited	
REVENUE	6	63,118	64,452	
Cost of sales		(60,842)	(58,484)	
Gross profit		2,276	5,968	
Other gains and (losses), net	7	42	(1,357)	
Administrative expenses		(13,077)	(10, 827)	
Other expenses		(569)	(381)	
(Allowance for) reversal of expected credit loss ("ECL") recognised in respect of				
financial assets at amortised cost, net		(11,715)	4,892	
Finance costs	8	(293)	(254)	
LOSS BEFORE TAX	9	(23,336)	(1,959)	
Income tax expense	10	(653)	(1,254)	
LOSS FOR THE PERIOD		(23,989)	(3,213)	

* For identification purposes only

	Notes	Six months ended 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	31 December 2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited
ATTRIBUTABLE TO Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		(27,654) 3,665	(9,633) 6,420
		(23,989)	(3,213)
LOSS FOR THE PERIOD OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (EXPENSE) FOR THE PERIOD Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		(23,989)	(3,213)
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations		4,616	(8,111)
Other comprehensive income (expense) for the period, net of income tax		4,616	(8,111)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE EXPENSE FOR THE PERIOD		(19,373)	(11,324)
ATTRIBUTABLE TO Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		(23,869) 	(17,622) 6,298
		(19,373)	(11,324)
Loss per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company Basic and diluted (HK cent)	11	33.1	(Restated) 13.9

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	31 December 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	30 June 2023 <i>HK\$`000</i> Audited
NON-CURRENT ASSETS Plant and equipment Deposits for plant and equipment Right-of-use asset		245 3,424 1,206	274 1,622 1,464
Total non-current assets		4,875	3,360
CURRENT ASSETS Trade receivables, deposits and other receivables Contract assets Prepayments Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	13 14 13 15	116,229 5,666 104,105 4	108,780 4,247 119,017 1,539
Cash and cash equivalents		6,253	13,707
Total current assets		232,257	247,290
CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade and other payables Lease liabilities Bank borrowings Income tax payable	16 17	52,394 1,085 3,866 16,302	40,283 975 10,815 15,451
Total current liabilities		73,647	67,524
NET CURRENT ASSETS		158,610	179,766
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		163,485	183,126
NON-CURRENT LIABILITY Lease liabilities Deferred tax liabilities		954 619	1,505 606
Total non-current liability		1,573	2,111
NET ASSETS		161,912	181,015
EQUITY Share capital Reserves		16,683 112,301	16,683 135,900
TOTAL EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY Non-controlling interests		128,984 32,928	152,583 28,432
TOTAL EQUITY		161,912	181,015

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. CORPORATE AND GROUP INFORMATION

Kingbo Strike Limited (the "**Company**") was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 19 June 2013 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law, Cap. 22 of the Cayman Islands. The Company's registered office address is at Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, PO Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands. The Company was registered with the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong as a non-Hong Kong company under the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the laws of Hong Kong) on 5 September 2013 and the principal place of business in Hong Kong is at Unit 1202, 12th Floor, Mirror Tower, No. 61 Mody Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East, Hong Kong.

The Company is an investment holding company. The Group is principally engaged in supply of solar photovoltaic parts and equipment and electrical distribution system business in the People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**") and the provision of electrical engineering services in Singapore.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 31 December 2023 (the "Interim Financial Statements") have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards ("IASs") 34 Interim Financial Reporting issued by the International Accounting Standard Board ("IASB").

The Interim Financial Statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements as at and for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Basis of consolidation

The Interim Financial Statements comprise the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries for the six months ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements of the subsidiaries used in the preparation of the Interim Financial Statements are prepared for the same reporting date as the Company. Consistent accounting policies are applied to transactions and events in similar circumstances.

All intra-group balances, income and expenses resulting from intra-group transactions are eliminated in full.

3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Interim Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 15) which have been measured at fair value. These financial statements are presented in HK\$. All values are rounded to nearest thousands ("**HK\$'000**") unless otherwise stated.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2023 are the same as those presented in the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Application of new and amendments and interpretation of IFRSs

In the current interim period, the Group has applied the following amendments to IFRS Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the Group's annual period beginning on 1 July 2023 for the preparation of the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements:

IFRS 17 (including the October 2020 and February 2022 Amendments to IFRS 17)	Insurance Contracts
IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2	Disclosure of Accounting Policies
Amendments to IAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates
Amendments to IAS 12	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction
Amendments to IAS 12	International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules

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

The Group's Interim Financial Statements have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee").

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the Interim Financial Statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities, and their accompanying disclosures. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in the future accounting periods.

5. SEGMENT INFORMATION

For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on their products and services and has three reportable operating segments as follows:

- (a) supply of solar photovoltaic parts and equipment ("**Solar power business**");
- (b) provision of electrical distribution system ("Electrical distribution system business"); and
- (c) provision of electrical engineering services ("Engineering services").

Management considers the business from product type perspective. Management monitors the results of Engineering services, Solar power business and Electrical distribution system business separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Management was of the view that these three segments were mutually exclusive and distinguished from each other.

Segment performance is evaluated based on reportable segment profit/loss, which is a measure of adjusted profit/loss before tax from continuing operations. The adjusted profit/loss before tax from continuing operations is measured consistently with the Group's profit before tax from continuing operations except that unallocated gains as well as head office and corporate expenses are excluded from such measurement.

There were no inter-segment sales for the six months ended 31 December 2023 and six months ended 31 December 2022.

Segment assets exclude unallocated head office and corporate assets such as certain of plant and equipment, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, certain prepayments, deposits and other receivables, loan receivables and cash and cash equivalents as these assets are managed on a group basis.

Segment liabilities exclude unallocated head office and corporate liabilities such as certain of other payables and lease liabilities as these liabilities are managed on a group basis.

Six months ended 31 December 2023

	Solar power business HK\$'000 Unaudited	Electrical distribution system business HK\$'000 Unaudited	Engineering services <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited
Segment revenue: Sales to external customers	14,392	48,726		63,118
Segment results:	1,082	(11,594)	(2,774)	(13,286)
Unallocated gain Corporate and other unallocated expenses				34 (10,084)
Loss before tax				(23,336)

At 31 December 2023

	Solar power business <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	Electrical distribution system business <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	Engineering services <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited
Segment assets: Corporate and other unallocated assets	106,495	118,571	5,766	230,832 6,300
Total assets				237,132
Segment liabilities: Corporate and other unallocated liabilities	14,241	32,106	84	46,431 28,885
Total liabilities				75,316

Six months ended 31 December 2022

	Solar power business <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	Electrical distribution system business <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	Engineering services <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited
Segment revenue: Sales to external customers	39,298	25,154		64,452
Segment results:	(1,924)	12,587	(2,831)	7,832
Unallocated losses Corporate and other unallocated expenses				(1,588) (8,203)
Loss before tax				(1,959)

At 30 June 2023

	Solar power business <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	Electrical distribution system business <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	Engineering services <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited
Segment assets: Corporate and other unallocated assets	91,053	141,178	9,520	241,751 8,899
Total assets				250,650
Segment liabilities: Corporate and other unallocated liabilities	15,793	32,593	126	48,512 21,123
Total liabilities				69,635

Geographical information

(a) Revenue from external customers

	Six months ended 31 December		
	2023	2022	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	Unaudited	Unaudited	
Revenue Singapore	-	_	
Mainland China	63,118	64,452	
	63,118	64,452	

The revenue information of continuing operations above is based on the locations of the customers.

(b) Non-current assets

	31 December 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	30 June 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> Audited
Mainland China Hong Kong Singapore	3,425 1,444 <u>6</u>	1,862 1,490 8
	4,875	3,360

The non-current asset information is presented based on the geographical locations of the assets.

6. **REVENUE**

Revenue represents an appropriate proportion of contract revenue of construction contracts; the net invoiced value of goods and services sold, after allowances for returns and trade discount during the respective reporting periods.

	Six months ended 31 December	
	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited
At a point in time: – Supply of solar photovoltaic parts and equipment – Provision of electrical distribution system	14,392 48,726	36,554 25,154
Over time: – Installation of solar photovoltaic parts and equipment		2,744
	63,118	64,452

7. OTHER GAINS AND (LOSSES), NET

	Six months ended 31 December	
	2023 2	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Unaudited	Unaudited
Foreign exchange differences	_	(19)
Bank interest income	63	131
Incentives from the Singapore Government (Note (i))	8	-
Net fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through		
profit or loss (Note 9)	(29)	(1,789)
Employment support scheme (Note (ii))	-	104
Others		216
	42	(1,357)

Notes:

- (i) Incentives from the Singapore Government comprise special employment credit, temporary employment credit and wages credit scheme. There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies relating to these incentives.
- (ii) This represents COVID-19 related subsidies in respect of the Employment Support Scheme provided by the Hong Kong Government.

8. FINANCE COSTS

An analysis of finance costs is as follows:

	Six months ended 31 December	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Unaudited	Unaudited
Interest on bank borrowings	195	175
Interest on lease liability	83	47
Others	15	32
	293	254

9. LOSS BEFORE TAX

The Group's loss before tax is arrived at after charging (crediting) the following items:

		Six months ended 31 December	
		2023	2022
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		Unaudited	Unaudited
(a)	Auditors' remuneration	726	545
	Depreciation expense:		
	Plant and equipment	33	112
	Right-of-use asset	258	361
	Cost of goods and services provided	60,842	58,484
	Minimum lease payments under operating leases	994	401
	Employee benefits	9,031	8,631
(b)	Employee benefits (including Directors' remuneration):		
(0)	– Directors' emoluments	1,298	1,669
	– Other staff salaries, wages and bonuses	7,066	6,668
	– Other staff equity-settled share-based expense	236	- 0,000
	 Retirement benefits, excluding directors' emoluments 	431	294
		9,031	8,631
(c)	Net fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (<i>Note 7</i>)	29	1,789

10. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Six months ended 31 December	
	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited
Current – others (the PRC and Singapore) – Charge for the period	653	1,254
– Tax charge for the period	653	1,254

The Company's profit is not subject to any tax in its country of incorporation, the Cayman Islands. Income tax expense for the Group relates mainly to the assessable profits arising in Hong Kong subject to 8.25%/16.5% (if applicable) tax rate in Hong Kong, profits of the subsidiary in Singapore which is taxed at a statutory tax rate of 17% and corporate income tax which has been provided for subsidiaries in the PRC based on assessable profits arising in the PRC during the period. Subsidiaries located in the PRC are subject to the PRC corporate income tax at a rate of 25% on its assessable profits. With holding tax was provided for dividend distributed and undistributed profits of certain subsidiaries in the PRC at a rate of 10%.

The tax rate for Singapore subsidiary is based on Singapore corporate income tax (the "CIT") rate at 17% for both period.

Under the Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax (the "EIT Law") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the PRC subsidiaries is 25% for both period.

On 21 March 2018, the Hong Kong Legislative Council passed the Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 7) Bill 2017 (the "**Bill**") which introduces the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The Bill was signed into law on 28 March 2018 and was gazette on the following day. Under the two-tiered profits tax rate regime, the first HK\$2,000,000 of profits of the qualifying group entity will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2,000,000 will be taxed at 16.5%.

Accordingly, the Hong Kong profits tax is calculated at 8.25% on the first HK\$2 million of the estimated assessable profits and at 16.5% on the estimated assessable profits above HK\$2 million.

11. BASIC AND DILUTED LOSS PER SHARE

The weighted average number of equity shares refers to shares in issue during the period. The Group had no potentially dilutive ordinary shares (six months ended 31 December 2023: Nil) in issue during the period.

The calculations of basic and diluted loss per share are based on:

	Six months ended 31 December	
	2023 <i>HK\$`000</i> Unaudited	2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited
Loss Loss attributable to equity holders of the Company, used in the basic		
and diluted loss per share calculation (HK\$'000)	(27,654)	(9,633)
Shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during		
the period used in the basic and diluted loss per share calculation (in thousand)	83,417	69,514
		(restated)
Basic and diluted loss per share (HK cent)	33.1	13.9

The weighted average number of ordinary shares used to calculate the basic loss per share for the period ended 31 December 2022 have been adjusted to reflect the share consolidation effective on 1 March 2023. Accordingly, the basic loss per share for the period ended 31 December 2022 is restated.

The computation of diluted earnings per share for the both periods does not assume the exercise of the Company's outstanding share options as the relevant exercise price of those options were higher than the average market price for the current period.

12. DIVIDEND

No dividend was declared for the six months ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

13. TRADE RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS, PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	31 December 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	30 June 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> Audited
Trade receivables:		
Third parties – Gross amount	195,352	178,033
– Less: allowance for ECL	(80,124)	(70,316)
	115,228	107,717
Deposits and other receivables:		
Deposits	739	731
Others	262	332
	1,001	1,063
Total trade receivables, deposits and other receivables	116,229	108,780

Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and with credit terms ranged from of 180 to 360 days.

An aging analysis of the trade receivables as at the end of the reporting periods, based on the invoice date (net of allowance for ECL), are as follows:

	31 December 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	30 June 2023 <i>HK\$`000</i> Audited
Less than 90 days 91 to 180 days 181 to 365 days Over 365 days	45,740 11,139 58,349	18,204 35,575 53,938
	115,228	107,717

Trade receivables that were past due but not impaired relate to a number of customers that have a good track record with the Group. The Group does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements over these balances.

As at 31 December 2023, the advance payment is required when the supplier requires partial or certain percentage of the payment for the products prior to the delivery/provision of the relevant goods or services, mainly representing of approximately HK\$51,823,000 (30 June 2023: approximately HK\$48,422,000) for prepayment to supplier for photovoltaics parts and equipment and approximately HK\$52,015,000 (30 June 2023: HK\$70,016,000) for prepayment to electrical distribution system. These prepayments are made in accordance with the terms specified in the purchase contract, and the Group has also fully entered into corresponding sales contracts with customers. Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, the amount of approximately HK\$35,978,000 for photovoltaics parts and equipment and HK\$22,090,000 for electrical distribution system have been utilised and the relevant products have been delivered to the respective customers. In the option of the management of the Group, the remaining portion is expected to be further utilised upon the completion of the production, delivery and installation process within 3 to 4 months from the date of issuance of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

14. CONTRACT ASSETS

	31 December 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>	30 June 2023 <i>HK</i> \$'000
	Unaudited	Audited
Contract assets (<i>Note</i>) Less: allowance for ECL	9,872 (4,206)	5,789 (1,542)
	5,666	4,247

Note: Contract assets primarily relate to the subsidiaries, i) Strike Singapore rights to consideration for work completed but not yet billed at reporting date; and ii) retention receivable of provision of electrical distribution system and iii) retention receivable of installation of solar photovoltaic parts. Contract assets are transferred to receivables when the rights become unconditional.

15. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	31 December 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	30 June 2023 <i>HK\$`000</i> Audited
Listed securities held-for-trading, at fair value: Equity securities listed in Hong Kong	4	1,539

The above equity investments at 31 December 2023 and 30 June 2023 were classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and were accordingly, belong to the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss category.

Stock code	Company name	No. of share held at 31 December 2023	Market value as at 31 December 2023	Market value as at 30 June 2023	Change in f held-for- instrum the year 31 December 2023	-trading ents for s ended 31 December 2022
			HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
			Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited
164	China Baoli Technologies Holdings Limited	4,900	3	21	(6)	(38)
804	Pinestone Capital Limited	-	-	514	(151)	(611)
1869	Li Bao Ge Group Limited	_	-	181	(1)	33
8423	Chi Ho Development Holdings Limited	_	-	790	150	(1,162)
8293	SingAsia Holdings Limited	2,000	1	33	(21)	(11)
			4	1,539	(29)	(1,789)

Equity securities listed in Hong Kong were measured at fair value at the end of the reporting period. The fair value of the equity securities listed in Hong Kong were determined with reference to quoted market closing price.

16. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	31 December 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	30 June 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> Audited
Trade payables: Third parties	9,959	3,077
Other payables: Accrued liabilities VAT payable and other tax payables Warranty provision Amount due to a director Others	3,168 25,340 2,992 8,895 2,040	4,643 24,820 1,960 3,597 2,186
	42,435	37,206
Total	52,394	40,283

Accrued liabilities refer mainly to accrual for professional fees and employee benefits. These trade and other payables are non-interest bearing and trade payables are normally settled on terms from 30 to 90 days while other payables have an average term of 30 days.

An aging analysis of the trade payables at the end of the reporting date, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	31 December 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	30 June 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> Audited
Trade payables: Less than 90 days 91 to 180 days 181 to 270 days	192 8,585 1,182	541
	9,959	3,077

17. BANK BORROWINGS

	31 December 2023 HK\$'000 Unaudited	30 June 2023 <i>HK\$`000</i> Audited
Secured bank borrowings	3,866	10,815
Represented by: Carrying amount repayable within one year	3,866	10,815
	3,866	10,815

The bank borrowings bear interest at 0.75% (30 June 2023: ranged from 0.35% to 0.55%) over 1 year PRC Loan Price Rate per annum as at 31 December 2023.

At 31 December 2023 and 30 June 2023, the Group's bank borrowings are secured by:

- (i) interest of several properties located in the PRC of the senior management of the Group; and
- (ii) personal guarantee provided by the senior management of the Group.

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) In addition to the related party information disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, the following are the related party transactions entered into between the Group and its related parties that took place on terms and conditions agreed between the parties during the reporting periods:

		Six months ended 31 December		
	Notes	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited	2022 HK\$'000 Unaudited (Restated)	
Operating expenses recharged by – a related company	<i>(i)</i>	_	6	
Rental expense charged by – a related company	(ii)	105	326	

Notes:

- (i) Operating expenses recharged by a related company mainly referred to the utilities charges for the office premises which was paid on behalf by Victrad Enterprise (Pte) Limited ("**Victrad**"), a company controlled by a key management personnel of the Group.
- (ii) Rental expense was charged by Victrad with reference to the rates of other similar premises.

(b) Commitment with related parties

- (i) The lease agreement for the lease of office premises entered into between Strike Electrical Engineering Pte. Ltd. ("Strike Singapore") and Victrad was expired on 30 June 2023 and subsequently renewed for another 1 year after the financial year end.
- (ii) The lease agreement for the lease of workers dormitory units entered into between Strike Singapore and Victrad was expired on 30 June 2023 and subsequently renewed for another 1 year after the financial year end.
- (iii) The amount of total rental expenses charged by Victrad during the year is included in Note 18(a)(ii) to the condensed consolidated financial statements. There are no operating lease commitments in respect of the above leases with Victrad as at the reporting date (30 June 2023: Nil).

(c) Security and guarantee given by related parties

As set out in note 17, the Group's bank borrowings are secured by:

- (i) interest of several properties located in the PRC of the Group's senior management,
- (ii) personal guarantee provided by the senior management of the Group.
- (d) Compensation of key management personnel of the Group:

	Six months ended 31 December		
	2023	2022	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	Unaudited	Unaudited	
Directors' emoluments	1,298	1,669	
Salaries and bonuses	3,207	3,615	
Equity-settled share-based expense	60	_	
Pension scheme contributions	60	64	
	4,625	5,348	

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW

During the period under review, the performance of Kingbo Strike Limited (the "**Company**") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "**Group**") in different business lines were as follows:

Solar Power Business

The Group's solar power business mainly engaged in supply and installation of solar photovoltaic parts and equipment. During the period, the Group has recognised a revenue of approximately HK\$14.3 million from the solar power business for the six months ended 31 December 2023, a decrease is noted compared to a revenue of approximately HK\$39.3 million in the six months ended 31 December 2022, as the Group secured and delivered a lower volume of contracts during the period.

Electrical Distribution System

The Group recorded a revenue of approximately HK\$48.7 million in the six months ended 31 December 2023, compared to a revenue of approximately HK\$25.2 million in the six months ended 31 December 2022. An increase was noted due to the gradual recovery of the business from the pandemic.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

For the six months ended 31 December 2023, majority of the Group's revenue was derived from solar power business and electrical distribution system in the People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**").

Revenue contributed from solar power business in the PRC and electrical distribution system in PRC comprised approximately 22.8% (HK\$14.3 million) and 77.2% (HK\$48.7 million) of the total revenue of the Group, respectively.

Operating Results

During the period under review, gross profit of the Group decreased by 61.9% to approximately HK\$2.3 million (six months ended 31 December 2022: HK\$6.0 million) as compared to the six months ended 31 December 2022. Gross profit margin decreases from that of 9.3% for the six months ended 31 December 2022 to 3.6% for the six months ended 31 December 2022 to 3.6% for the six months ended 31 December 2023. A decrease in gross profit margin is attributable to the combined effect of a lower portion of stable gross margin from solar power business.

Loss attributable to owners of the Company is approximately HK\$27.7 million (six months ended 31 December 2022: loss of HK\$9.6 million) and basic loss per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent is HK\$33.1 cent (six months ended 31 December 2022: loss per share of HK\$13.9 cent). The change is mainly attributable to the combined effect of (i) deteriorate in electrical distribution system segment results to a loss of approximately HK\$11.6 million (six months ended 31 December 2022: profit of HK\$12 million); (ii) improve in solar power business segment results to profit approximately HK\$1.1million and (iii) decrease in fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss of approximately HK\$0.3 million (six months ended 31 December 2022: HK\$1.8 million).

Other Gains and Losses

Other gains and losses had changed from a net loss of approximately HK\$1.3 million for the six months ended 31 December 2022 to a gain of approximately HK\$0.4 million for the six months ended 31 December 2023. This is primarily attributable to the decrease in fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss of approximately HK\$0.3 million taken place in the six months ended 31 December 2023. Compared to the loss of HK\$1.8 million in the six months ended 31 December 2022.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses for the six months ended 31 December 2023 increased to HK\$13.1 million for the six months ended 31 December 2023 compared to approximately HK\$10.8 million for the six months ended 31 December 2022. The increase was generally due to short term lease expenses and consultancy fees.

Taxation

There was a net income tax expense of approximately HK\$0.6 million for the six months ended 31 December 2023 compared to approximately HK\$1.3 million for the six months ended 31 December 2022, mainly due to decrease in profit in solar power business and electrical distribution system business in PRC.

Liquidity, Financial Resources and Gearing

As at 31 December 2023, net current assets of the Group were approximately HK\$158.5 million (30 June 2023: HK\$179.8 million). Besides, the Group maintained cash and cash equivalents of approximately HK\$6.2 million (30 June 2023: HK\$13.7 million).

The Group's gearing ratio was 0.38 (30 June 2023: 0.25), which was calculated on the basis of net debt over equity attributable to owners of the Company. Net debt is calculated as total borrowings plus trade and other payables less cash and cash equivalents.

Capital Structure

2023 Placing

On 24 May 2023, the Company entered into a placing agreement (the "**2023 Placing Agreement**") with Gransing Securities Co., Limited, pursuant to which Gransing Securities Co., Limited agreed to place up to 13,902,800 new shares of the Company to not less than six placees on a best effort basis at a placing price of HK\$0.22 per placing share (the "**2023 Placing**"). The Placing was completed on 12 June 2023 and 13,902,800 new shares of the Company with an aggregate nominal value of HK\$2,780,560 were allotted and issued by the Company to not less than six placees who were independent individuals, corporations and/or institutional investors, who and whose ultimate beneficial owners were third parties independent of and not connected with the Company and its connected persons.

The placing price of HK\$0.22 represented (i) a discount of approximately 1.35% to the closing price of HK\$0.223 per share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on 24 May 2023, being the date of the 2023 Placing Agreement; and (ii) equivalent to the average closing price of HK\$0.22 per share of the Company as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the last five consecutive trading days immediately prior to date of the 2023 Placing Agreement. The net placing price for the 2023 Placing was approximately HK\$0.21 per placing share.

The 2023 Placing was conducted by the Company to raise additional funding for the business operations of the Group and strengthen the financial position of the Group for future development. The net proceeds amounting to approximately HK\$2.9 million arising from the 2023 Placing shall be fully applied as general working capital of the Group.

As at 31 December 2023, the Group had utilised the net proceeds of the 2023 Placing as follows:

		Utilisation up to the financial year ended	Utilisation up to the financial period ended
Intended use of net proceeds	Allocation of net proceeds <i>HK\$ (million)</i>	30 June 2023 HK\$ (million)	31 December 2023 HK\$ (million)
General working capital of the Group	2.9	0.9	2.9

The following table sets out the breakdown of the use of proceeds of the 2023 Placing as general working capital of the Group:

	Utilisation	Utilisation
	up to	as at
	the financial	the financial
	period ended	year ended
	31 December	30 June
	2023	2023
	HK\$ (million)	HK\$ (million)
Human resources	2.3	0.8
Other general expenses	0.6	0.1
Total	2.9	0.9

The utilisation of net proceeds was in accordance to the original intention disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 24 May 2023 in relation to the 2023 Placing.

Capital Structure, Exposure to Fluctuations in Exchange Rates and Related Hedges

The Group primarily financed its operations with internally generated cash flows, internal resources, external financing and shareholder's equity. Cash was generally placed in short-term deposits. The liquidity and financing requirements of the Group were reviewed regularly.

The Group's business mainly operates in Singapore, PRC and Hong Kong. Accordingly, its revenue and transactions arising from its operations were generally settled in Singapore dollars, Renminbi and Hong Kong dollars. As a result, fluctuations in the value of Hong Kong dollars against Renminbi or Singapore dollars could adversely affect the cash and cash equivalent which is reported in Hong Kong dollars. During the six months ended 31 December 2023, the Group did not experience in any material difficulties or impacts on its operations or liquidity as a result of currency exchange fluctuation.

The Group did not use any financial instruments for hedging purposes during the six months ended 31 December 2023 and there was no hedging instrument outstanding as at 31 December 2023. The Group will continue to monitor closely the exchange rate risk arising from its existing operations and new investments in future. The Group will further implement the necessary hedging arrangement to mitigate any significant foreign exchange risk when and if appropriate.

Capital management

The primary objectives of the Group's capital management are to ensure that it maintains a strong credit rating and healthy capital ratios in order to support its business and maximise shareholders' value.

The capital of the Group comprises of share capital and reserves.

The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the dividend payment to shareholders, return capital to shareholders or issue new shares. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes for managing capital during the years ended 30 June 2023 and the period ended 31 December 2023.

The Group monitors capital using a gearing ratio, which is net debt/cash divided by equity attributable to owners of the Company. Net debt/cash includes trade and other payables, less cash and cash equivalents. The Group seeks to maintain a sustainable gearing ratio to meet its existing requirements.

Charge on Assets

As at 31 December 2023 and 30 June 2023, the Group had no charges on its assets.

Capital Expenditure and Commitments

During the six months ended 31 December 2023 and six months ended 31 December 2022, the Group did not make significant capital expenditure.

As at 31 December 2023, the Group has capital commitments contracted for but not provided in the condensed consolidated financial statements of approximately HK\$0.33 million (30 June 2023: HK\$1.08 million).

Significant Investments Held, Material Acquisitions and Disposals of Subsidiaries and Associated Companies

As at 31 December 2023, the Group held certain listed securities as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss were set out in note 15 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

There were no other significant investments held. Nor were there any material acquisitions or disposals during the period under review.

Contingent Liabilities

As of 31 December 2023, the Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities.

Employment and Remuneration Policy

As at 31 December 2023, the total number of employees of the Group was 50 (30 June 2023: 35). During the period under review, employees costs (including Directors' emoluments) amounted to approximately HK\$8.9 million (six months ended 31 December 2022: HK\$8.6 million). Remuneration of the employees which included salary and discretionary bonus was based on the Group's results and individual performance. Medical and retirement benefits schemes were made available to qualified personnel.

Prospects

Due to the policies of the PRC government in relation to solar power businesses in the PRC, which promoted grid parity and focuses on construction of large scale photovoltaic power generation bases, continuous pressure was exerted on contract volume of the Group's solar power business. On the other hand, the rebound in electrical distribution system business was noted during the period. Nonetheless, the Company remains confident in the business recovery in the PRC after certain market consolidation.

Looking ahead, the Group will continue to sustain its principal businesses and make solid efforts in seeking for good business opportunities so as to enhance the value of the Company for the shareholders.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company is committed to establish and maintain high standard of corporate governance. The Company believes that good corporate governance system provides a sustainable and solid foundation for the Company to manage business risks, enhance transparency, advance accountability and maximise shareholders' interests.

The Company has applied the principles of Corporate Governance Code (the "**CG Code**") as set out in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "**Listing Rules**") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**") and complied with all applicable code provisions of the CG Code throughout the six months ended 31 December 2023, save and except for the below deviations.

Code provision C.2.1

Code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code stated that the roles of chairman and managing director should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual.

For the six months ended 31 December 2023, the chairman of the board (the "**Board**") of directors of the Company (the "**Chairman**"), Mr. Liu Yancheng was responsible for the general operations of the Board and the overall strategy of the Group. The Board considers that this structure would not impair the balance of power and authority between the directors and the management of the Group.

The roles of the respective executive Directors and senior management, who are in charge of different functions, complements the roles of chairman and managing director. The Board believes that this structure is conducive to strong and consistent leadership which enables the Group to operate efficiently.

The Board understands the importance of complying with the code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code and will continue to consider the feasibility of compliance. If compliance is determined, appropriate persons will be nominated to take up the different roles of the Chairman and the Managing Director.

Code provision C.1.8

Pursuant to the code provision C.1.8 of the CG Code, the Company should arrange appropriate insurance to cover potential legal actions against its directors. The Company is still arranging for appropriate liability insurance for the Directors for indemnifying their liabilities arising from corporate activities.

COMPLIANCE WITH LISTING RULES 3.10(1), 3.10(2), 3.21 AND 3.25 OF THE LISTING RULES

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 19 January 2024 in relation to, among other things, the non-compliance with Rules 3.10(1), 3.10(2), 3.21 and 3.25 of the Listing Rules. Pursuant to Rule 3.10(1) of the Listing Rules, every board of directors of a listed issuer must include at least three independent non-executive directors. Pursuant to Rule 3.10(2) of the Listing Rules, every board of directors of a listed issuer must include at least one of the independent non-executive directors who must have appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise. In addition, Pursuant to Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules, every listed issuer must establish an audit committee comprising non-executive directors only and the audit committee must comprise a minimum of three members, at least one of whom is an independent non-executive director with appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related 5.10(2) of the Listing Rules. The audit committee must be chaired by an independent non-executive director. Pursuant to Rule 3.25 of the Listing Rules, an issuer must establish a remuneration committee chaired by an independent non-executive director.

Immediately following the appointment of Mr. Chen Yeung Tak as an Independent nonexecutive director of the Company, a member of the Nomination Committee and the chairman of each of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee:

- (i) the number of independent non-executive directors of the Company has been increased to three (3), such that the Company re-complies with Rule 3.10(1) of the Listing Rules, which requires every listed issuer to have at least three (3) INEDs;
- (ii) the Company has one independent non-executive director possessing professional accounting qualifications and/or accounting and related financial management expertise, such that the Company recompiles with Rule 3.10(2) of the Listing Rules;
- (iii) the Audit Committee comprises three (3) members, all of whom are independent nonexecutive directors, and is chaired by an Independent non-executive director possessing professional accounting qualification and accounting and related financial management expertise, such that the Company re-complies with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules; and
- (iv) the Remuneration Committee is chaired by an non-executive director, such that the Company re-complies with Rule 3.25 of the Listing Rules.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY THE DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules (the "**Model Code**") as the code of practice for carrying out securities transactions by the Directors. After specific enquiry with all members of the Board, the Company confirmed that all Directors have fully complied with the relevant standards stipulated in the Model Code during the six months ended 31 December 2023.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY OR ANY ASSOCIATE CORPORATION

As at 31 December 2023, the interests and short positions of each Director and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "**SFO**") which were required to be (i) notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which the Directors and the chief executive have taken or deemed to have taken under such provisions of the SFO); (ii) recorded in the register kept by the Company under section 352 of the SFO; or (iii) notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers, were as follows:

Long Positions in Shares and Underlying Shares of the Company

Director	Capacity/Nature	Personal Interest	Other interest (Note 3)	Total interest	Percentage of interest in the Company's issued share capital
Mr. Liu Yancheng	Beneficial owner	380,000	695,140	1,075,140	1.29%
-	Interest of spouse (Note 1)	250,000	_	250,000	0.29%
Mr. Yao Runxiong	Beneficial owner	602,500	_	602,500	0.72%
-	Interest of spouse (Note 2)	931,500	-	931,500	1.12%

Notes:

- 1. 250,000 shares of the Company are legally and beneficially owned by Ms. Zhang Juanying, the spouse of Mr. Liu Yancheng. Mr. Liu Yancheng is therefore deemed to be interested in the 250,000 shares of the Company for the purposes of the SFO.
- 2. 931,500 shares of the Company are legally and beneficially owned by Ms. Zhuang Yanzhu, the spouse of Mr. Yao Runxiong. Mr. Yao Runxiong is therefore deemed to be interested in the 931,500 shares of the Company for the purposes of the SFO.
- 3. These interests represent options granted to the Directors as beneficial owners under the share option scheme of the Company. Details of the interests of the Directors in the share options of the Company are disclosed in the section "Share Option Scheme" below.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2023, none of the Directors nor chief executive of the Company had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO).

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

A share option scheme was adopted by the Company following the resolution passed at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 20 October 2017 and was terminated on 15 December 2023 (the "**2017 Scheme**"). All outstanding options granted under the 2017 Scheme will continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the provisions of the 2017 Scheme. For more details of the share option scheme, please refer to the circular of the Company dated 14 September 2017.

As at 31 December 2023, the number of shares in respect of which options under 2017 Scheme had be granted and remained outstanding was 3,549,720 shares, representing approximately 4.3% of the shares of the Company in issue as at 31 December 2023.

Details of the movements in the share options granted to Directors and employees under the 2017 Scheme during the period ended 31 December 2023 are as follows:

Grantees	Date of grant	Exercise period	Exercise price per Share HK\$	Outstanding balance as at 1 July 2023	Lapsed during the period	Outstanding balance as at 31 December 2023
Mr. Liu Yancheng	20 December 2022	20 December 2023– 19 December 2032	0.84	695,140	-	695,140
Mr. Tam Tak Wah (ceased on 15 December 2023)	20 December 2022	20 December 2023– 19 December 2032	0.84	695,140	(695,140)	-
Employees	20 December 2022	20 December 2023– 19 December 2032	0.84	3,549,720	(695,140)	2,854,580

These options were vested on 20 December 2023 and exercisable from the date of vesting to 19 December 2032 (both dates inclusive).

A share option scheme was adopted by the Company following the resolution passed at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 15 December 2023 (the "**2023 Scheme**"). The main purpose of the scheme is to provide incentives and rewards to the eligible participants including full time or part time employees of the Group (including any directors). As at the date of adoption of the share option scheme, the total number of issued shares of the Company was 83,416,800 shares of HK\$0.2 each. Pursuant to the Listing Rules and the share option scheme, the total number of shares which might fall to be issued upon exercise of all share options to be granted under the share option scheme was 8,341,680, representing 10% of the then total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of adoption of the share option scheme and the maximum number of shares that might be issued upon the exercise of all share options under the share option scheme or other schemes. The share option scheme will last for 10 years from the date of adoption and the Company had fully utilised the scheme mandate limit under the share option scheme. For more details of the share option scheme, please refer to the circular of the Company dated 30 October 2023.

Save as disclosed above, no option was granted, exercised, cancelled or lapsed under 2023 Scheme during the period and as at the date of this report since adoption of the 2023 Scheme.

DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO PURCHASE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Save as disclosed in the above "SHARE OPTION SCHEME", at no time during the six months ended 31 December 2023 was the Company or any of its holding companies, subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors and chief executives of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any body corporate, and none of the Directors and chief executives or their spouses or children under the age of 18, had any right to subscribe for the securities of the Company, or had exercised any such right during the period.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY

As at 31 December 2023, the Company has not been notified by any person or entity who had or was deemed to have interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of SFO.

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

During the six months ended 31 December 2023, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board did not declare any interim dividend for the six months ended 31 December 2023.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee was established on 9 December 2013 with written terms of reference specifying its authority and duties which is available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company. The Audit Committee comprises of three non-executive Directors, amongst which three are independent. They are namely Mr. Chen Yeung Tak, Mr. Li Jin and Dr. Luo Xiaodong. Mr. Chen Yeung Tak is the chairman of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has reviewed with senior management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and also discussed the financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company for the six months ended 31 December 2023.

PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT

This announcement is published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (http://www.hkex.com.hk) and the Company. The 2023/2024 interim report containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be despatched to the Shareholders and published on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company in due course.

By Order of the Board Kingbo Strike Limited Liu Yancheng Chairman

Hong Kong, 29 February 2024