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# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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## A. Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

				Group			
	Note	6 months ended 31-Mar-2023 Unaudited RMB'000	6 months ended 31-Mar-2022 Audited RMB'000	Change %	12 months ended 31-Mar-2023 Unaudited RMB'000	12 months ended 31-Mar-2022 Audited RMB'000	Change
Revenue	4	104,841	158,147	(33.7)	219,600	289,132	(24.0)
Cost of sales		(77,802)	(115,869)	(32.9)	(160,381)	(211,521)	(24.2)
Gross profit		27,039	42,278	(36.0)	59,219	77,611	(23.7)
Finance income		669	365	83.3	933	682	36.8
Other income		145	386	(62.4)	632	459	37.7
Marketing and distribution costs		(17,401)	(20,185)	(13.8)	(30,804)	(37,349)	(17.5)
Administrative expenses		(20,293)	(18,901)	7.4	(35,746)	(33,511)	6.7
Other operating expenses		(194)	_	n.m.	(194)	_	n.m.
Other losses		(250)	(516)	(51.6)	(1,599)	(516)	209.9
Finance costs		(1,015)	(741)	37.0	(1,869)	(1,465)	27.6
(Loss)/Profit before income tax	5	(11,300)	2,686	n.m.	(9,428)	5,911	n.m.
Income tax (expenses)/credit	6	(2,927)	(2,695)	8.6	(4,762)	(2,259)	110.8
(Loss)/Profit for the period/year, net of tax		(14,227)	(9)	n.m.	(14,190)	3,652	n.m.
Other comprehensive (loss)/income:							
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:							
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations		(478)	(39)	n.m.	106	(140)	n.m.
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period/year		(14,705)	(48)	n.m.	(14,084)	3,512	n.m.

(Loss)/Profit for the period/year, net of tax, attributable to:						
Owners of the Company	(14,227)	(9)	n.m.	(14,190)	3,652	n.m.
Non-controlling interests			n.m.	_		n.m.
(Loss)/Profit for the year	(14,227)	(9)	n.m.	(14,190)	3,652	n.m.
Total comprehensive (loss)/ income for the period/year, attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	(14,705) –	(48) -	n.m. n.m.	(14,084) –	3,512 –	n.m. n.m.
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period/year	(14,705)	(48)	n.m	(14,084)	3,512	n.m.
(Losses)/Earnings per share for (loss)/profit for the period attributable to the owners of the Company during the years:						
Basic (RMB in cent)	7			(1.03)	0.34	n.m.
Diluted (RMB in cent)	7			(1.03)	0.34	n.m.

n.m. - not meaningful

## B. Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

		Group		Company		
	Note	31-Mar-2023 (Unaudited) RMB'000	31-Mar-2022 (Audited) RMB'000	31-Mar-2023 (Unaudited) RMB'000	31-Mar-2022 (Audited) RMB'000	
ASSETS						
Non-Current Assets						
Property, plant and equipment	8	142,228	128,327	_	158	
Intangible assets	9	75,284	37,068	_	_	
Investment in subsidiaries			_	519,636	519,636	
Other receivables, non-current			11	-	_	
Other assets, non-current	10	82,664	86,821	-	_	
Deferred tax assets		1,471	5,441	_		
Total Non-Current Assets		301,647	257,668	519,636	519,794	
Current Assets						
Inventories		1,963	2,439	_	_	
Trade and other receivables	11	21,945	41,177	102,943	91,828	
Other assets, current	10	56,225	69,838	129	176	
Cash and bank balances		205,496	197,506	6,074	14,022	
Total Current Assets		285,629	310,960	109,146	106,026	
Total Assets		587,276	568,628	628,782	625,820	
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES						
<u>Equity</u>						
Share capital		239,150	239,150	938,574	938,574	
Retained earnings/(accumulated losses)		214,616	229,910	(364,607)	(357,616)	
Other reserves		46,155	44,945	50,970	40,778	
Total Equity		499,921	514,005	624,937	621,736	
Non-Current Liabilities						
Other payables, non-current		2,740	_	_	_	
Lease liability, non-current		246				
Total Non-Current Liabilities		2,986	_			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
Trade and other payables	12	37,071	18,534	3,845	3,924	
Income tax payables		_	129	_	_	
Lease liability, current		198	160	-	160	
Other financial liabilities	13	47,100	35,800	_		
Total Current Liabilities		84,369	54,623	3,845	4,084	
Total Liabilities		87,355	54,623	3,845	4,084	
Total Equity and Liabilities	I	587,276	568,628	628,782	625,820	

#### **Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity** C.

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Share capital (Audited) RMB'000	Other reserves (Audited) RMB'000	Retained earnings (Audited) RMB'000	Total equity (Audited) RMB'000
182,572	45,021	226,322	453,915
- -	_ (140)	3,652	3,652 (140)
_	(140)	3,652	3,512
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239,150	44,945	229,910	514,005
Share capital	Other reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity
(Unaudited) RMB'000	(Unaudited) RMB'000	(Unaudited) RMB'000	(Unaudited) RMB'000
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`RMB'000	<b>RMB'000</b> 44,945  - 106	229,910 (14,190)	514,005 (14,190) 106
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Balance at 1 April 2021         881,996         42,979         (67,065)         857,910           Total comprehensive loss for the year         -         -         (290,551)         (290,551)           Other comprehensive loss         -         (2,201)         -         (2,201)           Total comprehensive loss for the year         -         (2,201)         (290,551)         (292,752)           Transactions with owners, recognized directly in equity Issuance of new shares         56,578         -         -         -         56,578           Balance as at 31 March 2022         938,574         40,778         (357,616)         621,736           Balance at 1 April 2022         938,574         40,778         (357,616)         621,736           Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year         -         -         -         (6,992)         (6,992)           Coss for the year         -         -         -         (6,992)         (6,992)         (6,992)           Other comprehensive income         -         10,192         -         10,192         -         10,192	Company	Share capital (Audited) RMB'000	Other reserves (Audited) RMB'000	Retained earnings (Audited) RMB'000	Total equity (Audited) RMB'000
Loss for the year         -         -         (290,551)         (290,551)           Other comprehensive loss         -         (2,201)         -         (2,201)           Total comprehensive loss for the year         -         (2,201)         (290,551)         (292,752)           Transactions with owners, recognized directly in equity Issuance of new shares         56,578         -         -         56,578           Balance as at 31 March 2022         938,574         40,778         (357,616)         621,736           Balance at 1 April 2022         938,574         40,778         (357,616)         621,736           Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year         -         40,778         (357,616)         621,736           Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year         -         -         -         (6,992)         (6,992)           Other comprehensive income         -         10,192         -         10,192         -         10,192	Balance at 1 April 2021	881,996	42,979	(67,065)	857,910
Other comprehensive loss         —         (2,201)         —         (2,201)           Total comprehensive loss for the year         —         (2,201)         (290,551)         (292,752)           Transactions with owners, recognized directly in equity Issuance of new shares         56,578         —         —         56,578           Balance as at 31 March 2022         938,574         40,778         (357,616)         621,736           Balance at 1 April 2022         938,574         40,778         (357,616)         621,736           Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year         —         —         —         (6,992)         (6,992)           Other comprehensive income         —         10,192         —         10,192         —         10,192	Total comprehensive loss for the year				
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Transactions with owners, recognized directly in equity Issuance of new shares   56,578   -   -   56,578	Other comprehensive loss		(2,201)	_	(2,201)
Share capital capital (Unaudited) RMB'000   RMB'000	Total comprehensive loss for the year		(2,201)	(290,551)	(292,752)
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Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year         Loss for the year       -       -       -       (6,992)         Other comprehensive income       -       10,192       -       10,192		capital (Unaudited)	reserves (Unaudited)	earnings (Unaudited)	equity (Unaudited)
Loss for the year       -       -       (6,992)         Other comprehensive income       -       10,192       -       10,192	Balance at 1 April 2022	938,574	40,778	(357,616)	621,736
Loss for the year       -       -       (6,992)         Other comprehensive income       -       10,192       -       10,192	Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year				
Other comprehensive income         –         10,192         –         10,192	. , , , ,	_	_	(6,992)	(6,992)
	Other comprehensive income		10,192		10,192
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year 10,192 (6,992) 3,200	Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		10,192	(6,992)	3,200
Balance as at 31 March 2023 938,574 50,970 (364,608) 624,936	Balance as at 31 March 2023	938,574	50,970	(364,608)	624,936

## D. Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow

		Gro	oup
	Note	31-Mar-2023 (Unaudited) RMB'000	31-Mar-2022 (Audited) RMB'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit/(Loss) before income tax		(9,427)	5,911
Interest income	5	(933)	(682)
Interest expense	5	1,869	1,465
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		15,354	17,138
Property, plant and equipment written-off		22	108
Amortisation of intangible assets		1,368	1,419
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		1,375	497
Impairment (gain) on trade receivables and other assets Exchange differences on translating functional to presentation		(97)	(382)
currency		106	(140)
Operating cash flow before changes in working capital		9,637	25,334
Inventories		476	1,033
Trade and other receivables		19,340	6,190
Other assets		17,770	(59,945)
Trade and other payables		4,518	(9,573)
Net cash flows generated from operations		51,741	(36,961)
Income tax paid		(924)	_
Net cash flows generated/(used in) from operating activities		50,817	(36,961)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Additions to property, plant and equipment	8	(33,158)	(20,756)
Payment for land lease		(23,281)	_
Proceed from disposal of property, plant and equipment		3,283	1,986
Purchase of manufacturing patent	9	_	(1,200)
Interest income received		933	682
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(52,223)	(19,288)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceed from issuance of shares		_	56,578
Proceeds from new bank loans	11	64,600	35,800
Repayment of bank loans	11	(53,300)	(33,300)
Payment of lease liabilities		(35)	(260)
Interest expense paid		(1,869)	(1,450)
Net cash flows generated from financing activities		9,396	57,368
Not change in each and each equivalents		7,990	1 110
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		7,990 197,506	1,119 106 387
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year			196,387
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year		205,496	197,506

## E. Notes to the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023

### 1. Corporate information

Zixin Group Holdings Limited (formerly known as China Star Food Group Limited) (the "Company") is a limited liability company incorporated in Singapore. The Company is listed on the Catalist Board of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST"). These condensed interim consolidated financial statements as at and for the second half and full year ended 31 March 2023 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group").

The registered office of the Company is located at 16 Raffles Quay, #17-03 Hong Leong Building, Singapore 048581. The principal place of business of the Company is located at 10 Anson Road International Plaza #27-06B, Singapore 540193.

The principal activity of the Company is that of an investment holding company. The Group is a leading sweet potato biotech-focused value chain operator in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC" or "China"). Through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, the Group leverages on its biotechnology capabilities to strengthen and support its core business areas: (a) cultivation and supply – (i) research and development of sweet potato varieties, (ii) cultivate sweet potato seedlings, (iii) provide farming solutions and technique, and (iv) fresh sweet potato supply, and (b) product innovation and snacks production – research and development to produce snacks with higher nutritional content, (c) marketing and distribution – build propriety brands of heathier snacks through targeted marketing campaigns and various distribution platforms (traditional and e-commerce) throughout China, and (d) recovery and recycling – recover nutritional content from sweet potato peels, and converting waste materials such as sweet potato peels, stems and leaves into main ingredients for poultry and animal feed.

## 2. Basis of preparation

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 have been prepared in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) ("SFRS(I)") 1-34 Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Accounting Standards Council Singapore. The condensed interim consolidated financial statements do not include all the information required for a complete set of financial statements. However, selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the Group's financial position and performance of the Group since the last annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2022.

The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year which were prepared in accordance with SFRS(I)s, except for the adoption of new and amended standards as set out in Note 2.1.

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements are presented in Chinese Renminbi dollars ("RMB"), which is the Company's functional currency, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand ("RMB'000") except when otherwise indicated.

#### 2.1. New and amended standards adopted by the Group

The Group and the Company have adopted the new and revised SFRS(I)s, and interpretations of SFRS(I) that are effective for the annual period beginning on 1 April 2022. The Group did not have to change its accounting policies or make any retrospective adjustments as a result of adopting those standards.

#### 2.2. Use of judgement and estimates

In preparing the condensed interim consolidated financial statement, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

## 3. Seasonal operations

The Group's businesses are not affected significantly by seasonal or cyclical factors during the financial period.

#### 4. Segment and revenue information

## 4.1 Reportable Segments

Not applicable. The Group only has one (1) operating segment (sweet potatoes related products) and one (1) geographical segment (the PRC). There are no operating segments or reportable segments disclosed as required by SFRS(I) 8.

#### 4.2 Revenue

	Gro	oup
	31-Mar-2023 (Unaudited) RMB'000	31-Mar-2022 (Audited) RMB'000
Revenue:		
Sweet potato processed products	187,477	235,551
Sweet potatoes	32,123	53,581
	219,600	289,132
Timing of transfer of goods or service:	210 600	200 122
At a point in time	219,600	289,132

## 5. (Loss)/Profit before income tax

(Loss)/Profit before income tax is stated after charging the administrative expenses following:

	Gro	<u>oup</u>
	31-Mar-2023	31-Mar-2022
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,368	1,419
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	10,898	11,756
Impairment gain on trade receivables and other assets	(97)	(382)
Research and development expenses	4,185	2,142
Employee benefits expense	7,640	6,804
Seedlings nursery fees	1,956	2,517

## 6. Income tax expense

The Group calculates the period income tax expense using the tax rate that would be applicable to the expected total annual earnings. The major components of income tax expense in the condensed interim consolidated statement of profit or loss are:

	<u>Group</u>		
	31-Mar-2023 (Unaudited) RMB'000	31-Mar-2022 (Audited) RMB'000	
Current tax expense:			
Current year	2,454	129	
Overprovision in prior financial year	(1,660)		
	794	129	
Deferred income tax – net debit to profit or loss	3,970	2,130	
Total income tax expense	4,764	2,259	

## 7. (Losses)/ Earnings per share

The basic (losses)/earnings per share is calculated based on the consolidated (losses)/earnings attributable to equity holders of the Company divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue of 1,383,818,000 (31 March 2022: 1,066,010,000) shares during the financial year. Dilutive potential ordinary shares are deemed to have been converted into ordinary shares at the beginning of the year or if later, the date of the issue of the potential ordinary shares.

The following table illustrates the numerators and denominators used to calculate basic and diluted (losses)/earnings per share:

	<u>Gro</u>	<u>oup</u>
	31-Mar-2023 (Unaudited) RMB'000	31-Mar-2022 (Audited) RMB'000
Basic (losses)/earnings per share		
(Losses)/Profit, net of tax attributable to owners of the Company	(14,190)	3,652
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	1,383,818	1,066,010
Basic (losses)/earnings per share (RMB cents)	(1.03)	0.34

As the Company does not have any dilutive potential ordinary shares, the basic (losses)/earnings per share and diluted (losses)/earnings per share for 31 March 2023 are the same i.e., RMB (1.03) cents (31 March 2022: RMB 0.34 cents) per share.

## 8. Property, plant and equipment

During the financial year ended 31 March 2023, the Group acquired assets (mainly construction work-in-progress) amounting to approximately RMB 33.6 million (31 March 2022: RMB 20.8 million) and disposed assets with a net book value of approximately RMB 4.6 million (31 March 2022: RMB 2.6 million).

## 9. Intangible assets

	Right-of-use	Manufacturing		Favourable supply_		
Group	assets RMB'000	patents RMB'000	<u>Software</u> RMB'000	contracts RMB'000	<u>Goodwill</u> RMB'000	<u>Total</u> RMB'000
Cost:		2 000		2 000		
At 1 April 2021	42,215	1,562	338	12,822	36,660	93,597
Additions		1,200				1,200
At 31 March 2022	42,215	2,762	338	12,822	36,660	94,797
Additions	40,040					40,040
At 31 March 2023	82,255	2,762	338	12,822	36,660	134,837
Accumulated amortisation:						
At 1 April 2021	5,295	1,195	338	10,257	_	17,085
Amortisation for the year	1,174	245				1,419
At 31 March 2022	6,469	1,441	338	10,257	_	18,504
Amortisation for the year	1,548	276				1,824
At 31 March 2023	8,017	1,716	338	10,257		20,328
Accumulated impairment: At 1 April 2021, 31 March 2022 and 31						
March 2023				2,565	36,660	39,225
Carrying amount:						
At 31 March 2022	35,746	1,322				37,068
At 31 March 2023	74,238	1,046		_	_	75,284

## 9. Intangible Assets (cont'd)

### Right-of-use assets

The right-of-use assets are the land use rights for four (4) parcels of land located in Liancheng County of Fujian Province, the People's Republic of China.

As at 31 March 2023, the land use rights of the Group for two (2) parcels of land with carrying amount of RMB 5,839,000 and RMB 23,717,000 respectively (31 March 2022: RMB 5,982,000 and RMB 24,281,000 respectively) are mortgaged for bank loans.

In September 2018, Liancheng Dizhongbao Modern Agriculture Development Co., Ltd ("**Dizhongbao**"), a subsidiary of the Group, entered into Land Use Rights Transfer Agreements (the "**Agreements**") with 86 farmers to lease 91 plots of farmland (certain farmers are contracted to lease more than one (1) plot of farmland) for 15 years as a base for research and development to cultivate new sweet potato varieties and to nurture own sweet potato seedlings. These seedlings are collected from the farmers after sprout and distributed to the contracted suppliers to grow on their own land to ensure better control of the quality supply of the fresh sweet potatoes. Under the terms of the Agreements, Dizhongbao had made upfront full payments of approximately RMB 7,000,000 to the contract farmers for 15 years.

In March 2023, Dizhongbao had entered into several land use right lease agreements with several suppliers (the "Co-operatives") on top of the existing purchase agreement and Agreements for compensation to Co-operatives and farmers on the arising cost of land lease in Liancheng county. The land use right lease agreements of approximately RMB 40,000,000 last until end of the purchase agreement and Agreements. This is a one-off payment and there will not be any additional cost incurred until end of the land use right lease agreements.

#### Manufacturing patents

During the financial year ended 31 March 2022, the Group acquired an intangible asset, which relates to a manufacturing patent from a third party amounting to RMB 1,200,000. There were no such intangible assets acquired during the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

#### 10. Other assets

	Group		<u>Company</u>	
	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	(Unaudited)	<u>Audited</u>	(Unaudited)	<u>Audited</u>
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Upfront payments	2,521	7,599	129	176
Advance payments for supplies of sweet				
potatoes (Note A)	117,700	130,690	_	_
Deferred expenses	14,325	14,750	_	_
Others	4,343	3,800	_	_
	138,889	156,659	129	176
Presented in the statements of financial position	n as:			
Other assets, non-current	82,664	86,821	_	_
Other assets, current	56,225	69,838	129	176
	138,889	156,659	129	176

### Note A: Advance payment for supplies of sweet potatoes

The Group, through one of its subsidiaries, Dizhongbao, had entered into various purchase contracts with the Cooperatives to secure the supply of quality fresh sweet potatoes at reasonable prices.

During the financial year ended 31 March 2018, Dizhongbao had entered into the purchase contracts with three (3) Co-operatives to guarantee the supply of an aggregate of 12,190 tons of fresh sweet potatoes on a yearly basis. Total prepayments made to the three (3) Co-operatives amounted to an aggregate of RMB 131,715,000.

During the financial year ended 31 March 2019, Dizhongbao entered into purchase contracts with another two (2) Co-operatives for the supply of an aggregate of 6,900 tonnes of fresh sweet potatoes on a yearly basis. An

aggregate upfront payment of RMB 71,500,000 was paid to the two (2) suppliers.

All the above-mentioned agreements carry similar terms. The agreements last for 15 years and grant Dizhongbao with the first right of refusal of the supply of fresh sweet potatoes. In return, Dizhongbao pays prepayments to the suppliers once every five (5) years. The prepayments are used to offset the purchase within the five (5) years. In case of the prepayments are fully utilised within the five (5) years, the payment of subsequent purchase is due according to the agreed terms per respective contract.

#### 11. Trade and other receivables

	Gro	<u>oup</u>	Con	Company	
	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	(Unaudited)	<u>Audited</u>	(Unaudited)	<u>Audited</u>	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Trade receivables:					
Outside parties	21,009	40,679	_	_	
Less: Allowance for impairment					
loss on receivables	(120)	(217)			
	20,889	40,462		_	
Other receivables:					
Subsidiaries	_	_	102,943	91,777	
Outside parties	1,056	675	_	_	
Refundable deposits	_	51		51	
_	1,056	726	102,943	91,828	
Total trade and other receivables	21,945	41,188	102,943	91,828	
	_				
Presented in the condensed interim co	nsolidated stateme	nt of financial posit	tion as:		
Other receivables, non-current	_	11	_	_	
Trade and other receivables, current	21,945	41,177	102,943	91,828	
-	21,945	41,188	102,943	91,828	
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## 12. Trade and other payables

	Gro	<u>oup</u>	Com	npany
	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	(Unaudited)	Audited	(Unaudited)	Audited
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade payables:				
Outside parties	10,079	7,677	_	_
Other payables:				
Outside parties	25,994	8,624	2,304	1,204
Other taxes payables	_	_	_	_
Subsidiaries	_	_	537	487
Director/shareholder	1,004	2,233	1,004	2,233
	26,998	10,857	3,924	3,924
Total trade and other payables	37,071	18,534	3,924	3,924

## 13. Other financial liabilities

	<u>Group</u>		
	31 March	31 March	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	(Unaudited)	<u>Audited</u>	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Bank loans A (unsecured) (Note 13.1)	13,100	10,500	
Bank loans B (secured) (Note 13.2)	34,000	25,300	
	47,100	35,800	

## 13.1. Bank loans A (unsecured)

The bank loans are repayable within 12 months and renewable annually. The bank loans bear fixed interest rates of 4.35% - 5.50% (31 March 2022: 3.20% - 4.35%) per annum and are repayable within 12 months.

The bank loans are unsecured, guaranteed by a local credit guarantee company and/or one of the Company's directors and his spouse.

### 13.2. Bank loans B (secured)

The loans are secured by mortgages of a leasehold building and land use rights of the Group. The bank loans bear fixed interest rate at 4.00% (2020: 3.35% - 4.60%) per annum and are repayable within 12 months.

A summary of the Group's borrowings and debt securities is as follows:

	As at 31-Mar-2023 (Unaudited)		As at 31-Mar-2022 (Audited)	
	Secured RMB'000	Unsecured RMB'000	Secured RMB'000	Unsecured RMB'000
Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand	34,000	13,100	25,300	10,500
Amount repayable after one year				
Total borrowings	34,000	13,100	25,300	10,500

### 14. Financial assets and financial liabilities

The following table categorises the carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities recorded as at 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022:

	<u>Gr</u>	<u>oup</u>	Com	ıpany
	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	(Unaudited)	<u>Audited</u>	(Unaudited)	<u>Audited</u>
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Financial assets:				
At amortised cost:-				
Cash and cash equivalents	205,496	197,506	6,074	14,022
Trade and other receivables	21,945	41,188	102,943	91,828
	227,441	238,694	109,017	105,850
Financial liabilities:				
At amortised cost:-				
Trade and other payables	37,071	18,534	3,845	3,924
Other financial liabilities	47,100	35,800	-	-
Lease liability	198	160		160
Lease liability			2.045	
	84,369	54,494	3,845	4,084

## 15. Subsequent events

There are no known subsequent events from 31 March 2023 to the date of this announcement, which will lead to adjustments to this set of condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

## Other Information Required pursuant to Appendix 7C of the Catalist Rules for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023

1(d)(ii) Details of any changes in the company's share capital arising from rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on. State the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles if any, against the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings of the issuer, as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year. State also the number of shares held as treasury shares and the number of subsidiary holdings, if any, and the percentage of the aggregate number of treasury shares and subsidiary holdings held against the total number of shares outstanding in a class that is listed as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

There were no changes in the issued share capital of the Company during the financial year ended 31 March ("FY") 2023.

The Company does not have any outstanding options, convertibles, treasury shares and subsidiary holdings as at 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022. Accordingly, the percentage of the aggregate number of treasury shares and subsidiary holdings held against the total number of shares outstanding is nil as at 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022.

## 1(d)(iii) To show the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period and as at the end of the immediately preceding year

	As at 31 March 2023	As at 31 March 2022
Total number of issued shares	1,383,818,100	1,383,818,100

The Company did not have any treasury shares as at 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022.

1(d)(iv) A statement showing all sales, transfers, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

Not applicable, as the Company did not have any treasury shares during and as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

1(d)(v) A statement showing all sales, transfers, cancellation and/or use of subsidiary holdings as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

Not applicable, as the Company did not have any subsidiary holdings during and as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

2. Whether the figures have been audited or reviewed, and in accordance with which auditing standard or practice

The figures have not been audited or reviewed by the Company's auditors.

3. Where the figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditor's report (including any qualifications or emphasis of a matter)

Not applicable.

- 3A. Where the latest financial statements are subject to an adverse opinion, qualified opinion or disclaimer of opinion:
  - (a) Updates on the efforts taken to resolve each outstanding audit issue.
  - (b) Confirmation from the Board that the impact of all outstanding audit issues on the financial statements have been adequately disclosed.

This is not required for any audit issue that is material uncertainty relating to going concern.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- 4. Whether the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements have been applied

Except as disclosed in paragraph 5 below, the accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in the financial statements for the current reporting period are consistent with those in the most recently audited consolidated financial statements for FY2022 as set out in the Company's annual report for FY2022.

5. If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and the effect of, the change.

The Group has adopted all the applicable new and revised Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS") in Singapore and the related Interpretations to FRS ("INT FRS") that are relevant to its operation and effective for the accounting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2022. The adoption of these new and revised FRS did not result in any substantial change to the Group's and the Company's accounting policies and has no significant impact on the financial statements for the current financial reporting period.

- 6. Earnings per ordinary share of the Group for the current period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year, after deducting any provision for preference dividends
  - (a) based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue; and
  - (b) on a fully diluted basis (detailing any adjustments made to the earnings).

Please refer to paragraph E7 above.

- 7. Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer at the end of the
  - (a) Current period reported on; and
  - (b) Immediately preceding financial year

	Gro	Group		pany
Net asset value ("NAV")	31-Mar-2023 (Unaudited)	31-Mar-2022 (Audited)	31-Mar-2023 (Unaudited)	31-Mar-2022 (Audited)
NAV (RMB'000)	499,921	514,005	624,937	621,736
Number of ordinary shares in issue (in thousands)	1,383,818	1,383,818	1,383,818	1,383,818
NAV per ordinary share (RMB)	0.36	0.37	0.45	0.45

- 8. A review of the performance of the Group, to the extent necessary for a reasonable understanding of the Group's business. The review must include a discussion of the following:
  - (a) any significant factors that affected the turnover, costs, and earnings of the Group for the current financial period reported on, including (where applicable) seasonal or cyclical factors; and
  - (b) any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the Group during the current financial period reported on.

## **Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**

## Revenue

The revenue of the Group for the second half financial year ended 31 March 2023 ("**2H FY2023**") decreased by approximately RMB 53.3 million or 33.7% from RMB 158.1 million for the second half financial year ended 31 March 2022 ("**2H FY2022**") to RMB 104.8 million in 2H FY2023. The revenue of the Group for FY2023 decreased by approximately RMB 69.5 million or 24.0% from RMB 289.1 million for FY2022 to RMB 219.6 million in FY2023.

The decrease in 2H FY2023 and FY2023 was mainly due to the economic slowdown and decline in consumer demand in China mainly due to the "zero-COVID" policy and strict measures implemented by the Chinese government during most of FY2023, and on the back of the surge in COVID-19 infections from December 2022 when the Chinese government eased its stringent precautionary measures in the same month. A large proportion of Chinese population were infected in early 2023, resulting in temporary cessation of business operations across China, including those of the Group's subsidiaries in China.

During 2H FY2023, the revenue from sales of sweet potato snack products decreased by approximately RMB 36.1 million or 28.7% from RMB 125.7 million in 2H FY2022 to RMB 89.6 million in 2H FY2023. In FY2023, the revenue from sales of sweet potato processed products decreased from RMB 235.6 million in FY2022 to RMB 187.5 million in FY2023, representing a decrease of approximately RMB 48.1 million or 20.4% over FY2023. The sales of sweet potatoes also decreased by approximately RMB 21.5 million or 40.0% from RMB 53.6 million in FY2022 to RMB 32.1 million in FY2023.

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

Gross profit in 2H FY2023 decreased by approximately RMB 15.2 million or 36.0% from RMB 42.3 million in 2H FY2022 to RMB 27.0 million in 2H FY2023. In FY2023, the gross profit decreased by approximately RMB 18.4 million or 23.7% from approximately RMB 77.6 million in FY2022 to RMB 59.2 million. The decrease in gross profit for both 2H FY2023 and FY2023 was mainly due to the decrease in revenue in 2H FY2023 and FY2023 as compared to 2H FY2022 and FY2022 of RMB 53.3 million and RMB 69.5 million respectively. The Group's gross profit margin decreased from approximately 26.7% in 2H FY2022 to 25.8% in 2H FY2023 and increased from 26.8% in FY2022 to 27.0% in FY2023. The decrease was mainly due to the lack of sales which resulted in a decrease in the efficiency of operating cost of sales of its sweet potato processed product in 2H FY2023. However, the gross profit margin in FY2023 overall increased by 0.2% due to the higher sales of higher margin sweet potato processed product category.

#### **Finance Income**

Interest income increased by approximately RMB 304,000 or 36.8% from RMB 365,000 in 2H FY2022 to RMB 669,000 in 2H FY2023. During FY2023, interest income increased from RMB 682,000 in FY2022 to RMB 933,000 in FY2023, representing an increase of RMB 251,000 or approximately 36.8%. The increase in interest income over the respective periods were mainly due to the increase in interest received from banks on the back of an increase in average cash and bank balances held by the Group in 2H FY2023 and FY2023 as compared to 2H FY2022 and FY2022 respectively.

## Other Income

Other income decreased from RMB 386,000 in 2H FY2022 to RMB 145,000 in 2H FY2023. During FY2023, the other income increased from RMB 459,000 in FY2022 to RMB 632,000, representing an increase of RMB 173,000 or approximately 37.7%. The increase was mainly due to (i) royalty payments received through a licensing agreement with third parties allowing for the use of the Fujian Zixin branding, and (ii) other income from sales of excess in-house cultivated sweet potato seedlings in FY2023.

## **Marketing and Distribution Costs**

Marketing and distribution costs decreased by approximately RMB 2.8 million or 13.8% from RMB 20.2 million in 2H FY2022 to RMB 17.4 million in 2H FY2023. During FY2023, the marketing and distribution costs decreased from RMB 37.3 million in FY2022 to RMB 30.8 million in FY2023, representing a decrease of approximately RMB 6.5 million or 17.5%. The decrease in 2H FY2023 as compared to 2H FY2022 was mainly due to the decrease in advertisement costs, employee benefit expenses, publicity expense, delivery charges and operating expenses of RMB 1.3 million, RMB 0.2 million, RMB 0.8 million, RMB 1.0 million and RMB 0.5 million respectively, which was partially offset by the increase in depreciation expenses of RMB 0.3 million. The decrease for FY2023 was mainly due to the decrease in advertisement expenses, entertainment expenses, delivery charges, publicity expenses, and employee benefit expenses of RMB 3.8 million, RMB 0.5 million, RMB 1.7 million, RMB 0.6 million and RMB 1.2 million respectively, which was partially offset by the increase in depreciation expenses and operating expenses of RMB 0.6 million and RMB 1.1 million respectively.

## Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses increased by approximately RMB 1.4 million or 7.4% from RMB 18.9 million in 2H FY2022 to RMB 20.3 million in 2H FY2023. During FY2023, administrative expenses increased by approximately RMB 2.2 million or 6.7% from RMB 33.5 million in FY2022 to RMB 35.7 million in FY2023.

The increase in administrative expenses for 2H FY2023 was mainly due to the increase in audit fees, secretarial fees, consultancy fees, research and development expenses and trademark fees of RMB 1.3 million, RMB 0.2 million, RMB 0.3 million, RMB 0.2 million and RMB 0.2 million respectively, which was partially offset by the decrease in director's remuneration, entertainment expenses and seedlings nursery fees of RMB 0.4 million, RMB 0.2 million and RMB 0.3 million respectively. The increase in administrative expenses for FY2023 was mainly due to increases in audit fees of RMB 1.9 million as a result of an underprovision of audit fees during FY2022, higher audit fees incurred in FY2023 and an overprovision of audit fees for the Group's subsidiaries in FY2022, employee benefits expenses of RMB 0.2 million, secretarial fees of RMB 0.2 million, research and developments expenses of RMB 2.0 million and trademark fees of RMB 0.2 million respectively, which was partially offset by the decrease in director's remuneration of RMB 0.3 million, travelling expenses of RMB 0.3 million, depreciation expenses of RMB 0.9 million, entertainment expenses of RMB 0.5 million and seedlings nursery fees of RMB 0.6 million.

## **Other Losses**

Other losses decreased by approximately RMB 0.3 million or 51.6% from RMB 0.5 million in 2H FY2022 to RMB 0.3 million in 2H FY2023 and increased by approximately RMB 1.1 million or 209.9% in FY2022 from RMB 0.5 million to RMB 1.6 million in FY2023. In 2H FY2023, the other losses decreased mainly due to the decrease in loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment. The other losses increased by RMB 1.1 million in FY2023 mainly due to the increased loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment during the year.

## **Finance Costs**

Finance costs increased by approximately RMB 0.3 million or 37.0% from RMB 0.7 million in 2H FY2022 to RMB 1.0 million in 2H FY2023. During FY2023, the finance costs increased by approximately RMB 0.4 million or 27.6% from RMB 1.5 million in FY2022 to RMB 1.9 million in FY2023. The overall increase in 2H FY2023 and FY2023 were mainly due to the increase in interest charged by the bank for borrowings taken on by the Group in 2H FY2023 and FY2023 as compared to 2H FY2022 and FY2022.

## **Income Tax Expenses**

The Group recorded income tax expense of approximately RMB 4.8 million in FY2023 as compared to income tax expenses of RMB 2.3 million in FY2022. The increase in income tax expenses for FY2023 was mainly due to current year income tax expenses for FY2023 and deferred income tax expenses offset against the overprovision of income tax expenses.

## **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

The comparative performance for both the assets and liabilities are based on the Group's financial statements as at 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022.

#### **Non-current Assets**

There was an increase in the Group's total non-current assets of approximately RMB 44.0 million or 17.1%, from RMB 257.7 million as at 31 March 2022 to RMB 301.7 million as at 31 March 2023. This was mainly due to an increase in intangible assets of approximately RMB 38.2 million and property, plant and equipment of approximately RMB 13.9 million, partially offset by decrease in other assets (non-current) of approximately RMB 4.2 million. As at 31 March 2023, other assets (non-current) amounted to approximately RMB 82.7 million, comprising mainly advance payments to the Cooperatives for the long-term supply contracts of fresh sweet potatoes.

Plant, property and equipment ("**PPE**") increased by approximately RMB 13.9 million or 10.8%, from RMB 128.3 million as at 31 March 2022 to RMB 142.2 million as at 31 March 2023. This was due to additions to PPE which was partially offset by the depreciation expense and disposal of PPE recorded on PPE in FY2023.

Intangible assets increased by approximately RMB 38.2 million or 103.1%, from RMB 37.0 million as at 31 March 2022 to RMB 75.3 million as at 31 March 2023. The increase was mainly due to the increase in leasehold land of RMB 40.0 million, partially offset by amortisation expense of approximately RMB 1.4 million recorded in FY2023.

Deferred tax assets decreased by approximately RMB 4.0 million or 73.0% from RMB 5.4 million as at 31 March 2022 to RMB 1.5 million as at 31 March 2023. The decrease in deferred tax assets was mainly due to the decrease in unutilised losses of the Company's subsidiary which was brought forward for future utilisation of income tax expenses/credit.

## **Current Assets**

Inventories decreased by approximately RMB 0.5 million or 19.5% from RMB 2.4 million as at 31 March 2022 to RMB 2.0 million as at 31 March 2023. The decrease was mainly due to fewer sales orders received during the period from December 2022 to March 2023 as compared to the same period last year, which resulted in the purchase and holding of less raw material by the Group for the purposes of producing its snack products.

Trade and other receivables decreased by approximately RMB 19.2 million or 46.7% from RMB 41.2 million as at 31 March 2022 to RMB 22.0 million as at 31 March 2023. The decrease was mainly due to lower sales during the period of December 2022 to March 2023 as compared to same period last year.

Other assets (current) decreased by approximately RMB 13.6 million or 19.5% from RMB 69.8 million as at 31 March 2022 to RMB 56.2 million as at 31 March 2023. This was mainly due to the decrease in prepayment to the Group's suppliers of fresh sweet potatoes or professional service providers.

Cash and bank balances increased by approximately RMB 8.0 million or 4.0% as a result of (i) the decrease in trade and other receivables of which the cash payments were received by the Group, (ii) decrease in other assets, current, (iii) decrease in settlement of trade payables to the Group's suppliers, (iv) net proceeds from new bank loans, after taking into account the repayment of bank loans, and (v) partially offset by purchase of property, plant and equipment and payment for land lease. Please refer to the "Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows" section below for more details on the change in cash and cash equivalents of the Group.

As a result of the above, the Group's total current assets decreased by approximately RMB 25.3 million or 8.1% from RMB 311.0 million as at 31 March 2022 to RMB 285.6 million as at 31 March 2023.

#### **Current Liabilities**

Trade and other payables increased by approximately RMB 18.5 million or 100.0% from RMB 18.5 million as at 31 March 2022 to RMB 37.1 million as at 31 March 2023. This was mainly due to the decrease in settlement of trade payables to its suppliers as compared to the previous corresponding period and increased of other payables for land lease.

Other financial liabilities increased by RMB 11.3 million or approximately 31.6% from RMB 35.8 million as at 31 March 2022 to RMB 47.1 million as at 31 March 2023. This was mainly due to the increase in short-term borrowings taken by the Group as at 31 March 2023.

As a result of the above, the Group's current liabilities increased by approximately RMB 29.7 million or 54.5% from RMB 54.6 million as at 31 March 2022 to RMB 84.4 million as at 31 March 2023.

Consequent to the decrease in current assets and the increase in current liabilities as set out above, the Group recorded positive working capital of approximately RMB 201.3 million as at 31 March 2023.

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

The Group recorded net cash generated from operating activities of approximately RMB 50.8 million in FY2023 as compared to net cash used in operating activities of approximately RMB 37.0 million in FY2022. In respect of FY2023, the net cash generated from operating activities comprised mainly the positive operating cash flow before changes in working capital of approximately RMB 9.6 million, adjusted by net working capital outflow of approximately RMB 42.1 million. Changes in other assets of approximately RMB 17.8 million, trade and other receivables of approximately RMB 19.3 million and trade and other payables of approximately RMB 4.5 million formed the bulk of the changes in working capital of approximately RM 42.1 million for FY2023.

Net cash used in investing activities amounted to approximately RMB 52.2 million in FY2023 as compared to approximately RMB 19.3 million in FY2022. The increase was mainly due to the commencement of construction and redevelopment of a plot of land by Fujian Zixin Biological Potato Co., Ltd., as well as other additions to property, plant and equipment and payment for leasehold land.

Net cash generated from financing activities amounted to approximately RMB 9.4 million in FY2023 as compared to net cash from financing activities of approximately RMB 57.4 million in FY2022. This decrease was mainly due to the absence of proceeds arising from the completion of issuance of new shares of the Company in FY2022.

9. Where a forecast, or a prospect statement, has been previously disclosed to shareholders, any variance between it and the actual results

Not applicable, as no specific forecast or prospect statement was previously provided.

10. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months.

While the Chinese government had eased precautionary measures against COVID-19 in December 2022 and reopened borders in early 2023 resulting in a year-on-year economic growth of 4.5% in the first quarter of 2023, China's economic recovery is expected to be gradual for 2023 amidst constraints of insufficient domestic demand, declining prices of industrial products, and a surge in youth unemployment rate.<sup>(1)</sup>

The Group believes that the disruptions faced by its operations in FY2023 are over. The Group's operations including (i) harvesting of fresh sweet potatoes from contracted farmlands, (ii) manufacturing of snack food products, (iii) marketing and distribution activities, and (iv) the installation of equipment and the commissioning of new production facilities to recover nutrients from sweet potato peels, and turning the waste materials including sweet potato skins, leaves, and stems into nutritional and safe animal base feeds, have resumed and are currently functioning normally. The board of directors of the Company ("Board") is optimistic that the Group's operation should be able to execute smoothly in the financial year ending 31 March 2024.

In April 2023, the Group had formalised its participation with its joint venture partners and the Hainan Língāo People's Government 海南临高县人民政府 to officially commence work with regards to the rural revitalisation project in Lingao County, Hainan Province, China. Whilst this project is not expected to bring immediate revenue contribution to the Group, it will allow the Group to duplicate its established biotech-focused sweet potato circular economy model in another agricultural focused area and thereby, monetise its know-how and solutions.

Amid the global economic slowdown and rising inflationary pressures, the Group strives to stay prudent in its resource management as it continues to pursue growth opportunities to improve financial performance for the long term.

The Company will announce any material developments as and when they arise.

## Source:

(1) https://edition.cnn.com/2023/04/17/economy/china-qdp-q1-2023-intl-hnk/index.html

#### 11. Dividend

If decision regarding dividend has been made:

(a) Whether an interim (final) dividend has been declared (recommended); and

No.

(b) Previous corresponding period

No.

(c) Whether the dividend is before tax, net of tax or tax exempt. If before tax or net of tax, state the tax rate and the country where the dividend is derived.

No.

(d) The date the dividend is payable.

Not applicable.

(e) The date on which Registrable Transfers received by the company (up to 5.00 pm) will be registered before entitlements to the dividend are determined.

Not applicable.

## 12. If no dividend has been declared/recommended, a statement to that effect and reason(s) for the decision.

No dividend has been declared for FY2023. The Board, after much deliberation and consideration, has decided not to recommend that the Company declare dividends for FY2023. In view that the Group's operations are primarily based in China, which has only recently been relieved of the COVID-19 restrictions in December 2022 and COVID-19 surge, the Group intends to conserve cash resources as a precautionary measure against unpredictable market conditions. Further, given that the Group has already commenced construction of the first phase of expansion into high-tech manufacturing and research capabilities and that such construction projects are still ongoing, the Board has deemed it necessary for the Group to maintain its current cash reserve to fund the remaining construction costs of the first phase of expansion and guard against unexpected costs that may arise, such as fluctuations in material costs, renovation or plant and machinery costs that the Group may incur after construction has completed. Accordingly, conserving its cash resources will ensure that the operations of the Group as well as the upcoming phases of its construction projects are not significantly affected. The Group aims to keep the progress of its construction projects undisturbed, as any prolonging of the construction time will result in an increase in construction costs.

In addition to the above, the Group intends to retain its cash resources for exploring any opportunities in increasing contracted farmlands through Co-operatives which will require advance payment for supplies of sweet potato.

The Board will continue to observe the situation and assess, among others, the Group's financial performance and position in respect of the relevant financial period, before deciding on whether to declare dividends.

13. If the group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for interested person transactions ("IPT"), the aggregate value of such transactions as required under Rule 920(1)(a)(ii). If no IPT mandate has been obtained, a statement to that effect.

The Company has not obtained an IPT mandate pursuant to Rule 920(1)(a)(ii) of the Catalist Rules.

There was no IPT of S\$100,000 and above (or equivalent) for the current financial period reported on.

## 14. Use of proceeds

Following the completion of the placement exercise by the Company on 19 November 2021 (the "FY2022 Placement") where the Company had raised S\$11,900,000 in net proceeds (the "Net Cash Proceeds"), the Company had subsequently provided an update on the use of proceeds in respect of the FY2022 Placement on 15 March 2023. In this regard, the Board wishes to provide an update on the utilisation of the Net Cash Proceeds from the FY2022 Placement as at the date of this announcement:

(S\$'000)	Allocation of the Net Cash Proceeds	Balance brought forward from 16 March 2023	Amount utilised as of the date of this announcement	Balance
To fulfil the paid-up share capital requirement of Fujian Zixin <sup>(1)</sup>	5,200	5,200	-	5,200(2)
Future expansion of the Group's business in Singapore <sup>(3)</sup>	4,000	3,600	_	3,600
Working capital for the Group <sup>(4)</sup>	2,700	1,041	401	640
	11,900	9,841	401	9,440

#### Notes:

- (1) Please refer to the Company's announcements dated 21 September 2021 and 23 September 2021 for further details.
- With reference to the Company's announcement dated 21 September 2021 and its responses to questions from shareholders dated 23 September 2021, the Company had stated its intention to fulfill the capital commitment of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Fujian Zixin Biological Potato Co., Ltd.'s ("Fujian Zixin's") registered share capital through funds raised from the FY2022 Placement. Due to the difficult global market conditions and the recent outbreak and resurgence of COVID-19 in the PRC in February 2022, the Company had to devote all its attention to the Group's operational and business needs. As a result, the procedure of fulfilling the capital commitment of Fujian Zixin has been temporarily put on hold. Accordingly, the Net Cash Proceeds allocated for the purpose of fulfilling the paid-up share capital requirement of Fujian Zixin remains unutilised as at the date of this announcement.
- (3) Please refer to the Company's announcements dated 21 September 2021 and 23 September 2021 for further details.
- (4) A breakdown of the amount utilised for the working capital for the Group is as follows:

	Working Capital (S\$'000)
Summary of expenses:	
Employee benefit expenses (including director's remuneration)	215
Administrative and miscellaneous expenses	88
Director's fee	98
Total	401

The above utilisation of the Net Cash Proceeds from the FY2022 Placement is consistent with the intended use as disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 21 September 2022 in relation to the FY2022 Placement.

In addition to the foregoing, as set out in the Company's FY2022 annual report dated 15 March 2023 in relation to the use of proceeds from the placement exercise completed on 1 February 2021 (the "FY2021 Placement"), the net proceeds raised by the Company from the FY2021 Placement had since been fully utilised in the manner which is consistent with the intended use as disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 22 January 2021.

## 15. Negative confirmation pursuant to Rule 705(5)

Not applicable for full year results announcement.

16. Confirmation that the issuer has procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers (in the format set out in Appendix 7H) under Rule 720(1)

The Company confirms that it has procured undertakings from all its Directors and Executive Officers in accordance with Rule 720(1) of the Catalist Rules.

## Part II Additional Information Required for Full Year Announcement

17. Segmented revenue and results for operating segments (of the group) in the form presented in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements, with comparative information for the immediately preceding year.

Not applicable. The Group only has one (1) operating segment (sweet potatoes snack foods) and one (1) geographical segment (PRC).

18. In the review of performance, the factors leading to any material changes in contributions to turnover and earnings by the operating segments.

Not applicable. The Group only has one (1) operating segment (sweet potatoes snack foods) and one (1) geographical segment (PRC).

#### 19. A breakdown of sales as follows:

	Group		
	FY2023 RMB'000	FY2022 RMB'000	Increase / (Decrease) %
(a) Sales reported for first half year	114,759	130,985	(12.4)
(b) Operating profit/(loss) after tax before deducting minority interests reported for first half year	37	3,661	(99.0)
(c) Sales reported for second half year	104,841	158,147	(33.7)
(d) Operating profit/(loss) after tax before deducting minority interests reported for second half year	(14,227)	(9)	n.m.

n.m. - not meaningful

20. A breakdown of the total annual dividend (in dollar value) for the issuer's latest full year and its previous full year.

Not applicable. No dividend has been declared or recommended for FY2023 and FY2022.

21. Disclosure of person occupying a managerial position in the issuer or any of its principal subsidiaries who is a relative of a director or chief executive officer or substantial shareholder of the issuer pursuant to Rule 704(10) in the format below. If there are no such persons, the issuer must make an appropriate negative statement.

There are no persons occupying managerial positions in the Company or any of its principal subsidiaries who are relatives of a director or chief executive officer or substantial shareholder of the Company.

By Order of the Board **Zixin Group Holdings Limited** 

LIANG CHENGWANG
Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

30 May 2023