

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 20-F**

REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 for the fiscal year ended December. 31, 2023

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission file number 1-14542

**ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE
CORPORATION LIMITED**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

15/FI. B, No. 77, Sec. 2

Dunhua South Road

Taipei, 106, Taiwan

Republic of China

(Address of principal executive offices)

Ivan Hsia

15/FI. B, No. 77, Sec. 2

Dunhua South Road

Taipei, 106, Taiwan

Republic of China

Tel: +886-2-27122558

Email: ivan.hsia@apwcc.com

(Name, telephone, e-mail and/or facsimile number and address of company contact person)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Shares, par value 0.01 per share	APWC	NASDAQ Capital Market

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act.

None

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act.

None

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report.

20,616,227 Common Shares outstanding as of December 31, 2023

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files).

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or an emerging growth company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b).

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP
International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board
Other

If "Other" has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

Item 17 Item 18

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

Table of Contents

	<u>Page</u>
<u>Part I</u>	
<u>Item 1: Identity of Directors, Senior Management and Advisers</u>	6
<u>Item 2: Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable</u>	6
<u>Item 3: Key Information</u>	6
<u>3.A. Selected Consolidated Financial Data</u>	6
<u>3.B. Capitalization and Indebtedness</u>	8
<u>3.C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds</u>	8
<u>3.D. Risk Factors</u>	8
<u>Item 4: Information on the Company</u>	25
<u>4.A. History and Development of the Company</u>	25
<u>4.B. Business Overview</u>	26
<u>4.C. Organizational Structure</u>	33
<u>4.D. Property, Plants and Equipment</u>	34
<u>Item 4A: Unresolved Staff Comments</u>	34
<u>Item 5: Operating and Financial Review and Prospects</u>	34
<u>5.A. Operating Results</u>	34
<u>5.B. Liquidity and Capital Resources</u>	41
<u>5.C. Research and Development</u>	43
<u>5.D. Trend Information</u>	43
<u>5.E. Critical Accounting Estimates</u>	43
<u>Item 6: Directors, Senior Management and Employees</u>	44
<u>6.A. Directors and Senior Management</u>	44
<u>6.B. Compensation</u>	46
<u>6.C. Board Practices</u>	46
<u>6.D. Employees</u>	47
<u>6.E. Share Ownership</u>	47
<u>6.F. Disclosure of a Registrant's Action to Recover Erroneously Awarded Compensation</u>	48
<u>Item 7: Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions</u>	48
<u>7.A. Major Shareholders</u>	48
<u>7.B. Related Party Transactions</u>	48
<u>Item 8: Financial Information</u>	49
<u>8.A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information</u>	49
<u>8.B. Significant Changes</u>	50
<u>Item 9: The Offer and Listing</u>	50
<u>Item 10: Additional Information</u>	50
<u>10.A. Share Capital</u>	50
<u>10.B. Memorandum of Association and Bye-Laws</u>	50
<u>10.C. Material Contracts</u>	58
<u>10.D. Exchange Controls</u>	59
<u>10.E. Taxation</u>	60
<u>10.F. Dividends and Paying Agents</u>	64
<u>10.G. Statement by Experts</u>	64
<u>10.H. Documents on Display</u>	64
<u>10.I. Subsidiary Information</u>	64

<u>Item 11: Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risks</u>	64
<u>11.1 Interest Rate Risk</u>	64
<u>11.2 Foreign Currency Risk</u>	64
<u>11.3 Market Risks Relating to Copper</u>	65
<u>11.4 Equity Price Risk</u>	65
<u>11.5 Fair Value of Designated Market-Sensitive Derivative Contracts</u>	65
<u>Item 12: Description of Securities Other than Equity Securities</u>	65
<u>Part II</u>	
<u>Item 13: Defaults, Dividend Arrearages and Delinquencies</u>	66
<u>Item 14: Material Modifications to the Rights of Security Holders and Use of Proceeds</u>	66
<u>Item 15: Controls and Procedures</u>	66
<u>Item 16A: Audit Committee Financial Expert</u>	67
<u>Item 16B: Code of Ethics</u>	67
<u>Item 16C: Principal Accountant Fees and Services</u>	67
<u>Item 16D: Exemptions from the Listing Standards for the Audit Committees</u>	67
<u>Item 16E: Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers</u>	67
<u>Item 16F: Change in Registrant’s Certifying Accountant</u>	67
<u>Item 16G: Corporate Governance</u>	67
<u>Item 16H: Mine Safety Disclosure</u>	68
<u>Item 16I: Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections</u>	68
<u>Item 16J: Insider Trading Policies</u>	68
<u>Item 16K: Cybersecurity</u>	68
<u>Part III</u>	
<u>Item 17: Financial Statements</u>	70
<u>Item 18: Financial Statements</u>	70
<u>Item 19: Exhibits</u>	70
<u>19.1 Index to Audited Financial Statements</u>	70
<u>19.2 Index to Exhibits</u>	71
<u>Signature</u>	72

CERTAIN DEFINITIONS AND CONVENTIONS

Unless the context otherwise indicates or requires, all references to:

- the terms “we,” “us,” “our,” and “APWC” refer to Asia Pacific Wire & Cable Corporation Limited, a holding company incorporated in Bermuda with principal executive offices in Taipei, Taiwan.
- the terms “our Company,” “our business” and “our operations” refer to APWC together with our operating subsidiaries.
- Dollar amounts in this Annual Report are expressed in thousands (\$000), except where otherwise indicated (e.g. “million”) or with respect to earnings per share.
- the terms “dollar”, “US\$” or “\$” refer to U.S. dollars, the lawful currency of the United States of America.
- “Bt,” “Thai Baht”, “THB” or “Baht” refer to Baht, the legal tender currency of Thailand.
- “Sing\$” or “S\$” refer to Singapore dollars, the legal tender currency of Singapore.
- “A\$” or “AU\$” refer to Australian dollars, the legal tender currency of Australia.
- “TWD” refers to the Taiwan New Dollar, the legal tender currency of Taiwan.
- “RMB” refers to the Chinese Renminbi, the legal tender currency of China.
- “Thailand” refers to the Kingdom of Thailand.
- “Singapore” refers to The Republic of Singapore.
- “Taiwan” or “ROC” refer to Taiwan, The Republic of China.
- “China” or “PRC” refer to The People’s Republic of China (for the purpose of this Annual Report, excluding Hong Kong and Macau).
- “Australia” refers to the Commonwealth of Australia.
- “United States” or “U.S.” refer to the United States of America.

Most measurements in this Annual Report are given according to the metric system. Standard abbreviations of metric units (e.g., “mm” for millimeter) have been employed without definitions. All references in this Annual Report to “tons” are to metric tons, which are equivalent in weight to 2,204.6 pounds or 1,000 kilograms.

All references to “outstanding” in respect of APWC’s Common Shares shall mean that such Common Shares have been issued by APWC and are not registered in APWC’s register of members as treasury shares.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This annual report on Form 20-F (“Annual Report”) contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements give our current beliefs or expectations or forecasts of future events. You can identify these statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. Such statements may include words such as “anticipate,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe”, “may”, “should”, “likely”, “seeks” and other words and terms of similar meaning in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance.

Such statements are not promises or guarantees and are subject to a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause our future results, performance or achievements to differ significantly from the results, performance or achievements

expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include our ability to maintain and develop market share for our products; the impact of

the COVID-19 pandemic on our business, operations, demands for our products, results, financial position and liquidity; the extreme volatility in the demand for and the pricing of commodities, including copper, our principal raw material, and their individual or collective impact on demand for our products and services; the introduction of competing products or technologies; the volatility of share prices on major securities exchanges throughout the world, our inability to successfully identify, consummate and integrate acquisitions; our potential exposure to liability claims; the uncertainty and volatility of the markets in which we operate; changes in laws or regulations applicable to our Company in the markets in which we conduct business; the availability and price of copper, our principal raw material, including the effects of recent and potential economic sanctions on Russia; our ability to negotiate extensions of labor agreements on acceptable terms and to successfully deal with any labor disputes; our ability to service and meet all requirements under our debt, and to maintain adequate credit facilities and credit lines; in certain markets, our ability to compete effectively with state-owned enterprises (“SOEs”), which may receive governmental subsidies to enhance results or receive preferred vendor status in state controlled projects; our ability to make payments of interest and principal under our existing and future indebtedness; our ability to increase manufacturing capacity and productivity; the fact that we have operations outside the United States that may be materially and adversely affected by acts of terrorism, war and political and social unrest, or major hostilities; exposure to political and economic developments; COVID-19 and government implemented lockdowns, circuit breakers, and other mandates that may adversely affect our business and operations; crises, instability, terrorism, civil strife, expropriation and other risks of doing business in foreign markets; economic consequences arising from natural disasters and other similar catastrophes, such as floods, earthquakes, hurricanes and tsunamis; the fact that APWC is a holding company that depends for income upon distributions from operating subsidiaries, most of which are not wholly-owned and for which there may be restrictions on the timing and amount of distributions; price competition and other competitive pressures; the impact of climate change on our business and operations and on our customers; tax inefficiencies associated with our cross-border operations, including without limitation, limitations on our ability to utilize net losses within our group of companies for income tax purposes; fluctuations in currency, exchange and interest rates, operating results and the impact of technological changes and other factors that are discussed in this report and in our other filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). Statements about the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business results, financial position and liquidity are subject to the risk that the actual impact may differ, possibly materially, from what is currently expected.

In particular, these statements include, among other things, statements relating to:

- our business strategy;
- our prospects for future revenues and profits in the markets in which we operate;
- the impact of political, legal or regulatory changes or developments in the markets in which we do business;
- our dependence upon the level of business activity and investment by our customers for the generation of our sales revenue;
- our reliance on our majority shareholder for research and development relating to our product lines; the fact that APWC’s common shares (the “**Common Shares**”) are traded on a national exchange in the United States and the relative liquidity or lack thereof, based upon the historical trading volume of our publicly-traded Common Shares and the small size of our public float;
- our dependence on a limited number of suppliers for our raw materials and our vulnerability to fluctuations in the cost and availability of such raw materials; and
- the liquidity (or lack thereof) generally of our property and assets.

We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements or other information contained in this Annual Report, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. You are advised, however, to consult any additional disclosures we make in our filings with the SEC. Also note that we provide a cautionary discussion of risks and uncertainties under the “Risk Factors” section of this Annual Report. These are factors that we think could cause our actual results to differ materially from expected results. Other factors besides those listed there could also adversely affect us.

Part I

ITEM 1: IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISERS

Not applicable

ITEM 2: OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Not applicable

ITEM 3: KEY INFORMATION

3.A. Selected Consolidated Financial Data

The following selected consolidated financial data is derived from the consolidated financial statements of our Company for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”).

The selected data set forth below should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by, the discussion in “Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects” and the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto referenced in “Item 18. Financial Statements.”

For the Year Ended December 31,

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019 (2)
	(in US\$ thousands, except for earnings per share)				
Income Statement Data:					
Revenue	\$ 425,772	\$ 433,893	\$ 476,659	\$ 313,564	\$ 338,160
Costs of sales	(395,545)	(401,363)	(455,508)	(279,686)	(313,373)
Gross profit	30,227	32,530	21,151	33,878	24,787
Other operating income	433	1,026	587	814	385
Selling, general & administrative expenses	(24,472)	(24,978)	(26,484)	(27,006)	(25,051)
Other operating expenses	—	(3)	(7)	(5)	(547)
Net impairment loss on financial and contract assets	(4,640)	(508)	(220)	(124)	(223)
Operating profit/(loss)	1,548	8,067	(4,973)	7,557	(649)
Finance costs	(2,527)	(1,650)	(1,251)	(744)	(1,012)
Finance income	205	120	123	320	506
Share of loss of associates	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(3)
Exchange gain/(loss)	679	143	(4,425)	(579)	1,550
Other income	570	889	671	1,173	717
Other expense	(9)	(3)	(1)	(1)	(3)
Profit before taxes	464	7,565	(9,857)	7,725	1,106
Income taxes expense	(162)	(2,808)	1,345	(4,016)	(2,057)
Profit/(loss) for the year	<u>\$ 302</u>	<u>\$ 4,757</u>	<u>\$ (8,512)</u>	<u>\$ 3,709</u>	<u>\$ (951)</u>
Attributable to:					
Equity holders of APWC	\$ 3,867	\$ 3,874	\$ (2,642)	\$ (552)	\$ (1,632)
Non-controlling interests	\$ (3,565)	\$ 883	\$ (5,870)	\$ 4,261	\$ 681
Earnings per share (1)					
Basic and diluted profit/(loss) for the year attributable to equity holders of the parent	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.19	\$ (0.19)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.12)

As of December 31,

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019 (2)
	(in US\$ thousands)				
Balance Sheet Data:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 37,970	\$ 54,017	\$ 44,507	\$ 52,237	\$ 53,673
Working capital	\$ 154,377	165,926	149,810	180,323	185,855
Total assets	\$ 366,664	371,019	389,428	338,119	298,911
Total debts	\$ 53,737	57,731	65,387	13,781	11,356
Net assets	\$ 214,621	211,428	209,317	234,875	228,435
Capital stock	\$ 206	206	138	138	138
Total APWC shareholders' equity	\$ 157,059	151,595	147,500	157,860	153,854

- (1) The calculation of the earnings per share is based on 20,616,227 basic and diluted weighted Common Shares issued and outstanding for the year ended December 31, 2023. For the year ended December 31, 2022, it was based on 20,020,364 basic and diluted weighted Common Shares issued and outstanding; and was based on 13,819,669 basic and diluted weighted Common Shares issued and outstanding for each of the year ended December 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019.
- (2) Includes the impact of the application of IFRS 16.

3.B. Capitalization and Indebtedness

Not applicable

3.C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

3.D. Risk Factors

You should carefully consider the risk factors set forth below in connection with any investment in APWC, including any investment in the Common Shares. If any one of these risks or uncertainties occurs, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. The risks described in this Annual Report on Form 20-F are not the only ones facing us. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business operations. Any of these risks could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, and could result in a loss of all or part of your investment.

Summary of Risk Factors

The following is a summary of the principal risks we face, organized under relevant headings. The list below is not exhaustive, and you should read the "Risk Factors" section in full.

Risks Related to Our Business (for more detailed discussion, see "Risk Factors -- Risks Related to Our Business")

- Pandemics, epidemics or disease outbreaks, such as COVID-19 pandemic, have, and may in the future, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and, results of operations.
- Significant volatility in copper prices could be detrimental to our Company's profitability.
- The markets in which we operate are highly competitive and may be affected by competition with SOEs and we cannot guarantee we will have the available capital to make necessary capital expenditures.
- We operate in highly concentrated end markets, and the loss of individual customers in such markets could have a material adverse impact on our position in that market as a whole.

- Our business could be harmed if we fail to attract and retain qualified personnel.

- We are subject to certain environmental protection laws and regulations governing our operations.
- Information systems failure or cybersecurity breaches could have a material adverse effect on our Company, including on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Risks Related to our Financial Activities (for more detailed discussion, see “Risk Factors -- Risks Related to our Financial Activities”)

- Restrictive covenants and default provisions in our existing debt agreements may materially restrict our operations as well as adversely affect our liquidity, business, financial condition and results of operations.
- We are exposed to foreign exchange rate risk.

Risk Related to the Regions in Which We Operate (for more detailed discussion, see “Risk Factors -- Risks Related to the Regions in Which We Operate”)

- The performance of our Company’s Thai operations is affected by the political and economic situation in Thailand.
- The PRC legal system may limit our Company’s remedies, impacting our subsidiaries’ ability to enforce agreements in the PRC with third parties.
- The enforcement of laws, rules and regulations in the PRC can change quickly with little advance notice. Uncertainties exist with respect to the interpretation and implementation of the PRC laws regarding foreign investment, cybersecurity, personal data protection and anti-monopoly, and any change in government interpretation or enforcement could implicate our PRC subsidiaries and have a material adverse effect on us.
- PRC regulation of loans to and direct investment in PRC entities by offshore holding companies may delay or prevent us from making loans or additional capital contributions to our PRC subsidiaries.
- The PRC government’s control of currency conversion and expatriation of funds may affect our liquidity.
- Political or social instability, including tensions between PRC and Taiwan, may materially adversely affect our Company’s business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Risks Related to the Common Shares and APWC (for more detailed discussion, see “Risk Factors -- Risks Related to the Common Shares and APWC”)

- The Common Shares may be delisted from Nasdaq, which could affect their market price and liquidity.
- As a foreign private issuer, there is less publicly available information concerning our Company than there would be if APWC was a U.S. public company.
- Our Common Shares have a limited public float and are subject to price volatility, which could adversely affect our prevailing market price.
- APWC may not be able to resume paying a dividend and any dividends paid in the future could be reduced or eliminated, which could adversely affect our prevailing market price.
- Our holding company structure and potential restrictions on the payment of dividends could materially adversely affect our market price.
- APWC is incorporated in Bermuda, and investors may face limited recourse and enforceability against APWC as well as its directors and officers as compared to corporations incorporated in the U.S.

Control of APWC rests with its majority shareholder, Pacific Electric Wire & Cable Co., Ltd., a Taiwanese company ("PEWC"), and APWC relies on Nasdaq’s controlled company and foreign private issuer exemptions, all of which could materially and adversely affect our corporate governance.

Risks Related to Our Business

Pandemics, epidemics or disease outbreaks, such as COVID-19 pandemic, have, and may in the future, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and, results of operations.

The global spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“**COVID-19**”) has significantly impacted worldwide economic activity and financial markets. Our operations and production have been affected and disrupted by the outbreak of COVID-19, such as reducing on-site staff and transitioning a significant portion of our workforce to remote work. Moreover, mandated COVID-19 measures have led to operating below standard production levels. Additionally, COVID-19 has affected and disrupted our suppliers, customers, and other business partners, leading to challenges such as travel restrictions, business closures, and reduced demand for our products.

Although the effects of COVID-19 during 2023 were not as significant as in prior years, new variants continued to cause waves of COVID-19 cases around the world. Furthermore, if a new pandemic, epidemic or disease outbreak were to occur, we could experience broad and varied impacts similar to the impact of COVID-19. However, the occurrence or continuation of any of these events, including the reemergence of COVID-19 in severity, could materially affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Significant volatility in copper prices could be detrimental to our Company’s profitability.

Copper is the principal raw material we use, accounting for a majority of the cost of sales. Our prevailing practice is to purchase copper at prices based on the average prevailing international spot market prices on the London Metal Exchange (the “**LME**”) for copper for the one month prior to purchase. The price of copper is affected by numerous factors beyond our control, including global economic and political conditions, supply and demand, inventory levels maintained by suppliers, potential disruptions in supply of copper (including as the result of economic sanctions on copper producers such as Russia), actions of participants in the commodities markets and currency exchange rates. As with other costs of production, changes in the price of copper may affect our Company’s cost of sales. Whether this has a material impact on our operating margins and financial results depends primarily on our Company’s ability to adjust selling prices to its customers, such that increases and decreases in the price of copper are fully reflected in those selling prices and customers continue to place orders. In the cases when we enter into a long-term sales contract at fixed selling prices, rising copper prices could render such contract onerous and our Company would be required to recognize losses from this onerous contract in the income statement. Most of our sales of manufactured products reflect the cost of copper used to manufacture those products at the time the products are ordered. In the ordinary course of business we maintain inventories of raw materials and finished products reasonably necessary for the conduct of our business. These inventories typically reflect the cost of copper prevailing in the market at the time of purchase. A long-term decrease in the price of copper would require our Company to revalue its inventory at periodic intervals to the then net realizable value, which could be below cost. Copper prices have been subject to considerable volatility, and it is not always possible to manage our copper purchases and inventory so as to neutralize the impact of copper price volatility. In addition, an excessive increase in the price of copper could result in fewer orders from customers or increased cost of sales given agreed sales prices, and negatively impact our Company. Accordingly, significant volatility in copper prices could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The ability of suppliers to deliver raw materials, parts and components and energy resources could affect our Company’s ability to manufacture products without disruption and in turn negatively affect our operations.

Our Company uses a range of materials, including copper, aluminum, polyethylene and polyvinyl chloride compound in the global production of our products, which come from numerous suppliers. Our operations and those of our suppliers are subject to disruption by supply chain issues due to economic, political and other factors largely beyond our Company’s control, including COVID-19 related supplier plant shutdowns or slowdowns, component shortages, supply chain disruptions and delays, fluctuations in shipping costs, work stoppages, labor shortages, financial issues such as supplier bankruptcy, information technology failures, and hazards such as fire, earthquakes, flooding, droughts or other natural disasters, new laws or regulations, global economic or political events including terrorist attacks and war, and suppliers’ allocations to other purchasers. The effects of climate change, including extreme weather events, long-term changes in temperature levels, water availability, supply costs impacted by increasing energy costs, or energy costs impacted by carbon prices or offsets may exacerbate these risks. Any inability of suppliers to deliver parts, components and manufacturing equipment to our Company’s manufacturing facilities, and any inability to manufacture without disruption, could affect our adversely business’s performance.

The markets in which we operate are highly competitive.

The wire and cable industry in the Asia Pacific region is highly competitive, and if we fail to successfully invest in and maintain product development, productivity improvements and customer service and support, sales of our products could be materially adversely affected. Our competitors include a large number of independent domestic and foreign suppliers. Certain competitors in each of our markets have substantially greater manufacturing, sales, research and financial resources than us. We and other wire and cable producers compete primarily on the basis of product quality and performance, reliability of supply, customer service, and price. To the extent that one or more of our competitors are more successful with respect to the primary competitive factors, our business could be materially adversely affected. In addition, our Company's business could be materially adversely impacted if low margin wire and cable manufacturers in China enter into the markets where we operate, like they have in Australia and Singapore. Our Company's business, financial condition and results of operations may also be materially adversely affected in the event it must compete with SOEs, which are often subsidized by the government such that they are protected against the challenges of market forces confronting private enterprises. When SOEs enter the market, it can become untenable for private enterprises in competition with SOEs to conduct profitable operations when the SOEs are being subsidized by the government and may operate in a loss position for an extended period. Certain of our products are made to common specifications and may be interchangeable with the products of certain of our competitors. Since customers could potentially substitute our products with those of our competitors, customer loyalty is an important pillar of our business's competitive position.

In addition, in order to remain competitive in the industry, our Company must periodically make substantial investments in capital equipment to ensure that our production processes are and remain state-of-the-art. Capital expenditures are not always predictable, as they are often driven by customer requirements for enhanced products. We cannot guarantee we will have the available capital to make such capital expenditures when required, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Alternative transmission technologies, such as wireless telecommunications, could materially reduce sales of our telecommunications products.

Our telecommunications cable business is subject to competition from other transmission technologies, principally wireless-based technologies. Wireless telecommunications businesses have sometimes made substantial inroads in early emerging markets where sufficient funding may not then be available to install the infrastructure necessary for market-wide fixed line telecommunications. In addition, the ease of use of wireless telecommunications may make that medium an attractive alternative in circumstances where access to fixed line telecommunications is limited. These technologies present significant competition in the markets in which we conduct or plan to conduct business and no assurance can be given that the future development and use of such alternative technologies will not materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We operate in highly concentrated end markets.

Failure to properly execute customer projects in markets where a small number of customers are responsible for a large portion of our sales could materially adversely impact our ability to obtain similar contracts from other customers in that market and may result in material financial penalties. In certain of our markets, sales of manufactured products are highly concentrated in large SOEs or large private infrastructure developers. As those markets are often highly concentrated, the loss of individual customers in such markets could have a material adverse impact on our position in that market as a whole and could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Pacific Electric Wire & Cable Co., Ltd. may not perform its obligations under the Composite Services Agreement.

We engage in transactions in the ordinary course of business with our controlling shareholder, PEWC, including the purchase of certain raw materials and the distribution of PEWC's products in various countries in the Asia Pacific region. We and PEWC have entered into a composite services agreement dated November 7, 1996, as amended and supplemented (the "Composite Services Agreement"), which contains provisions that define our relationship and the conduct of our respective businesses. The Composite Services Agreement is renewable at our option and is currently in force. Under the Composite Services Agreement, PEWC has agreed to supply APWC with copper and provides research and development for our products. Although PEWC has performed its obligations under the Composite Services Agreement to date, we are unable to ensure that PEWC will not in the future seek to limit, or be unable to perform in whole or in part, the business it conducts with our Company pursuant to the terms of the Composite Services Agreement. Given its controlling shareholder position, PEWC could in such instance seek to influence our response to any such events or occurrences. Any such

limitation or inability to perform the Composite Services Agreement on PEWC's part could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. (See "Item 10.C. Material Contracts" for a description of the Composite Services Agreement.)

Our insurance coverage does not cover all of our business risks.

Our global operations are subject to many risks including errors and omissions, infrastructure disruptions such as large-scale outages or interruptions of service from utilities or telecommunications providers, supply chain interruptions, third-party liabilities and fires or natural disasters. Our Company maintains insurance policies covering certain buildings, machinery and equipment against specified amounts of damage or loss caused by fire, flooding, other natural disasters and burglary and theft. Our Company does not carry insurance for consequential loss arising from business interruptions or political disturbances and does not carry product liability insurance. Consequently, the amount of our insurance coverage may not be adequate to cover all potential claims or liabilities, and we may be forced to bear substantial costs resulting from the lack of adequate insurance. No assurance can be given that we will not incur losses beyond the limits or outside the scope of coverage of our insurance policies. Accordingly, we may be subject to an uninsured or under-insured loss in such situations. Any failure to maintain adequate insurance coverage on terms favorable to us, or at all, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

A significant number of our ROW employees are members of employees' unions.

A significant number of the employees of our Rest of World ("ROW") segment are members of employees' unions. Failure to successfully negotiate and/or renew collective agreements, strikes, or other labor disputes could result in a disruption of our operations. Any such labor dispute could lead to a disruption of our operations, hindering our ability to serve our customers, and could have a material adverse effect on our Company and could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our business could be harmed if we fail to attract and retain qualified personnel.

If we fail to retain our key employees and attract qualified personnel by investing adequate resources to develop our human capital, our business may be harmed. The loss of any of our executive officers or other key employees could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. The loss of executive officers or key employees could impair customer relationships and result in the loss of vital industry knowledge, expertise, and experience. There is also a risk of losing key employees to our competitors, which could pose a possible risk of the theft of trade secrets, with competitors then gaining valuable information about our manufacturing process. Increased costs associated with recruiting, motivating and retaining qualified personnel could have a negative impact on our profitability. Our Company's future success depends on its continued ability to attract and retain talented and qualified personnel.

Our operations are subject to environmental protection laws and regulations, which impose compliance costs and subject us to potential liabilities should we violate any of these laws and regulations.

We are subject to certain environmental protection laws and regulations governing our operations and the use, handling, disposal and remediation of hazardous substances used by us. We could incur environmental liability from our manufacturing activities in the event of a release or discharge by us of a hazardous substance. Under certain environmental laws, we could be held responsible for the remediation of any hazardous substance contamination at our facilities and at third party waste disposal sites and could also be held liable for any consequences arising out of human exposure to such substances or other environmental damage. There can be no assurance that the costs of complying with environmental, health and safety laws and requirements arising from our current operations, or the liabilities arising from past releases of, or exposure to, hazardous substances, will not result in future liabilities incurred, or expenditures payable, by us that would materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Information systems failure or cybersecurity breaches could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

APWC's subsidiaries each have their respective information systems to support the operation of such subsidiary. While APWC's operating subsidiaries vary in the degree of reliance that they place on their information systems, any failure or interruption of these systems could materially adversely affect our Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. Among other things, financial data may be corrupted and financial information may not be accurately reported or presented in a timely manner, which could impair our Company's ability to timely file periodic or annual

reports with the SEC or timely disseminate material information to shareholders. Because there is no unified framework for administering information systems amongst APWC's subsidiaries, our competitors with a unified framework for administering information systems across their subsidiaries may have a competitive advantage over us and may be able to more efficiently administer such systems and respond to incidents and minimize risk to their business.

Cybersecurity presents risks and threats to us because intense competition in the wire and cable sector renders the Company vulnerable to theft and copying of design specifications. While our Company relies upon its majority shareholder, PEWC, for much of our Company's research and development, our Company's products are designed precisely to meet customer specifications for the applications for which they are intended. Cybersecurity risks create the potential for a material adverse impact on our Company's business, financial condition and result of operations due to, but not limited to, losing intellectual property, implementing reactive measures, managing litigation or investigations, addressing reputational harm, or losing a competitive advantage. To date, none of the cyber incidents identified have had a material adverse effect on our business. However, we do not have visibility into all unauthorized incursions and our systems may be experiencing ongoing incursions of which we are not aware. Mitigating these risks requires ongoing management oversight to ensure that sufficient controls and procedures are in place for appropriate persons to receive pertinent cybersecurity risk information to take appropriate action. We cannot offer any assurance that those controls and procedures will be sufficient to protect against cybersecurity risks and that our business, financial condition and results of operations will not be materially and adversely affected as a result of any such failure.

Increased reliance on information systems requires the implementation of information technology ("IT") security measures to protect networks, computers, programs and data from attack, damage or unauthorized access and ensure the confidentiality, availability and integrity of Company data. Our Company employs safeguards, both technological and contractual, in order to protect its proprietary interests and those of its customers and third-party licensors, including, without limitation, certain insurance against theft and risk of loss. However, we cannot guarantee that such safeguards will protect our Company from all types of IT and cybersecurity threats. If our Company's IT and cybersecurity measures are compromised or otherwise fail to protect systems, networks and data, or if an event of force majeure occurs and our Company's disaster recovery plan does not operating effectively, our Company's business may be disrupted and stand to lose assets, reputation and business, and potentially face regulatory fines and litigation as well as the cost of remediation, which could materially adversely impact our Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our multinational operations and structure subject us to potentially adverse tax consequences.

We conduct our business through operating subsidiaries and report our taxable income in multiple jurisdictions based upon our business operations in those jurisdictions. While we believe our tax positions are consistent with the tax laws in the jurisdictions in which we conduct our business, it is possible that these positions may be contested or overturned by jurisdictional tax authorities, which may have a significant impact on our global provision for income taxes, which could result in one-time tax charges, higher effective tax rates, reduced cash flows and lower overall profitability of our operations.

Certain government agencies in jurisdictions where we do business have had an extended focus on issues related to the taxation of multinational companies. In addition, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development is conducting a project focused on base erosion and profit shifting in international structures, which seeks to establish certain international standards for taxing the worldwide income of multinational companies. As a result of these developments, the tax laws of certain countries in which we do business could change on a prospective or retroactive basis, and any such changes could increase our liabilities for taxes, interest and penalties, and therefore could harm our business, cash flows, results of operations and financial position.

Pursuant to the Bermuda Economic Substance Act 2018 ("ESA") which commenced December 31, 2018, an entity that falls within the scope of the ESA and carries on as a business any of the "relevant activities" referred to in the ESA, must comply with economic substance requirements. The "relevant activities" include: banking, insurance, fund management, financing and leasing, headquarters, shipping, distribution and service center, intellectual property and holding entity. An in-scope entity which is engaged in any of the "relevant activities" must satisfy an economic substance test, by performing core income-generating activities in the jurisdiction, being directed and managed in the jurisdiction and, having within the jurisdiction (i) an adequate amount of operating expenditure, (ii) adequate physical presence and (iii) an adequate number of qualified full-time employees or other personnel.

Risks Related to our Financial Activities

Restrictive covenants and default provisions in our existing debt agreements may materially restrict our operations as well as adversely affect our liquidity, business, financial condition and results of operations.

If our business units do not generate sufficient cash flows from operations, we may be unable to make required payments on our debt, including debt secured by our or our subsidiaries' assets. Any such failure to make any such payment could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity, business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition our debt agreements contain restrictive covenants and default provisions. Covenants in the agreements governing our existing debt, and debt we may incur in the future, may materially restrict our operations, including our ability to incur debt, pay dividends, make certain investments and payments, and encumber or dispose of assets. In addition, any global economic deterioration may cause us to incur significant net losses or force us to assume considerable liabilities. We cannot make assurances that we will be able to remain in compliance with our financial covenants, which, as a result, may lead to a default. Any such default may thereby restrict our ability to access unutilized credit facilities or the global capital markets to meet our liquidity needs. Furthermore, a default under certain debt agreements by APWC or APWC's subsidiaries may trigger cross-defaults under other debt agreements. In the event of default, we may not be able to cure the default or obtain a timely waiver. An event of default under any agreement governing our existing or future debt, if not cured or timely waived, could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity, business, financial condition and results of operations. Please see Section 5.B. ("Liquidity and Capital Resources") of this Annual Report and Note 27(c) of our consolidated financial statements referenced in Item 18 of this Annual Report for a further discussion of our secured and unsecured indebtedness.

Foreign exchange fluctuations could materially impact our financial performance and our financial condition.

Our principal operations and properties are located in the three regions that constitute our business segments, namely the North Asia, Thailand and ROW regions. Although our reporting currency is the U.S. dollar, the functional currency of our Thailand region, which accounted for 39% of sales in 2023, is the Thai Baht. The functional currencies of our ROW region, which accounted for 47% of sales in 2023, are the Australian dollar and the Singapore dollar. The functional currencies for our North Asia operations, which in total accounted for 14% of sales in 2023, are divided into three groups: (1) the PRC Subsidiaries, whose functional currency is the RMB, (2) Crown Century, whose functional currency is the U.S. dollar, and (3) the ROC Subsidiaries, whose functional currency is the TWD. Accordingly, the functional currency accounts of these operations are all translated into U.S. dollars utilizing the reporting date exchange rate for balance sheet accounts, and an average exchange rate for the year for the income statement accounts, for reporting purposes. Any devaluation of the Baht, the Australian dollar, the Singapore dollar, the TWD, or the RMB against the U.S. dollar would adversely affect our financial performance, as measured in U.S. dollars.

Our Company conducts business in many foreign currencies and is subject to exchange rate risk on cash flows related to sales, expenses, financing and investment transactions. A substantial portion of our aggregate revenues is denominated in the following currencies: RMB, TWD, Baht, Australian dollars and Singapore dollars, while our purchases of raw materials and expenditures related to equipment upgrades are largely denominated in U.S. dollars. Any devaluation of the Baht, the Australian dollar, the Singapore dollar or the RMB against foreign currencies (such as the U.S. Dollar) would increase the effective cost of transactions denominated in such other foreign currencies. This would have an adverse impact on our operations and cash flows. Likewise, an increase in U.S. dollar borrowing costs and any increase in the strength of the U.S. dollar in foreign exchange markets (which could also increase borrowing rates) could materially adversely affect our business in the markets where we have operating plants, such as Thailand, China, Singapore and Australia. Consequently, adverse movements in exchange rates could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, a portion of our investment properties and financial instruments are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Accordingly, our investment results will be subject to possible currency rate fluctuations as well as the volatility of overseas capital markets. Our results of operations may be materially impacted by those fluctuations and volatility.

Significant impairment charges could materially adversely impact our results of operations.

In prior years, we have on occasion recognized impairment charges on certain property, plant and equipment due to lack of profitability. An impairment charge may be incurred for various reasons including, but not limited to, strategic decisions made in response to changes in economic and competitive conditions, the impact of the economic environment

on our business or a material adverse change in any material relationships with our clients. If we recognize significant impairment charges, our results of operations may be materially adversely affected.

Risk Related to the Regions in Which We Operate

We face risks relating to our operations in Thailand.

A substantial portion of our Thai operations consist of the manufacture of telecommunication and power cables and sales of those products for use in various construction and infrastructure projects in Thailand. The performance of our Company's Thai operations is affected by the political and economic situation in Thailand. In recent years, the level of government involvement in infrastructure development has tended to track increases or contractions in Thailand's gross domestic product and the Thai economy has been highly cyclical and volatile, depending for economic growth in substantial part on a number of government initiatives for economic expansion. Overall, the construction industry and infrastructure projects have slowed considerably, thereby affecting local sales, placing competitive pressure on prices and prompting our Company to rationalize Thai operations and actively seek overseas markets. Political tensions remain high in Thailand and political instability in Thailand tends to diminish governmental focus on infrastructure development projects, which can materially adversely impact the volume of sales to (and payment by) our customers who are engaged in large infrastructure projects and, consequently, materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, our Thai operations could be materially adversely impacted if low margin wire and cable manufacturers from China, including SOEs, were to enter the Thailand market.

There are uncertainties regarding the interpretation and enforcement of PRC laws, rules and regulations; the PRC legal system may limit our Company's remedies, which may impact our ability to enforce agreements in the PRC with third parties; and changes in policies, laws, rules and regulations in the PRC could adversely affect us.

Our operations conducted in the PRC are governed by PRC laws, rules and regulations and our PRC subsidiaries are subject to laws, rules and regulations applicable to foreign investment in China. The PRC legal system is a civil law system based on written statutes. Prior court decisions may be cited for reference but have limited precedential value. China has not developed a fully integrated legal system and enacted laws, rules and regulations may not sufficiently cover all aspects of economic activities or may be subject to a significant degree of interpretation by PRC regulatory agencies and courts. As these laws, rules and regulations are relatively new and quickly evolving and because of the limited number of published decisions and the non-precedential nature of these decisions, and because the laws, rules and regulations often give the relevant regulator certain discretion in how to enforce them, the interpretation and enforcement of these laws and regulations involves uncertainties and can be inconsistent and unpredictable. Therefore, it is possible that our existing operations may be found not to be in compliance with relevant law and regulations in the future.

Since PRC administrative and court authorities have significant discretion in interpreting and implementing statutory and contractual terms, the remedies and the legal protection we enjoy may be limited in the event of any claims or disputes with third parties. In addition, any litigation in China may be protracted and could result in substantial costs and diversion of resources and management attention. In terms of enforcement, agreements which are governed by PRC laws may be more difficult to enforce by legal or arbitral proceedings in the PRC than in countries with more developed legal systems. Even if the agreements generally provide for arbitral proceedings for disputes arising out of the agreements to be in another jurisdiction, in practice it may be difficult for us to obtain effective enforcement in the PRC of an arbitral award obtained in that jurisdiction.

Moreover, government policies, internal rules, laws and regulations, particularly for local applications, may be varied and enacted without sufficient prior notice or announcement to the public on a timely basis, and which may be effective retroactively. Consequently, we may not be aware of a violation of a new or updated policy or rule until we are notified by the regulating authority after the violating event has occurred.

Pursuant to the "Opinions on Strictly Cracking Down on Illegal Securities Activities in Accordance with the Law" (the "Opinions") issued by the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party and the State Council on July 6, 2021, among others, the PRC government sought to strengthen judicial cooperation in cross-border supervision and law enforcement on securities activities. The China Securities Regulatory Commission ("CSRC") published the Provisions of the State Council of the PRC on the Administration of Overseas Securities Offering and Listing by Domestic Companies (Draft for Comments), and Administrative Measures for the Filing of Overseas Securities Offering and Listing by Domestic Companies (Draft for Comments), which, among others, clarified the scope of overseas offering and listing by a PRC company, and listed a number of circumstances where overseas offering is prohibited. The CSRC subsequently published the Trial Administrative Measures of Overseas Securities Offering and Listing by Domestic Companies (the

“**Trial Measures**”) effective March 31, 2023. The new regulations for the filing-based administration of overseas securities offering and listing by companies that are incorporated in the PRC and the domestic operating entities of companies whose securities are indirectly offered and listed overseas (collectively referred to as “domestic companies”) are, and are made up of six sets of documents, namely, the Trial Measures and five supporting guidelines. The CSRC also issued an accompanying “Notes on the Trial Administrative Measures of Overseas Securities Offering and Listing by Domestic Companies” which provides an explanation of the Trial Measures. The Trial Measures and the changes from the prior drafts circulated by the CSRC have the potential to impact our PRC operations, financial position and business strategies, particularly if we were to seek a spin-off and foreign listing of our Chinese entities.

As the PRC legal system continues to evolve, we cannot predict if future developments in the PRC legal system could be detrimental to our Company and have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition, results of operations, and the value of our Common Shares.

Changes in China’s economic, political or social conditions or government policies could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial conditions and results of operations.

Certain of our subsidiaries operate in the PRC, where the enforcement of laws, rules and regulations can change quickly with little advance notice. The PRC government may intervene or influence the operations of our PRC subsidiaries at any time, or may begin to exert more control over offerings conducted overseas. Accordingly, our business, financial condition and results of operations may be affected to a significant degree by political, economic and social conditions in the PRC generally.

The PRC economy differs from the economies of most developed countries in many respects, including the degree of government involvement and control, with a substantial portion of the productive assets in China still managed by the government. The PRC government regulates industry development by imposing industrial policies and exerting considerable direct and indirect influence on the development of the PRC economy by controlling, among others, the allocation of resources, foreign exchange, growth rate and the level of development, monetary policy, taxation and foreign investment. The PRC government has significant influence over business activities and has become more involved in regulating China based companies. Legislative and enforcement actions and trends by the PRC authorities are not always predictable. In recent years the PRC government has enhance regulation in areas such as anti-monopoly, cybersecurity and data privacy.

The PRC Anti-Monopoly Law (“**AML**”) includes oversight of concentration of undertakings, monopoly agreements and abusive behavior by companies with market dominance and was amended effective August 1, 2022 to include, among others, increased penalties for anti-trust violations. The State Administration for Market Regulation (“**SAMR**”), the anti-monopoly enforcement agency in the PRC, has in recent years strengthened enforcement under the AML, with increased investigations and the levying of significant fines. In 2023, SAMR finalized a series of implementing regulations, rules and guidelines to facilitate the interpretation and enforcement of AML. While the business of APWC may not fall within the industries where recent active anti-monopoly enforcement efforts have focused, we cannot assure you that we will not be affected, either directly or indirectly, by this increased focus. In addition, to comply with existing and new anti-monopoly laws, regulations and guidance which are constantly evolving, we may need to devote additional resources and efforts, including adjusting investment strategy and business arrangements, which may adversely affect our business, growth prospects, and the value of our Common Shares.

The 2017 PRC Cybersecurity Law (“**CSL**”) was enacted with the aim of increasing data protection, data localization, and cybersecurity in the interest of national security. Recently enacted laws include the PRC Data Security Law, effective September 1, 2021 (the “**DSL**”) and the Personal Information Protection Law, effective November 1, 2021 (the “**PIPL**”). The DSL and PIPL, together with the CSL, form the over-arching framework that governs data protection and cybersecurity in the PRC. The CSL focuses on cybersecurity and the protection of the critical information infrastructure (“**CII**”), the DSL focuses on regulating “important data” and data processing activities that would have an impact on national security, and the PIPL focuses on protecting personal information.

On August 17, 2021, China released the text of the “Critical Information Infrastructure Security Protection Regulations” (“**CII Regulations**”) which became effective September 1, 2021. Under the CII Regulations, critical information infrastructure refers to important network infrastructure and information systems, in important industries and sectors, and requires the appropriate regulatory and administrative departments in these sectors (“**Protection Departments**”) to formulate CII identification rules based on the actual situations of their respective sectors and submit such identification rules to the Ministry of Public Security (“**MPS**”) for recording. The Protection Departments are responsible for identifying the CII in their respective sectors and promptly notifying relevant operators.

On December 28, 2021, the Cyberspace Administration of China (“CAC”) and the MPS, among others, adopted Cybersecurity Review Measures (“CRM”) effective February 15, 2022, replacing the 2020 version. CRM Article I state the measures were formulated in accordance with the National Security Law of the PRC, the CSL, the DSL and the CII Regulations. The CRM require CII operators to undergo a security review if the procurement of any “network products and services” affects or may affect China’s national security. Online platform operators, holding the personal information of more than 1 million users and newly listing on foreign markets, must also report for a cybersecurity review with the Cybersecurity Review Office of the CAC. Whether the cybersecurity review requirement will apply if the listing company’s subsidiary is a PRC entity (as is the case for APWC) is undetermined.

Neither ‘important data’ nor ‘core data’ have been comprehensively defined in PRC law. ‘Important data’ is a unique category of data introduced by the CSL and adopted into the DSL, but was defined in neither law. In Q4, 2022, the National Information Security Standardization Technical Committee (TC260) released a draft guidance document, which provides a methodology and set of criteria for grading data as either ‘important data’ or ‘core data’. On July 3, 2023 the CAC and MPS, among others, jointly released the 2023 edition of the Catalogue of Critical Network Equipment and Specialized Cybersecurity Products (“Catalogue”). The 2023 Catalogue designated 38 network products subject to mandatory Critical Network Equipment and Specialized Cybersecurity Products Certification. To the extent that any data that APWC’s PRC subsidiaries may in the future collect and process within the PRC and which falls within the scope of “important data”, APWC will be subject to various statutory obligations, such as conducting a national security review if the processing activity may affect national security, and periodically carrying out requisite risk assessments.

Compliance with current obligations and potential future obligations that may be promulgated pursuant to any of the CSL, DSL, PIPL, CII Regulations, CRM or other related laws, rules or regulations, could require us to incur additional costs and expend resources, including the updating of internal procedures and hiring of external consultants to conduct assessments, which would increase APWC’s costs and adversely affect profitability.

As final rules and implementing regulations have yet to be issued, the implications and applications of recent enforcement and legislative actions remain unclear at the moment and provide minimal guidance. Many of the economic reforms carried out by the PRC government are unprecedented or experimental and expected to be refined and improved over time. As such, we cannot assure you that APWC and APWC’s operations in the PRC will not be affected, either directly or indirectly, by such refinement or changes in government policy, or the interpretation of, or enforcement of, such laws and regulations, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and the value of our Common Shares.

Uncertainties with respect to the interpretation and implementation of the PRC Foreign Investment Law and Implementation Regulations may affect our Company’s Corporate Governance.

The PRC Foreign Investment Law and the Regulations for Implementation of the Foreign Investment Law (collectively the “FIL”) took effect January 1, 2020 and replaced the trio of prior laws governing foreign investment in China, namely, the Law on Sino-Foreign Equity Joint Ventures, the Law on Sino-Foreign Cooperative Joint Ventures, and the Law on Wholly Foreign-Owned Enterprises, together with their implementation regulations (the “Old FIL Laws”).

Several key changes under the FIL include protection of foreign IP rights and trade secrets, and equal treatment of domestic and foreign companies in government procurement. As the Old FIL Laws were repealed at the same time the FIL became effective, foreign-invested enterprises (“FIE”) became subject to the PRC Company Law and Partnership Enterprise Law, which stipulate different rules on corporate governance, voting, profit distributions and equity transfer restrictions, among others. FIEs established before the FIL’s effective date have a five-year transition period to convert to the appropriate corporate form and make necessary adjustments to their articles of association and other documents to comply with such rules, which now apply to foreign and domestic investors alike. The FIL imposes information reporting requirements on foreign investors and FIEs and any found to be non-compliant with these reporting obligations may be subject to fines or administrative liabilities.

Since the FIL is relatively new, uncertainties still exist in relation to its interpretation and implementation. The FIL may affect our relevant corporate governance practices and increase our compliance costs. We continue our review of the provisions regarding equity interest transfers and distribution of profits or remaining assets, and the specific adjustments FIEs must undertake.

On December 27, 2021, the National Development and Reform Commission (“NDRC”) and the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC (“MOFCOM”) issued Special Administrative Measures for Foreign Investment Access (Negative List) (2021 Version) effective January 1, 2022. The wire & cable industry is not within the sector where foreign investment is prohibited or restricted in the 2021 Version. Accordingly, APWC’s PRC business is unlikely to be directly affected by the rules and enforcement actions targeting variable interest entity structures, even if APWC proposes a spin-off of its PRC entities and an offshore listing. However, it is not known whether these matters will be addressed by additional laws or

regulations promulgated pursuant to the FIL. The FIL could be interpreted and implemented in a manner that could have a material adverse effect on our Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

PRC regulation of loans to and direct investment in PRC entities by offshore holding companies may delay or prevent us from making loans or additional capital contributions to our PRC subsidiaries, which could materially adversely affect our ability to fund and expand our business.

We conduct substantial business operations in China. We may make loans or capital contributions to our PRC subsidiaries. Loans or capital contributions by APWC or any of our offshore subsidiaries to our PRC subsidiaries, which are treated as FIEs under PRC law, may be subject to PRC regulations and/or foreign exchange loan registrations. Such loans to any of our PRC subsidiaries to finance their activities generally cannot exceed statutory limits and must be filed with China's State Administration of Foreign Exchange (the "SAFE"). We may also decide to finance our PRC subsidiaries by means of capital contributions, in which case the PRC subsidiary is required to register the details of the capital contribution with the relevant governmental authorities in China.

In light of the various requirements imposed by PRC regulations on loans to and direct investment in PRC entities by offshore holding companies, we cannot assure that we will be able to complete the necessary government registrations or obtain the necessary government approvals on a timely basis, if at all, with respect to future loans or capital contributions by our Company to our PRC subsidiaries and conversion of such loans or capital contributions into RMB. If we fail to complete such registrations or obtain such approvals, our ability to capitalize or otherwise fund our PRC operations may be negatively affected, which could materially adversely affect our ability to fund and expand our business, and could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The PRC government's control of currency conversion and expatriation of funds may affect our liquidity.

The PRC government imposes controls on the convertibility of RMB into foreign currencies and, in certain cases, the remittance of currency out of the PRC. Our PRC subsidiaries represent the majority of the sales in our North Asia segment, which segment constituted approximately 14% of our sales in 2023. Substantially all revenues of our subsidiaries organized under the laws of the PRC, are denominated in RMB. Shortages in the availability of foreign currency in the PRC may restrict the ability of our PRC subsidiaries to remit sufficient foreign currency to pay dividends or to make other payments to us, or otherwise to satisfy their foreign currency-denominated obligations. Under existing Chinese foreign exchange regulations, payments of current account items, including profit distributions, interest payments, and trade-related payments, can be made in foreign currencies without prior approval from SAFE by complying with certain procedural requirements, including, among others, submission of relevant documentary evidence of such transactions to designated foreign exchange banks in the PRC for processing of relevant payments. We are required to present relevant documentary evidence of such transactions and conduct such transactions at designated foreign exchange banks in the PRC. However, for any PRC company, dividends can be declared and paid only out of the retained earnings of that company under PRC law and may be subject to taxation. As a result, our PRC subsidiaries may be restricted in their ability to transfer cash outside of the PRC whether in the form of dividends, loans, and advances. If our PRC subsidiaries distribute dividends, these restrictions and requirements could reduce the amount of distributions that we would receive, which could in turn restrict our ability to fund our operations, generate income, pay dividends, and service our indebtedness.

Furthermore, approval from SAFE or its local branch is required where RMB are to be converted into foreign currencies and remitted out of the PRC for payments of capital account items, such as the repayment of loans denominated in foreign currencies. Without a prior approval from SAFE or its local branch, cash generated from the operations of our PRC subsidiaries may not be used to repay debt in a currency other than the RMB owed by such subsidiaries to entities outside the PRC, or make other payments of capital account items outside the PRC in a currency other than the RMB. The PRC government may also at its discretion, restrict access in the future to foreign currencies for current account transactions. In the current regime of stringent regulation of outflow of capital, RMB outflow may face the same level of scrutiny by the PRC government as the outflow of foreign currencies.

Additionally, because repatriation of funds of our PRC subsidiaries requires the prior approval of SAFE and/or its authorized bank and compliance with certain procedural requirements, such repatriation could be delayed, restricted, or limited. There can be no assurance that the rules and regulations pursuant to which SAFE grants or denies such approval or stipulates the procedural requirements will not change in a way that adversely affects the ability of our PRC subsidiaries to expatriate funds out of the PRC, thereby negatively affecting our liquidity, our results of operations and the value of our Common Shares.

Political or social instability, including tensions between PRC and Taiwan, may materially adversely affect our Company's business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Political or social instability in China could also materially adversely affect our business operations or financial condition. Lack of political or social certainty exposes our operations to increased risk of adverse or unpredictable actions by PRC government officials. For example, APWC's principal office is located in Taipei, Taiwan, and any escalation in political tensions between the PRC and the government of Taiwan could materially adversely impact our ability to manage our operations in the PRC efficiently or without third party interference. The PRC government has long advocated a one-China policy with regard to the Republic of China. Any overtly aggressive actions by the PRC towards Taiwan could have a materially destabilizing impact on Taiwan generally, and on our business in particular, and could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

PRC SOEs have competitive advantages and our business and operations may be materially and adversely affected in the event we must compete with such SOEs.

Much of the PRC's manufacturing output is still conducted through SOEs, which are often subsidized by the government such that they are protected against the challenges of market forces confronting private enterprises. As a consequence, it can become untenable for private enterprises in competition with SOEs to conduct profitable operations when the SOEs are being subsidized by the government and may operate in a loss position for an extended period. Our Company's business, financial condition and results of operations may be materially adversely affected in the event it must compete with such SOEs.

Risks Related to the Common Shares and APWC

The Common Shares may be delisted from Nasdaq, which could affect their market price and liquidity.

The Common Shares are currently listed on Nasdaq under the trading symbol "APWC" on the Capital Market tier. In order for the Common Shares to remain listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market tier, we must continue to meet certain minimum financial and other requirements including, without limitation, maintaining a closing bid price for the Common Shares of at least \$1.00 per share. Nasdaq's rules provide for the delisting of the Common Shares if the closing bid price for the Common Shares falls below \$1.00 per share for 30 consecutive business days and we are unable to regain compliance with the applicable requirements in the time permitted by Nasdaq.

In addition to Nasdaq's enumerated criteria for continued listing on the Capital Market tier, Nasdaq also has broad discretionary public interest authority that it can exercise to apply additional or more stringent criteria for the continued listing of the Common Shares, or suspend or delist securities even though the securities met all enumerated criteria for continued listing on Nasdaq. We cannot assure you that Nasdaq will not exercise such discretionary authority.

In accordance with the provisions of the Exchange Control Act 1972, as amended, and related regulations of Bermuda, the permission of the Bermuda Monetary Authority (the "BMA") is required for all issuances and transfers of shares (which includes the Common Shares) of Bermuda companies to or from a non-resident of Bermuda for exchange control purposes, other than in cases where the BMA has granted a general permission. The BMA, in its notice to the public dated June 1, 2005, has granted a general permission for the issue and subsequent transfer of any securities of a Bermuda company from and/or to a non-resident of Bermuda for exchange control purposes for so long as any "Equity Securities" of APWC (which include the Common Shares) are listed on an "Appointed Stock Exchange" (which includes Nasdaq). In granting the general permission the BMA accepts no responsibility for APWC's financial soundness or the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed herein. Consequently, if the Common Shares are delisted from Nasdaq, it will be necessary to obtain the prior permission of the BMA to transfer such Common Shares to any transferee, subject to any applicable general permissions issued by the BMA.

There can be no assurance that the Common Shares will remain listed on Nasdaq on any tier. Any delisting of the Common Shares could materially adversely affect their market price and liquidity. If the Common Shares are delisted, APWC expects its Common Shares would be quoted on an over-the-counter market. If this were to occur, APWC's shareholders could face significant material adverse consequences, including the need to receive permission from the BMA to transfer the Common Shares, limited availability of market quotations for the Common Shares and reduced liquidity for the trading of the Common Shares. In addition, APWC could experience a decreased ability to issue additional securities and obtain additional financing in the future.

As a foreign private issuer, there is less publicly available information concerning our Company than there would be if APWC was a U.S. public company.

APWC is a “foreign private issuer”, as defined in the SEC’s rules and regulations and, consequently, APWC is not subject to all of the disclosure requirements applicable to public companies organized within the United States. For example, APWC is exempt from certain rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”) that regulate disclosure obligations and procedural requirements related to the solicitation of proxies, consents or authorizations applicable to a security registered under the Exchange Act, including the U.S. proxy rules under Section 14 of the Exchange Act. In addition, APWC’s senior management and directors are exempt from the reporting and “short-swing” profit recovery provisions of Section 16 of the Exchange Act and related rules with respect to their purchases and sales of APWC’s securities. Moreover, APWC is not required to file periodic reports and financial statements with the SEC as frequently or as promptly as U.S. public companies, and is not required to file quarterly reports on Form 10-Q or current reports on Form 8-K under the Exchange Act. Accordingly, there is less publicly available information concerning our Company than there would be if APWC was a U.S. public company.

Future sales of APWC’s Securities may cause the prevailing market price of the Common Shares to decrease.

There may be future sales or other dilution of APWC’s equity, which could materially adversely affect the market price of the Common Shares. APWC may, from time to time, issue equity securities, including Common Shares or securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive, Common Shares. The market price of the Common Shares could decline as a result of issuances of any such equity securities or any such securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive, Common Shares, or as a result of the perception that such issuances could occur.

The market for the Common Shares may not be liquid, which could cause volatility and adversely affect our prevailing market price.

Active, liquid trading markets generally result in lower price volatility and more efficient execution of buy and sell orders for investors, compared to less active and less liquid markets. Thinly-traded equity securities can be more volatile than equity securities for which there is significant trading volume. In addition, APWC’s share price may be volatile and could be subject to fluctuations in response to various factors, most of which are beyond our control. Liquidity of a securities market is often a function of the volume of the underlying shares that are publicly held by unrelated parties. As of December 31, 2021, approximately 75.5% of APWC’s issued and outstanding Common Shares were directly or beneficially owned by PEWC. Following the completion of APWC’s rights offering in February 2022 (as further described in Item 7 in this Annual Report) and as of the date of this Annual Report, approximately 80.9% of APWC’s issued and outstanding Common Shares are directly or beneficially owned by PEWC, with such Common Shares subject to certain restrictions on trading. In addition, although the Common Shares are currently traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market tier, the trading and demand for the Common Shares has been historically limited. As a consequence, shareholders may find that the value of their Common Shares and/or their ability to sell their Common Shares quickly or in substantial amounts may be materially adversely affected by the limited public trading market of the Common Shares. In the future, the Common Shares may experience significant price fluctuations which could materially adversely affect the value of a shareholder's ownership interest in APWC.

Our Common Shares have a limited public float and are subject to price volatility, which could adversely affect our prevailing market price.

Given PEWC’s sizable ownership of our outstanding Common Shares, we have a limited public float, which adversely affects trading volumes and liquidity in our Common Shares. We have experienced significant share price and volume fluctuations and could be subject to continuing fluctuations in the future. The trading price of our Common Shares may fluctuate widely due to various factors, including the level of purchases or sales in our Common Shares relative to total volume of trading in our Common Shares, actual or anticipated actions by PEWC, including purchases or sales of our Common Shares by PEWC, actual or anticipated changes in our financial conditions and operating results, changes in our capital structure or liquidity including issuance of additional debt or equity to the public, changes in our dividend policy, news regarding our products or geographic markets, and broad market and industry fluctuations. This volatility in our share price, and limited trading volume in our Common Shares, could adversely affect our business and financing opportunities.

Being the subject of an activist investor campaign could cause us to incur substantial costs, divert management’s attention and resources, and have an adverse effect on our business. We have been in the past, and may continue to be,

subject to proposals by activist investors urging us to take certain actions. Responding to activist campaigns is generally costly and time-consuming, as we may need to retain the services of legal, financial and communications advisors to assist APWC in responding to the activist investor's concerns, the costs of which could negatively impact our future financial results. A campaign could also divert the attention of our directors and officers away from our business and operations, which could adversely impact our business. In addition, perceived uncertainties as to our future direction, strategy or leadership arising from an activist campaign could cause our stock price to experience periods of enhanced volatility or harm our ability to raise capital.

APWC may not be able to resume paying a dividend and any dividends paid in the future could be reduced or eliminated, which could adversely affect our prevailing market price.

APWC did not declare or pay any dividends for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020. There are a number of factors that can affect APWC's ability to pay dividends and there is no guarantee that APWC will pay dividends in any given year or pay any specific amount of dividends. APWC may not be able, or may choose not to reinstate its dividend program and pay future dividends, and if reinstated any future dividend could again be eliminated or reduced. The declaration, amount and payment of future dividends are at the discretion of APWC's Board of Directors (the "**Board**") and will be dependent on our Company's future operating results and the cash requirements of our Company's business. In addition, APWC will not pay dividends in the event it is not allowed to do so under Bermuda law. Furthermore, since APWC is a holding company, nearly all of the assets shown on its consolidated balance sheet are held by its subsidiaries. Accordingly, APWC's cash flow and its ability to pay dividends are dependent upon distributions from its subsidiaries. The reduction, suspension or elimination of dividends may negatively affect the market price of the Common Shares.

Our holding company structure and potential restrictions on the payment of dividends could materially adversely affect our market price.

APWC is a holding company with no direct business operations other than its ownership of the capital stock of its subsidiaries and equity investees. APWC's principal assets are the equity interests it directly or indirectly holds in its operating subsidiaries. As a holding company, APWC's ability to pay dividends and meet its other obligations depends upon the amount of distributions, if any, received from its operating subsidiaries and other holdings and investments. APWC's operating subsidiaries and other holdings and investments, from time to time, may be subject to restrictions on their ability to make distributions to APWC, including, but not limited to, as a result of restrictive covenants contained in loan agreements, restrictions on the conversion of local currency earnings into U.S. dollars or other currency, and other regulatory restrictions. For example, PRC legal restrictions permit payments of dividends by our business entities operating in the PRC only out of their retained earnings, if any, determined in accordance with relevant PRC accounting standards and regulations. Under PRC law, such entities are also required to set aside a portion of their net income each year to fund certain reserves. These reserves are not distributable as cash dividends. The foregoing restrictions may also affect APWC's ability to fund operations of one subsidiary with dividends and other payments received from another subsidiary. Distributions may also be limited from time to time by reason of restrictions protective of the rights of minority shareholders of APWC's subsidiaries and by reason of the current cash requirements of APWC's operating subsidiaries. Such restrictions on payments involving entities organized in PRC could adversely affect our liquidity, our business results and thus, the price of our Common Shares.

APWC is incorporated in Bermuda, and investors may face limited recourse and enforceability against APWC as well as its directors and officers as compared to corporations incorporated in the U.S.

APWC is incorporated in and organized pursuant to the laws of Bermuda with its principal office located in Taiwan. All of APWC's directors and officers reside outside the United States and our Company's material assets are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for investors to effect service of process within the United States upon such persons or to realize judgements against them in courts of the United States predicated upon civil liabilities under the United States federal securities laws. Even if investors are successful in realizing judgments against such persons in courts of the United States, the laws of Taiwan may render such investors unable to enforce the judgment against our Company's assets or the assets of APWC's officers and directors. Also, investors may have difficulty in bringing an original action based upon the United States federal securities law against such persons in the Taiwan courts. Additionally, there is doubt as to the enforcement in Bermuda, in original actions or in actions for enforcement of judgments of United States courts, of liabilities predicated upon U.S. federal securities laws. As a result, shareholders may encounter more difficulties in enforcing their rights and protecting their interests in the face of actions taken by management, the Board or controlling shareholders than they would if APWC was organized under the laws of the United

States or one of the states therein, or if our Company had material assets located within the United States, or some of the directors and officers resided within the United States.

Control of APWC rests with its majority shareholder, PEWC, and APWC relies on Nasdaq's controlled company and foreign private issuer exemptions, all of which could materially and adversely affect our corporate governance.

PEWC holds more than 50% of our issued and outstanding Common Shares. Accordingly, we are a "controlled company" within the meaning of Nasdaq's corporate governance standards, and may elect to utilize exemptions from certain corporate governance standards, including the requirement (1) that a majority of the board of directors consist of independent directors, (2) to have a nominating committee that is comprised entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities and (3) to have a compensation committee that is comprised entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities. We utilize the controlled company exemption for (1) the requirement to have a majority of our Board consist of independent directors, and (2) the requirement to have a nominating committee that is comprised entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing such committee's purpose and responsibilities. While we rely on the controlled company exemption for (2), our independent directors oversee our process for identifying director nominees and review the qualifications of such nominees.

At present, a majority of our Board is affiliated with PEWC, and we rely on Nasdaq's allowance for foreign private issuers to follow home country practices in lieu of the requirement that listed companies have regularly scheduled meetings at which only independent directors are present ("executive sessions"). Nonetheless, our independent directors meet periodically in their capacity as members of our Audit Committee. Our management occasionally join such meetings in the interest of communicating management's analysis of the Company's financial performance and compliance with relevant corporate governance requirements.

Because we have fewer independent directors (i.e. those who meet Nasdaq's independence standards) on our Board than issuers that comply with all of Nasdaq's corporate governance standards, you are not provided the same level of protection afforded to investors in issuers that comply with all of Nasdaq's corporate governance standards.

As APWC's majority shareholder, PEWC has sufficient votes to control the outcome of any matter presented for a shareholder vote, including the election of each member of our Board. PEWC may vote its shares in APWC in the manner that it sees fit. In addition, subject to applicable securities laws, PEWC may sell, convey or encumber all or a portion of its ownership interest in APWC without regard to the best interests of APWC's other shareholders except to the extent that it is prohibited from engaging in conduct oppressive to non-controlling interests under applicable law. The interests of PEWC may conflict with our interests or the interests of our other shareholders. As a result, PEWC may take actions with respect to us or our business that may not be in our or our other shareholders' best interest.

Financial or corporate governance issues at PEWC may affect PEWC's attention to and actions with respect to APWC, including with respect to its performance of its obligations under, or increase uncertainty regarding its ability to perform its obligations under, the Composite Services Agreement between APWC and PEWC. (See "Item 3.D. Risk Factors – PEWC may not perform its obligations under the Composite Services Agreement" and "Item 10.C. Material Contracts" for a description of the Composite Services Agreement.).

Potential conflict of certain officers and directors could adversely affect our corporate governance.

APWC has three independent directors. As of December 31, 2023, there were four additional members of our Board, all of whom are also directors or officers of, or otherwise affiliated with, PEWC, APWC's majority shareholder. Certain of APWC's officers are also affiliated with PEWC. In each case, they may be subject to potential conflicts of interest. In addition, certain of APWC's officers and directors who are also officers and/or directors of PEWC may be subject to conflicts of interest in connection with, for example, pursuing corporate opportunities in which our Company and PEWC or one of its affiliates have competing interests, and in the performance by APWC and PEWC of their respective obligations under existing agreements, including the Composite Services Agreement. In addition, some of these persons devote time to the business and affairs of PEWC and its affiliates, which could reduce the amount of time available for overseeing or managing our Company's business and affairs.

If we lose control of Charoong Thai, Charoong Thai's financial results would not be consolidated with ours.

As of December 31, 2023, our Company effectively owned 50.93% of the issued and outstanding shares of Charoong Thai Wire and Cable Public Company Limited ("Charoong Thai" or "CTW"). While our Company holds preemptive rights that would permit it to maintain majority ownership of CTW, there may be circumstances under which our Company cannot maintain majority ownership of Charoong Thai. In the event Charoong Thai were to make a further offering of voting securities, or securities convertible into or exchangeable for voting securities, and our Company decided not to, or was not in a position to, fund or finance its participation in the offering, the ownership interest of our Company in Charoong Thai could fall below a level necessary for consolidated treatment, and our Company may lose the controlling interest in Charoong Thai. If that were the case, the accounts of the Charoong Thai group, which includes all of our Company's Thailand operations, would not be consolidated under IFRS, but instead would be accounted for under the equity method. In such an event, our Company's accounts would show a significant decrease in revenue and most categories of assets and liabilities, which could materially adversely affect our Company and the value of the Common Shares.

Risk Related to Subsidiary Governance

Governance challenges across subsidiaries.

Our global operations entail managing a network of subsidiaries across multiple jurisdictions, each characterized by distinct regulatory landscapes, cultural norms, and legal frameworks. Navigating these complexities requires diligent oversight and adaptability to ensure compliance with diverse regulatory obligations and local laws. Factors such as differences in reporting requirements, governance practices, and business cultures pose inherent risks to our operations. Inadequate governance practices or failure to effectively synchronize policies and procedures across subsidiaries may expose the company to heightened regulatory scrutiny, potential legal liabilities, operational inefficiencies, and reputational damage.

Effective governance of subsidiaries across diverse jurisdictions is also imperative to mitigate the risk of mismanagement and fraud, which can lead to substantial financial losses. The decentralized nature of subsidiary operations, coupled with variations in regulatory requirements and cultural practices, creates vulnerabilities that could be exploited for fraudulent activities or mismanagement. Without robust oversight mechanisms and internal controls, subsidiaries may face increased susceptibility to financial irregularities, such as unauthorized transactions, embezzlement, bribery, or corruption.

Failure to implement adequate governance structures, including clear reporting lines, internal controls, and risk management frameworks, heightens the risk of undetected financial misconduct. Instances of fraud or mismanagement not only result in direct financial losses, including asset misappropriation and revenue leakage, but also erode shareholder trust, tarnish the company's reputation, and attract regulatory sanctions or legal liabilities.

Inadequate governance to manage these complexities may result in regulatory non-compliance, reputational damage, legal liabilities, and operational disruptions, which could adversely affect our financial performance and shareholder value.

General Risk Factors

Any failure to achieve and maintain effective internal controls could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, business, financial conditions, and results of operations and the market price of the Common Shares.

Effective internal controls are necessary for us to provide reasonable assurance with respect to our financial reports and to prevent fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, a control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. As a result, even effective internal controls are able to provide only reasonable assurance with respect to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements. Any failure in our internal control could result in a material adverse effect on our business and a decline of investor confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, which could materially adversely affect the market price of the Common Shares.

International trade policies may negatively impact our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Government policies on international trade and investment such as import quotas, tariffs, and capital controls, whether adopted by individual governments or addressed by regional trade blocs, can affect the demand for our products and services and those of our customers and impact the competitive position of our products or services or those of our customers. For example, the business of our customers in China may be adversely impacted by the continuing trade friction between the United States and China. We cannot predict future trade policy or the terms of any renegotiated trade agreements and their impact on our business. The adoption and expansion of trade restrictions, the occurrence of a trade war, or other governmental action related to tariffs or trade agreements or policies has the potential to adversely impact demand for our products, our costs, our customers, and our suppliers, which in turn could materially adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our international business operations subject us to certain risks which may materially and adversely affect our business and operations.

We are subject to risks specific to our international business operations, including: the risk of supply disruption; production disruption or other disruption arising from events of force majeure, such as severe weather and climatic events; the outbreak of highly infectious or communicable diseases such as COVID-19, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, swine influenza or pandemics of a similar nature; the risk of potential conflict and further instability in the relationship between Taiwan and the PRC; risks related to national and international political instability, such as disruptions to business activities and investment arising out of political unrest and turmoil in Thailand; risks related to global economic turbulence and adverse economic developments in Asian markets; risks associated with possible interest rate increases, which could result in increases in the cost of borrowing and reduced liquidity for us and our customers; risks related to changes in governmental or private sector policies and priorities with respect to infrastructure investment and development; unpredictable consequences on the economic conditions in the U.S. and the rest of the world arising from terrorist attacks, and other military or security operations; unexpected changes in regulatory requirements or legal uncertainties regarding tax regimes; tariffs and other trade barriers, including current and future import and export restrictions; difficulties in staffing and managing international operations in countries such as Australia, Singapore, the PRC, Thailand and Taiwan; risks that changes in foreign currency exchange rates will make our products comparatively more expensive; limited ability to enforce agreements and other rights in foreign countries; changes in labor conditions; longer payment cycles and greater difficulty in collecting accounts receivable; burdens and costs of compliance with a variety of foreign laws; limitation on imports or exports and the possible expropriation of private enterprises; and reversal of the current policies (including favorable tax and lending policies) encouraging foreign investment or foreign trade by our host countries. On March 6, 2024, the SEC adopted a new climate disclosure rule effective May 28, 2024, that will add to Form 20-F a new section Item. 3.E. (“Climate -related disclosures”). Compliance will be phased in for non-accelerated filers such as APWC beginning fiscal year 2027 and APWC is assessing the requirements imposed on it by this new disclosure rule, affects on its operations and associated costs of compliance.

Climate change, or legal, regulatory or market measures to address climate change, may materially adversely affect our Company’s financial condition and business operations.

Climate change resulting from increased concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere could present risks to our Company’s future operations due to natural disasters and extreme weather conditions, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, wildfires, droughts or flooding. Such extreme weather conditions could pose physical risks to our Company’s suppliers and facilities, disrupt operation of our Company’s supply chain, including availability of raw materials and transportation, and impact operational costs.

Concern over climate change has resulted in both existing and pending legal and regulatory requirements designed to mitigate its effects. Our Company is therefore subject to environmental, health and safety regulations in connection with its global business operations, including but not limited to: regulations related to the development, manufacture, shipping and use of its products, handling, discharge, recycling and disposal of hazardous materials used in its products or in producing its products, and the operation of its facilities. Such measures subject us to additional costs and restrictions and require operating and capital expenditures, which could impact our Company’s business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. For example, any pollutants and waste generated during our Company’s manufacturing process need to be disposed of and/or mitigated in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Additionally, a lack of consistent climate legislation across the regions in which we operate may create economic and regulatory uncertainty. Any failure or inability to comply with existing or future environmental, health and safety regulations, including those relating to climate change, could result in significant remediation or other legal liabilities, the imposition of penalties and fines,

restrictions on the development, manufacture, sale, shipping or use of certain of its products and limitations on the operation of its facilities.

In addition to regulatory compliance, growing customer sustainability requirements and shareholder sentiment in respect of environmental and sustainability standards could cause our Company to incur substantial expense from time to time to alter its manufacturing, operations or equipment designs to meet these regulatory and sustainability requirements as well as investor expectations. Moreover, we may not be able to timely meet these requirements due to the required level of capital investment or technological advancement. Any failure to comply with these regulations, or meet these customer requirements or sustainability targets, could adversely impact the demand for our Company's products and subject our business to significant costs and liabilities and reputational risks that could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Inflationary price pressures of raw materials or other inputs used by our business could negatively impact the profitability of our business.

Increases in the price of commodities, raw materials, utilities, labor or other inputs that our operations or our Company's suppliers use in manufacturing and supplying products, components and parts, along with logistics and other related costs, may lead to higher costs for our Company's products and services. In addition, new laws or regulations adopted in response to climate change could increase energy and transportation costs, as well as the costs of certain raw materials and components. Any increase in the cost of inputs to our Company's production could lead to higher costs for our Company's products and could negatively impact our Company's operating results, future profitability and ability to successfully deliver on our Company's strategy.

ITEM 4: INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY

4.A. History and Development of the Company

Asia Pacific Wire & Cable Corporation Limited was incorporated on September 19, 1996 as a Bermuda exempted company limited by shares and incorporated under the Bermuda Companies Act 1981, as amended (the "Companies Act"). The address of APWC's principal office is Room B, 15th Floor, No. 77, Sec. 2, Dunhua South Road, Taipei, 106, Taiwan, and its telephone number is +886 2-2712-2558. Our Company's registered agent (and agent for service of process) in the United States is Pacific Holdings Group, with an address at 2901 Dallas Parkway, Suite 360, Plano, Texas 75093.

Principal capital expenditures consisted of purchases of property, plant and equipment totaling \$4.3 million in 2023, \$3.7 million in 2022 and \$8.5 million in 2021, mostly for the purchase of production machinery and equipment in North Asia in 2023.

In 2024, we expect our business' principal capital expenditures to include the purchase of new equipment to expand production capacity in Australia and Thailand. We expect total capital expenditures in 2024 to be \$0.7 million based on current assumptions, although this number could change based on market conditions and other relevant factors. Our Company intends to pay for these expenditures with funds generated from its operations.

Our Company's present plans also include the development of an alternative energy business in Taiwan by availing itself of new tax-driven development incentives provided by the Taiwan government for the expansion of "green" energy alternatives. This project remains at a development-stage and has not generated any revenues to date.

Our website is located at www.apwcc.com. The information contained or linked to on our website is not included in, or incorporated by reference into, this Annual Report on Form 20-F. Our filings with the SEC, including reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding us that is filed electronically with the SEC are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

4.B. Business Overview

Our Company's Operations and Principal Activities

APWC is a holding company that operates its business through operating subsidiaries. Through our subsidiaries, our Company is principally engaged in the manufacture and distribution of enameled wire, power cable, and telecommunications products in Thailand, Singapore, Australia, PRC, Hong Kong and certain other markets in the Asia Pacific region. Our Company also provides project engineering services in supply, delivery and installation of power cable ("SDI"). Our Company's major customers include appliance component manufacturers, electrical contracting firms, state owned entities, wire and cable dealers and factories.

APWC has no direct business operations other than its direct and indirect ownership of the capital stock of its subsidiaries and equity investee holdings. Although APWC has not paid a dividend to holders of our Common Shares since 2019, APWC's ability to pay any dividends in the future, as well as to meet its other obligations and to fund operations, depends upon the amount of distributions, if any, received from its direct and indirect operating subsidiaries and other holdings and investments. APWC's operating subsidiaries and other holdings and investments, from time to time, may be subject to restrictions on their ability to make distributions to APWC, including as a result of restrictive covenants contained in loan agreements, restrictions on the conversion of local currency earnings into U.S. dollars or other hard currency and other regulatory restrictions applicable to the countries in which our subsidiaries are formed and conduct their business. For further discussion of the risks created by these restrictions and limitations, see "Risk Factors-Risks Related to our Financial Activities" and "Risk Factors-Risks Relating to the Regions in which We Operate."

Reporting Segments and Geographic Regions

We operate our business in three reporting segments: Thailand, North Asia, and ROW. Our Company's power cable and telecommunications cable products are primarily sold in the domestic markets of the countries where they are manufactured, whereas a portion of the enameled wires manufactured by our Company in Thailand are exported, primarily to customers throughout Southeast Asia. The following table sets forth our Company's sales revenues for the periods indicated in its three reporting segments for its principal product lines.

Year ended December 31, 2023	North Asia	Thailand	ROW	Total segments Consolidated
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Revenue from external customers				
Power	9	80,564	140,501	221,075
Enamel	55,959	79,510	1,972	137,441
SDI	2,667	—	55,028	57,695
Others*	14	6,851	2,697	9,562
	<u>58,649</u>	<u>166,925</u>	<u>200,198</u>	<u>425,772</u>

* includes revenues from fabrication service contracts and the sale of other wire and cable products.

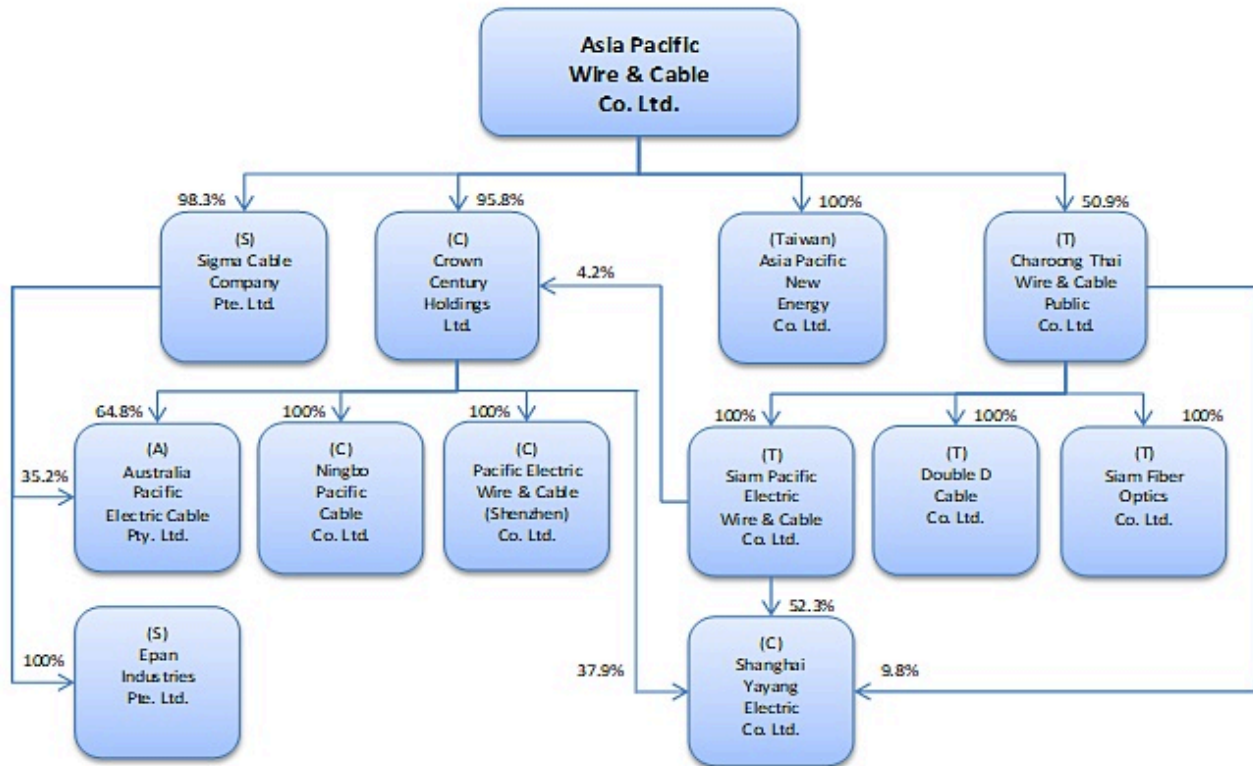
Year ended December 31, 2022	North Asia	Thailand	ROW	Total segments Consolidated
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Revenue from external customers				
Power	92	46,340	135,739	182,171
Enamel	76,002	102,122	—	178,124
SDI	1,209	—	44,722	45,931
Others*	26	23,379	4,262	27,667
	<u>77,329</u>	<u>171,841</u>	<u>184,723</u>	<u>433,893</u>

* includes revenues from fabrication service contracts and the sale of other wire and cable products.

Year ended December 31, 2021	North Asia	Thailand	ROW	Total segments Consolidated
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Revenue from external customers				
Power	—	63,629	127,891	191,520
Enamel	107,027	105,749	—	212,776
Fabrication	—	—	39,476	39,476
Others*	5	28,401	4,481	32,887
	<u>107,032</u>	<u>197,779</u>	<u>171,848</u>	<u>476,659</u>

* includes revenues from fabrication service contracts and the sale of other wire and cable products.

The following chart sets forth the organizational structure, as of December 31, 2023, of APWC and its principal subsidiaries, and indicates the percentage ownership or voting power of each entity. The location of the headquarters of each company is indicated in parentheses above the company's name ("T" for Thailand, "C" for China or Hong Kong, "S" for Singapore and "A" for Australia).



In Thailand, APWC has the following subsidiaries:

- Charoong Thai Wire & Cable Public Co. Ltd. ("Charoong Thai"), a public company listed in Thailand that is majority owned by APWC.

- Charoong Thai owns three principal subsidiaries in Thailand, namely Siam Pacific Electric Wire & Cable Co. Ltd. (“Siam Pacific”), Double D Cable Co. Ltd., and Siam Fiber Optics Co. Ltd.

Our Company produces and sells enameled wires, power cables, and telecommunication cables in Thailand. Charoong Thai is one of the leading cable manufacturers in Thailand. Our distribution channels include both direct sales to state owned entities and private sector participants in the infrastructure sector, and sales to agents for state owned entities. Sales within the Thailand region are made directly by the sales department of the APWC operating subsidiaries in accordance with terms and pricing set by the local subsidiaries. The major customers of our Company include clients working with the government and its contractors.

In North Asia, APWC has four principal subsidiaries:

- Crown Century Holdings Ltd. (“Crown Century”), which is a registered Hong Kong company majority owned by APWC,
- Shanghai Yayang Electric Co., Ltd. (“Shanghai Yayang”), a PRC company that is majority owned by Charoong Thai,
- Pacific Electric Wire and Cable (Shenzhen) Co. Ltd. (“PEWSC”), a PRC company wholly owned by Crown Century, and
- Ningbo Pacific Cable Co., Ltd. (“Ningbo”, collectively with PEWSC and Shanghai Yayang, the “PRC Subsidiaries”), a PRC company wholly owned by Crown Century.

Our Company produces and sells enameled wires in China. Our Company generally sells enameled wires directly to manufacturers of electric motors for use in various consumer appliances. PEWSC manufactures enameled wires for electric, video and audio products for the South China market. Shanghai Yayang, which had previously produced enameled wires, ceased production at the end of October of 2019 and has been restructured as a trading company in Shanghai that supplies mainly transformer, motor and coil manufacturers in the eastern part of China. Ningbo is currently a dormant entity. Our Company continues to indirectly own the equity of Ningbo, which still holds its government-granted business license. Our Company has disposed of all of the buildings and most of the equipment and the land use rights for the property where Ningbo’s operations had been situated. The principal machinery utilized at the Ningbo facility has either been sold or stored at other operating facilities of our Company.

In the ROW, APWC has three principal subsidiaries:

- Sigma Cable Company Pte. Ltd. (“Sigma Cable”), a Singapore entity that is majority owned by APWC,
- Epan Industries Pte. Ltd., a Singapore company that is wholly owned by Sigma Cable, and
- Australia Pacific Electric Cable Pty. Ltd. (“APEC”), an Australian company majority owned by APWC through its ownership in Crown Century and Sigma Cable.

Our Company produces and sells low voltage power cables in Singapore and Australia. In addition, our Company sells a wide range of wire and cable products produced by third party suppliers in addition to PEWC. Our Company also offers SDI project engineering services for medium and high voltage power cables to power transmission projects in Singapore. SP Power Assets Ltd. has historically been the principal customer for our Company’s SDI services, accounting for nearly all of our SDI sales. Sales to SP Power Assets Ltd. are under a comprehensive contract, with purchase orders placed from time to time.

In addition to these principal subsidiaries in our reportable segments, we established Asia Pacific New Energy Co. Ltd. (“APNEC”), a Taiwanese company, in Taipei City on October 26, 2018 for a new renewable energy business. APNEC seeks to develop an alternative energy business in Taiwan by availing itself of incentives provided by the Taiwan energy authority for the expansion of “green” energy alternatives. On December 15, 2022, APWC increased its investment in APNEC in the form of a capital injection of \$3.9 million (or NT\$120 million). The purpose was to fund the fishery solar farm and on-train communication system integration projects. These projects remain at a development-stage and APNEC has not generated material revenue to date.

Dividends received from our operating subsidiaries and equity investees may be subjected to withholding taxes. Under the Corporate Income Tax Law of the PRC, dividend distribution of profits to foreign investor(s) is subject to a withholding tax of 10%. There is no withholding tax on dividend distributions from a Hong Kong entity to either residents

or non-residents. In Thailand, dividends paid by a company to any individual or corporate payee overseas are subject to a withholding tax of 10%. Under the current Singapore corporate tax system, dividends paid by a Singapore resident company are tax exempt, and are not subject to withholding taxes. In Australia, dividends paid to non-residents are exempt from dividend withholding taxes except when dividends are paid out of profit that is not taxed by Australian income tax.

APWC's operating subsidiaries are also responsible for sales planning, marketing strategy and customer liaison. Our Company's sales staff are knowledgeable about our Company's products and also render technical assistance, consulting services and repair and maintenance services to our Company's customers. Our Company does not conduct sales through independent sales agents on a commission basis but uses its own sales employees located at and employed by APWC's operating subsidiaries.

Payment methods for our Company's products vary with markets and customers. The majority of sales by our Company require payment within 90 days of product delivery, but may vary depending on the customer and payment record. Sales pursuant to a successful project tender or sales to governmental or public utilities are conducted in accordance with the tender or other applicable regulations. In connection with SDI products, our Company is required to pay PEWC 100% of the cost of the products within 45 days from the date of invoice. In connection with a purchase of copper rod, our Company is required to pay PEWC the cost of the copper rod within 60 days of receipt of the products from PEWC. For the export market, payment is usually made by prior delivery of an irrevocable letter of credit. Neither APWC nor its operating subsidiaries offer financing for purchases of our Company's products. Company employees engaged in sales and marketing are paid a salary and may also receive a bonus based on performance.

Products are marketed under the respective names of the operating subsidiaries in each geographic region. For instance, products manufactured by Siam Pacific are marketed under the "Siam Pacific" trade name. Products manufactured by Sigma Cable are sold under the "Sigma Cable" brand.

Products and Services

Across our Company's three reporting segments, our Company manufactures and sells a wide variety of wire and cable products in primarily three general categories: enameled wire, power cable, and telecommunications cable. Our Company's enameled wires are used in the manufacturing of components and sub-components of a number of household appliances and small machinery. Our Company's telecommunications and power cables are used in a range of infrastructure projects and in commercial and residential developments. In addition, our Company acts as a distributor in Singapore of wire and cable products manufactured by PEWC. Our Company also offers SDI project engineering services of medium and high voltage cables for power transmission projects in Singapore.

Products

Copper rod is the base component for most of our Company's products. The manufacturing processes for these products require that the rod be "drawn" and insulated. In the "drawing" process, copper rod is drawn through a series of dies to reduce the copper to a specific diameter. For certain applications, the drawn copper conductor is then plated with tin. Copper used in cables is covered with various insulating materials that are applied in an extrusion process. The insulated wires are then combined, or "cabled" to produce the desired electrical properties and transmission capabilities. Then, depending upon the cable, some form of protective cover is placed over the cabled wires. A summary of the manufacturing process used for our Company's primary wire and cable products is set forth below.

Enameled Wire

Our Company produces several varieties of enameled wires. Enameled wires are copper wires varnished, in an enameling process, by insulating materials. The enameling process makes the wires more resistant to oil, heat, friction and fusion, and therefore suitable for use in machinery and components and sub-components of manufactured goods. Our Company manufactures enameled wires in sizes that range from 0.02 mm to 4.00 mm in diameter, varnished by various types of petroleum insulation materials including polyvinyl formal, polyurethane wires and polyester. Enameled wire products are used in the assembly of a wide range of electrical products, including oil-filled transformers, refrigerator motors, telephones, radios, televisions, fan motors, air conditioner compressors and other electric appliances.

Power Cable

Our Company produces a range of armored and unarmored low voltage power transmission cables. Low voltage power cables, generally considered to be cable with a capacity of 1 to 3.3 kilovolts, are typically used to transmit electricity

to and within commercial and residential buildings, as well as to outdoor installations such as street lights, traffic signals and other signs. Armored low-voltage power cables are usually used for public lighting and power transmission running to buildings and installed either above or below ground. Unarmored low voltage cables are mainly used as lighting and power supply cables inside and outside of buildings. The voltage capacity of our Company's power cables ranges from 300 volts to 1 kilovolt.

Production of unarmored cables begins by drawing and annealing of copper rods. The drawn copper wires are then stranded or "bunched" into round or sector-shaped conductors in sizes ranging from 1.5 square millimeters to 1000 square millimeters. The copper conductors are then covered in an extrusion process with a plastic insulator such as polyvinyl chloride ("PVC"), after which 2-5 conductors are twisted into a circular cable core in a cabling process and covered by a plastic outer cover.

Unarmored cables are composed of one or more cores of copper wire, insulated by substances such as PVC. Armored cables are produced in the same manner and the same range of configurations as unarmored cables, but with the addition of an outer layer of galvanized steel or iron wires to protect the cables from damage.

Telecommunications Cable

Our Company produces a wide range of bundled telecommunications cables for telephone and data transmissions with different capacities and insulations designed for use in various internal and external environments. The principal use of these cables is as access cables to connect buildings and residents to trunk cables. Telecommunications cables produced by our Company include copper-based and fiber optic cables.

Production of copper-based telecommunications cables begins by drawing a copper rod until it has reached the desired diameter, after which the drawn wires are subjected to a process called "annealing" in which the wires are heated in order to make the wires softer and more pliable. Utilizing an extrusion process, which involves the feeding, melting and pumping of a compound through a die to shape it in final form as it is applied to insulate the wire, the wires are then covered by a polyethylene ("PE") or PVC compound and foam skin, suitable for different installations and environmental conditions. In order to reduce the cross-talk between pairs of communication wires, the insulated wires are then "twinned" or twisted so that two insulated single wires are combined to create a color-coded twisted pair. The twisted pairs of wires are then "cabled" or "stranded" into units of 25 twisted pairs for combination with other 25 pair units to form cable of various widths and capacities. The appropriate number of units is cabled together after stranding to form a round cables core. Depending upon the planned environment, a petroleum jelly compound may then be added to fill the cable core to seal out moisture and water vapor. Aluminum or copper tape is used to "shield" the cables and, finally, the shielded cable core is covered by plastic outer sheathing. Our Company manufactures telecommunications cables with capacities and sizes ranging from 25 to 3,000 pairs of 0.4 mm-diameter wires to 10 to 600 pairs of 0.9 mm-diameter wires.

Services

Fabrication

Our Company performs fabrication services for its customers, converting raw materials to wire and cable products. Raw materials, such as copper, aluminum, PVC, PE and optic fibers, are commodities traded on global markets with anticipated price fluctuations and currency risk. Given these risks, our Company provides fabrication services using customer-owned materials in order to limit exposure to these risks.

SDI Project Engineering Services

Given government and private sector infrastructure projects and residential and commercial buildings activity in Singapore, our Company anticipates modest demand for medium and high voltage power and for value added services in the power supply industry. To take advantage of these opportunities, our Company has developed an SDI project engineering capability. This SDI project engineering involves supply, delivery and installation of primarily medium and high voltage cables to power transmission projects in Singapore. In entering into a contract to supply, deliver and install cables for a power transmission project, our Company delivers medium and high voltage cables and enters into subcontracting agreements with local companies to install the cables as required by the project.

Raw Materials

As copper constitutes the most significant component of our Company's wire and cable products, the price of our Company's products depends primarily upon the price of copper. In order to minimize the impact of copper price fluctuations, our Company typically purchases copper at prices based on the average prevailing international spot market prices on the LME for copper for the one month prior to purchase. The price of copper is influenced heavily by global supply and demand as well as speculative trading. As with other costs of production, changes in the price of copper can affect our Company's cost of sales. Whether this has a material impact on our Company's operating margins and financial results depends primarily on our Company's ability to adjust selling prices to its customers, such that increases and decreases in the price of copper are reflected in those selling prices. In the cases when we enter into a long-term sales contract at fixed selling prices, rising copper prices could render this contract onerous and our Company would be required to recognize losses from this onerous contract in the income statement. Most sales of our Company's manufactured products reflect copper prices prevailing at the time the products are ordered. A long-term decrease in the price of copper would require our Company to revalue the value of its inventory at periodic intervals to the then net realizable value, which could be below cost.

Our Company purchases copper in the form of rods and cathodes. Copper cathodes are thin sheets of copper purified from copper ore. Copper rods are drawn into copper wires for the production of enameled wires, power cables and telecommunications cables. Copper purchased by our Company in the form of cathodes must be sent to subcontractors to be melted and cast into the copper rods necessary for the manufacturing processes. For example, our Company's operating subsidiaries in Thailand may import copper cathodes and utilize services from their business partners, including Thai Metal Processing Co., Ltd., to process the copper cathodes.

Our Company's key suppliers include Glencore International AG. - Switzerland, Jiangxi Copper Corporation Limited - China, Alpha Industries Sdn Bhd - Malaysia, Mitsubishi Corporation RtM International Pte. - Singapore, Marubeni Corporation - Japan, and Fujian Shanghang SUN COPPER Co., Ltd. - China. Our Company attempts to maintain a few weeks supply of copper rods and cathodes for its operations. Our Company has regularly signed one-year contracts with each of its copper suppliers, pursuant to which our Company agrees to purchase a set quantity of copper each month. Under the terms of such contracts, the price of copper is typically pegged to the monthly average of the spot price of copper on the LME for the delivery month (M-0), or 1 month before delivery month (M-1) plus a premium. Our Company has not had and does not anticipate any material supply interruption or difficulty in obtaining a sufficient supply of copper rod or cathode, although the recent delays in shipping could increase our cost of acquiring copper. Our Company anticipates that its copper suppliers will be capable of providing an adequate supply of copper to meet our Company's requirements and our Company does not anticipate any change in relations with its copper suppliers in the near term. (See Item 3D: Risk Factors-Risks Relating to our Business: "The ability of suppliers to deliver raw materials, parts and components and energy resources could affect our Company's ability to manufacture products without disruption and in turn negatively affect our operations.").

Our Company has historically purchased a small portion of its copper rods from PEWC. Under the Composite Services Agreement, PEWC has agreed to supply our Company on a priority basis with our copper rod requirements at prices at least as favorable as prices charged to other purchasers in the same markets purchasing similar quantities. Our Company has diversified its copper purchases from among a number of preferred copper suppliers to ensure that our Company receives the most advantageous pricing on its copper purchases. Our Company does not currently purchase copper rods from PEWC.

Other raw materials used by our Company include aluminum, which is used as a conductor in power cables and petroleum-based insulation materials such as PE, PVC and jelly compounds for insulating covers on cables and varnishes on enameled wires; aluminum foils for sheathing of communication cables; and galvanized steel wires for the production of armored wires. Our Company has not had and does not anticipate any difficulty in maintaining adequate supplies of these raw materials and expects to continue to be able to purchase such raw materials at prevailing market prices. Other than import tariffs in Thailand, our Company does not face any restriction or control on the purchase or import of its raw materials. Our Company may freely choose its suppliers and negotiate the price and quantity of material with its suppliers. Our Company formulates consumption plans for raw materials regularly and continually monitors market conditions in respect of the supply, price and quality of raw materials.

Inflation increases the cost of raw materials and operating expenses for our Company. If inflationary pressure persists, our Company may not be able to maintain its operating margins by raising the prices of its products.

Quality Control

In order to maintain product quality, our Company has implemented a range of quality control procedures under the supervision of dedicated quality control staff. Quality control procedures are implemented from the raw material to the finished product stages at each of our Company's major production facilities. Raw materials are inspected to ensure they meet the necessary level of quality before production begins. During the manufacturing process, quality control procedures are performed at several stages of production. Upon completion, finished goods are brought to quality control centers set up in the production facilities for inspection and testing of different electrical and physical properties.

Depending on the requirements of its customers, our Company has the capability to manufacture products to meet a variety of different quality and production standards. These include standards and certifications issued from Enterprise Singapore, the Thai Industrial Standards Institute, the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, the British Standard Institute, the Japan Industrial Standards and UL Solutions.

All of our Company's principal operating entities have attained International Organization for Standardization ("ISO") 9001 certification for quality management and assurance standards in the manufacture of electric wires and cables and have maintained that certification for at least the last ten years. These certifications mean that these entities have in place quality assurance systems and the capability to consistently manufacture products of quality.

Competition

The wire and cable industry in the Asia Pacific region is highly competitive. Our Company's competitors include a large number of independent domestic and foreign suppliers. Certain competitors in each of our Company's markets have substantially greater manufacturing, sales, research and financial resources than us. Our Company and other wire and cable producers primarily compete on the basis of product quality and performance, reliability of supply, customer service, and price.

North Asia

PEWSC manufactures enameled wires in the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone in Guangdong Province for electronic, video and audio products in the south China market. It supplies mainly to transformer, motor and coil manufacturers. It faces competition principally from overseas imports and local manufacturers.

Shanghai Yayang has been restructured as a trading company in Shanghai and it supplies mainly transformer, motor and coil manufacturers in the eastern part of China. It faces competition principally from overseas imports and manufacturers in China.

Thailand

The wire and cable industry in Thailand is highly competitive. In its various product lines, our Company competes with approximately thirty local wire and cable manufacturers and, to a lesser extent, with foreign producers for sales in Thailand of power cables, enameled wires, and telecommunications cables. Our Company is one of the five largest producers in the Thai market. Governmental approval processes, tariffs and other import restrictions have limited competition in the Thailand market from foreign wire and cable producers. Our Company also experiences significant competition from a number of smaller producers with regard to sales of enameled wire products.

ROW

Although we believe that Sigma Cable is one of the major suppliers of power cable products in Singapore based on available data, it is subject to significant competition from producers within the region. There are no tariff or other barriers against foreign competition in the local Singapore market, and potential competitors are free to enter the industry. The performance of Sigma Cable in 2023 was adversely impacted by increased intense competition from other manufacturers seeking to capture a greater share of the Singaporean market.

In addition to APEC, there are two major wire and cable producers with operations in Australia: Olex Cables (owned by Nexans) and Prysmian Cables, with factories in the States of Victoria and New South Wales, respectively. A significant portion of Australian market is serviced by two importers: (i) Electra Cables which reportedly imports cables from China factories; and (ii) World Wire Cables, which reportedly also sources cables from its Chinese partners to sell in

the Australian market. These companies are APEC's principal competitors. APEC is the only power cable producer in the State of Queensland and therefore seeks to take advantage of its comparative proximity to Queensland-based customers in contrast to competitors that are required to transport their products into Queensland from other states in Australia. APEC has sales offices with warehousing facilities in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, and Perth in order to attract and serve customers in those regions. APEC also has a distribution agreement with one of the regional suppliers with the goal of generating additional business for the Australia operations.

Regional Considerations

The principal Asian markets in which we do business have displayed higher overall economic growth in recent years compared to the United States and a number of other more developed markets, subject to occasional episodes of economic and currency exchange volatility attributable to various factors including the increased risks of emerging market investment, actual or potential political instability, and pandemics.

North Asia

Our Company's North Asia operations are conducted principally in China. The economy of China differs from that of most developed free-market economies in a number of respects, including structure, degree of government involvement, level of development, growth rate, capital reinvestment, allocation of resources, rate of inflation, and balance of payments position. In recent years, the government of China has implemented economic reform measures which emphasize decentralization, expansion of consumption in the domestic market, residential and commercial real estate development, infrastructure development, utilization of market forces and the development of foreign investment projects.

Thailand

The volume of sales of our Company's products in Thailand tends to correlate with the general level of economic activity in Thailand. As a result, the performance of our Company's Thai operations depends in significant part on the general state of the Thai economy. Infrastructure development and related construction projects in Thailand depend significantly upon government sponsored initiatives. In recent years, the level of government involvement in infrastructure development has tended to track increases or contractions in Thailand's gross domestic product. Overall, the construction industry and infrastructure projects have slowed considerably, thereby affecting local sales, placing competitive pressure on prices and prompting our Company to rationalize Thai operations and actively seek overseas export markets. Political instability in Thailand tends to diminish governmental focus on infrastructure development projects, which can adversely impact the volume of sales to our customers who are engaged in large infrastructure projects.

Insurance

Our Company maintains insurance policies covering certain buildings, machinery and equipment against specified amounts of damage or loss caused by fire, flooding, other natural disasters and burglary and theft. Our Company does not carry insurance for consequential loss arising from business interruptions or political disturbances and does not carry product liability insurance. Consequently, the amount of our insurance coverage may not be adequate to cover all potential claims or liabilities, and we may be forced to bear substantial costs resulting from the lack of adequate insurance. No assurance can be given that we will not incur losses beyond the limits or outside the scope of coverage of our insurance policies. Please see "Our insurance coverage does not cover all of our business risks" in Section 3.d. above for more information regarding insurance coverage risks.

Environmental Regulations

Our Company is subject to a variety of laws and regulations covering the storage, handling, emission and discharge of materials into the environment. Our Company believes that all of its operations are in material compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations. Our Company has not been subject to any material legal, regulatory or other action alleging violations or breaches of environmental standards.

4.C. Organizational Structure

Please refer to Business Overview in Item 4.B. above.

4.D. Property, Plants and Equipment

Our Company's manufactured products are produced at facilities located on premises owned or leased by Siam Pacific, Charoong Thai, Sigma Cable, APEC, and PEWSC. The following is a summary of our Company's material facilities and operations.

Siam Pacific owns a 7.45 acre production facility near Bangkok, Thailand, located on its owned 26.79 acre site. Telecommunications cables and enameled wires are manufactured at this facility. The production facility constitutes a portion of certain property and assets which are pledged to financial institutions.

Charoong Thai owns a 34 acre production facility in Chachoengsao province, near Bangkok, Thailand, where telecommunications cables and power cables are manufactured. The production facility is located on a 65 acre site owned by Charoong Thai. Neither the production facility nor the land is mortgaged.

Sigma Cable produces power cables at a 19,373 square meter facility in Singapore leased from the Jurong Town Corporation ("JTC") under a 30 year lease running from September 16, 2000 to September 16, 2030. JTC is a government-linked corporation and is Singapore's largest industrial landlord. Building assets are pledged to United Overseas Bank.

APEC owns a 6,735 square meter power cable manufacturing facility situated on an owned 39,000 square meter land parcel in Brisbane, Australia. The manufacturing facility and land are pledged as security for a bank loan facility issued to APEC.

Shanghai Yayang ceased production in 2019 and was restructured as a trading company, located in an area of approximately 27,839 square meters of state-owned land in an industrial district in Fengxian, Shanghai. No assets at this facility are presently encumbered.

PEWSC manufactures enameled wires in a facility on 36,000 square meters of state-owned land with a built-up area of 20,367 square meters in Long Gang, Shenzhen, China. A leasehold right of industrial land use for the land was granted for 49 years expiring on July 5, 2046. The land and building are pledged to Agricultural Bank of China as security for a \$2 million bank loan. The loan agreements were renewed for one year and are set to expire in March 2024.

Most of our Company's facilities in Thailand, Singapore, Australia and China use production processes and equipment imported from Europe, the United States, Taiwan, or Japan.

The production capacity and extent of utilization of our Company's facilities vary from time to time, and such information is considered to be commercially sensitive and proprietary information.

ITEM 4A: UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

Not applicable

ITEM 5: OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

5.A. Operating Results

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the information contained in our audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto (the "Financial Statements") referenced in Item 18 of this Annual Report. Selected accounting policies are set out in Note 3 of our consolidated financial statements referenced in Item 18 of this Annual Report, which are prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB.

Selected Operating Data

Results are analyzed and reported along the lines of our three principal business segments, consisting of the North Asia, Thailand, and ROW regions. Included in the summary table below are certain results within our three business segments with regard to net sales, operating profit, and operating profit margin for the designated periods.

Operating Results

	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
	(US\$'000 except for percentages)		
Net Sales:			
North Asia region	\$ 58,649	\$ 77,329	\$ 107,032
Thailand region	166,925	171,841	197,779
ROW region	200,198	184,723	171,848
Total	<u>\$ 425,772</u>	<u>\$ 433,893</u>	<u>\$ 476,659</u>
Operating profit/(loss):			
North Asia region	\$ 1,794	\$ 241	\$ 4,523
Thailand region	(2,119)	2,636	(13,537)
ROW region	8,628	7,768	6,690
Corporate expenses & adjustments	(6,755)	(2,578)	(2,649)
Total operating (loss)/profit	<u>\$ 1,548</u>	<u>\$ 8,067</u>	<u>\$ (4,973)</u>
Operating profit/(loss) margin:			
North Asia region	3.06 %	0.31 %	4.23 %
Thailand region	(1.27)%	1.53 %	(6.84)%
ROW region	4.31 %	4.21 %	3.89 %

As of December 31, 2023, APWC is approximately 80.96% beneficially owned and controlled by PEWC, with the remaining approximately 19.04% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares being publicly-traded in the United States and listed on Nasdaq. Based upon a review of Schedule 13D and 13G filings made with the SEC by shareholders, and a review of the share register maintained by APWC's transfer agents in Bermuda and the U.S., we are not aware of any shareholders residing in the jurisdictions where our Company has business operations. While our Company's operations and results are impacted by economic, fiscal, monetary and political policies of the respective governments in the countries where our Company operates, that impact is not a function of APWC's shareholder base. Inflation has, and may continue to, increase the cost of raw materials and operating expenses for our Company. If inflationary pressure persists, we may not be able to maintain our operating margins even if we raise the price of our products.

Year Ended December 31, 2023 Compared with Year Ended December 31,2022

	For the Year Ended December 31,		Changes US\$'000	Changes %
	2023	2022		
	US\$'000	US\$'000		
Income Statement Data:				
Revenue	\$ 425,772	\$ 433,893	\$ (8,121)	(1.9)
Costs of sales	(395,545)	(401,363)	5,818	(1.4)
Gross profit	30,227	32,530	(2,303)	(7.1)
Other operating income	433	1,026	(593)	(57.8)
Selling, general and administrative, research and development expenses	(24,472)	(24,978)	506	(2.0)
Other operating expenses	—	(3)	3	(100.0)
Net impairment loss on financial and contract assets	(4,640)	(508)	(4,132)	813.4
Operating profit	1,548	8,067	(6,519)	(80.8)
Finance costs	(2,527)	(1,650)	(877)	53.2
Finance income	205	120	85	70.8
Share of loss of associates	(2)	(1)	(1)	100.0
Exchange gain	679	143	536	374.8
Other income	570	889	(319)	(35.9)
Other expense	(9)	(3)	(6)	200.0
Profit before tax	464	7,565	(7,101)	(93.9)
Income taxes expense	(162)	(2,808)	2,646	(94.2)
Profit for the year	302	4,757	(4,455)	(93.7)
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of APWC	3,867	3,874	(7)	(0.2)
Non-controlling interests	(3,565)	883	(4,448)	(503.7)

General

Results of operations are determined primarily by market demand and government infrastructure projects, market selling prices of our products, our ability to manufacture high quality products efficiently in quantities sufficient to meet demand and to control production and operating costs. Our results are also influenced by a number of factors, including impacts from the Sino-American trade war, currency stability in the countries in which our operations are located, competition and the cost of raw materials, especially copper, which accounted for the majority of our cost of sales in 2023 and 2022.

In order to minimize the impact of copper price fluctuations, we attempt to “peg” the prices of our products to the prevailing market price of copper and pass changes in the cost of copper through to customers as much as possible. In certain circumstances, however, we remain affected by fluctuations in the price of copper. A recent rise or decline in copper prices may not be fully reflected under this pricing scheme for several months.

Average copper prices per metric ton decreased by 3.76% from \$8,814 in 2022 to \$8,483 in 2023 (annual average). Copper prices indicated in this Annual Report are quoted from the index published by the LME. The 2023 and 2022 average copper prices were as follows:

		2023	2022
Average LME copper price (\$/Ton)	Q1	8,929	9,984
	Q2	8,478	9,525
	Q3	8,355	7,741
	Q4	8,169	8,005
	Year	8,483	8,814

The average copper price in March 2024 on the LME was \$8,675 per ton.

Revenue

Revenue from the North Asia region decreased by \$18.7 million, or 24%, from \$77.3 million in 2022 to \$58.6 million in 2023. The decrease was attributable to decreased sales volume primarily due to increased competition and the Sino-American trade war. These factors contributed to a sluggish market, resulting in a decline in sales compared with the previous period.

Revenue from the Thailand region decreased by \$4.9 million, or 3%, from \$171.8 million in 2022 to \$166.9 million in 2023. The decrease was due to the decrease in government spending on infrastructure and delay in government projects.

Revenue from the ROW region increased by \$15.5 million, or 8%, from \$184.7 million in 2022 to \$200.2 million in 2023. The increase of \$1.9 million, or 12%, was due to strong demand in the construction sector in Australia, and the increase of \$13.6 million, or 88%, was attributable to the completion of public sector projects in Singapore.

Gross Profit

Gross Profit decreased by \$2.3 million, or 7%, from \$32.5 million in 2022 to \$30.2 million in 2023. The gross profit margin was 7.1% in 2023 compared to 7.5% in 2022. The decrease in gross profit margin was primarily attributable to the a decline in higher-margin Thai government projects and decreased sales volume in enameled wire as well as loss from onerous contracts in the Thailand region.

Operating Profit

Operating profit for 2023 was \$1.5 million, representing a decrease of \$6.5 million, or 80.8%, from \$8.1 million in 2022.

The operating profit margin of the North Asia region increased from 0.31% in 2022 to 3.06% in 2023. The increase in operating profit was the result of the increase in the manufacturing productivity, or overall equipment effectiveness ("OEE"), which lowered the cost of our products.

The operating profit margin of the Thailand region decreased from 1.53% in 2022 to (1.27)% in 2023. The decrease in operating profit was due to a decline in higher-margin Thai government projects, decreased sales volume in enameled wire as well as loss from onerous contracts.

The operating profit margin of the ROW region increased from 4.21% in 2022 to 4.31% in 2023. The operating profit margin of 2023 remained consistent compared to that of 2022.

Furthermore, the impairment loss on financial and contract assets increased from \$0.5 million in 2022 to \$4.6 million in 2023. The increase was due to the increased loss allowance provided for the delinquent accounts.

Finance Cost

Our finance costs consist mainly of interest on bank loans and borrowings. The interest costs increased by \$0.9 million, or 53%, from \$1.7 million in 2022 to \$2.5 million in 2023. The interest-bearing loans and borrowings decreased to \$53.7 million in 2023 compared to \$57.7 million in 2022. The increase in interest is due to the increase in interest rates in various countries.

Finance Income

Our finance income consists of interest earned on bank deposits. Interest income were \$0.1 million in both 2022 and 2023.

Share of Loss of Associates

Our share of loss remained consistent in 2023 compared to that of 2022. This was primarily due to the loss that our Company recognized in accordance with its percentage ownership interest in Siam Pacific Holding Company.

Exchange Gain/(Loss)

The exchange gain of 2023 was primarily attributable to the appreciation of Thai Baht. The exchange rates on December 31, 2023 and 2022 are listed below, based on the Noon Buying Rate. Note that they do not reflect the exchange rates at which transactions actually took place.

	<u>As of December 31,</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Foreign currency to US\$1:		
Thai Baht	34.35	34.59
Singapore \$	1.319	1.340
Australian \$	1.465	1.470
Chinese RMB	7.100	6.897

Sources: Federal Reserve Bulletin, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.10, from the website of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System at <http://www.federalreserve.gov>.

Income taxes

Income tax expense was \$0.2 million in 2023, compared to \$2.8 million in 2022. The decrease in income tax expense was due to increased deferred tax assets resulting from net operating losses from prior years recognized by SCC in 2023.

Year Ended December 31, 2022 Compared with Year Ended December 31, 2021

	For the Year Ended		Changes	Changes
	December 31,			
	2022	2021		
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	%
Income Statement Data:				
Revenue	\$ 433,893	\$ 476,659	\$ (42,766)	(9.0)
Costs of sales	(401,363)	(455,508)	54,145	10.7
Gross profit	32,530	21,151	11,379	53.8
Other operating income	1,026	587	439	74.8
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(24,978)	(26,484)	1,506	(7.8)
Other operating expenses	(3)	(7)	4	83.2
Net impairment loss on financial and contract assets	(508)	(220)	(288)	130.9
Operating (loss)/profit	8,067	(4,973)	13,040	1264.4
Finance costs	(1,650)	(1,251)	(399)	26.5
Finance income	120	123	(3)	(2.4)
Share of loss of associates	(1)	(1)	—	66.7
Exchange gain/(loss)	143	(4,425)	4,568	(103.2)
Other income	889	671	218	32.5
Other expense	(3)	(1)	(2)	66.7
Profit before tax	7,565	(9,857)	17,422	(176.7)
Income taxes expense	(2,808)	1,345	(4,153)	(95.2)
Profit/(loss) for the year	4,757	(8,512)	13,269	490.0
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of APWC	3,874	(2,642)	6,516	66.2
Non-controlling interests	883	(5,870)	6,753	(115.0)

General

Results of operations are determined primarily by market demand and government infrastructure projects, market selling prices of our products, our ability to manufacture high quality products efficiently in quantities sufficient to meet demand and to control production and operating costs. Our results are also influenced by a number of factors, including impacts of COVID-19, currency stability in the countries in which our operations are located, competition and the cost of raw materials, especially copper, which accounted for the majority of our cost of sales in 2022 and 2021.

In order to minimize the impact of copper price fluctuations, we attempt to “peg” the prices of our products to the prevailing market price of copper and pass changes in the cost of copper through to customers as much as possible. In certain circumstances, however, we remain affected by fluctuations in the price of copper. A recent rise or decline in copper prices may not be fully reflected under this pricing scheme for several months.

Average copper prices per metric ton decreased by 5.37% from \$9,314 in 2021 to \$8,814 in 2022 (annual average). Copper prices indicated in this Annual Report are quoted from the index published by the LME. The 2022 and 2021 average copper prices were as follows:

		2022	2021
Average LME copper price (\$/Ton)	Q1	9,984	8,479
	Q2	9,525	9,711
	Q3	7,741	9,371
	Q4	8,005	9,697
	Year	8,814	9,314

Revenue

Revenue from the North Asia region decreased by \$30 million, or 28%, from \$107 million in 2021 to \$77.3 million in 2022. The decrease was attributable to decreased sales volume primarily due to the impact of the conflict in Ukraine. The price of raw materials, crude oil, and natural gas rose, which squeezed the export market for home appliances and electronic consumer products, and export volume shrank. Also negatively affecting revenue were China's 2020-2022 COVID lockdowns and the Sino-American trade war, which disrupted supply chains and the world economy.

Revenue from the Thailand region decreased by \$25.9 million, or 13%, from \$197.8 million in 2021 to \$171.8 million in 2022. The decrease was attributable primarily to the decrease in sales to the public sector in 2022 and depreciation of the Thai Baht, which depreciated by 9.71% compared to 2021.

Revenue increased by \$12.9 million, or 7%, from \$171.8 million in 2021 to \$184.7 million in 2022 in the ROW region. Increased product sales due to orders released to the market, after the Singapore government removed certain COVID-19 restrictions. A decline in the demand for cables decreased the revenues in Australia.

Gross Profit

Gross Profit increased by \$11.4 million, or a 53.8% change, from \$21.2 million in 2021 to \$32.5 million in 2022. The gross profit margin was 7.5% in 2022 compared to 4.4% in 2021. The increase in gross profit margin was primarily attributable to the effects of copper price fluctuations, which decreased loss on onerous contracts and diminution in the value of inventory in 2022 in the Thailand region.

Operating Profit

Operating profit for 2022 was \$8.1 million, representing an increase of \$13 million, or 262.2%, from the operating loss of \$(5) million in 2021.

The operating profit margin of the North Asia region decreased from 4.23% in 2021 to 0.31% in 2022. The decrease resulted from a decrease in sales volume and the fluctuation of copper prices.

The operating profit margin of the Thailand region increased from (6.84)% in 2021 to 1.53% in 2022. The operating profit increase was the result of a 13.5% drop in copper prices compared to the end of 2021.

The operating profit margin of the ROW region slightly increased from 3.89% in 2021 to 4.21% in 2022 due to the increased sales volume in Singapore.

Finance Cost

Our finance costs consist mainly of interest on bank loans and borrowings. Interest costs increased to \$1.7 million in 2022 compared to \$1.3 million in 2021. Interest-bearing loans and borrowings decreased to \$57.7 million in 2022 compared to \$65.4 million in 2021. The increase in interest is due to the increase in interest rates in various countries, and the decrease in loan balance is due to the decrease in the required working capital due to the decrease in revenue.

Finance Income

Our finance income consists of interest earned on bank deposits. Interest income were \$0.1 million in both 2021 and 2022.

Share of Loss of Associates

Our share of loss remained consistent in 2022 compared to that of 2021. This was primarily due to the loss that our Company recognized in accordance with its percentage ownership interest in Siam Pacific Holding Company.

Exchange Gain/(Loss)

The exchange gain of 2022 was primarily attributable to the depreciation of Thai Baht and appreciation of Chinese RMB. The exchange rates on December 31, 2022 and 2021 are listed below, based on the Noon Buying Rate. Note that they do not reflect the exchange rates at which transactions actually took place.

	As of December 31,	
	2022	2021
Foreign currency to US\$1:		
Thai Baht	34.59	33.33
Singapore \$	1.340	1.352
Australian \$	1.470	1.377
Chinese RMB	6.897	6.373

Sources: Federal Reserve Bulletin, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.10, from the website of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System at <http://www.federalreserve.gov>.

Income taxes

Income tax expense was \$2.8 million in 2022 compared to (\$1.3) million in 2021. Increase in taxation over the period 2021 to 2022 was largely due to better earnings in Thailand in 2022.

5.B. Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of December 31, 2023, we had \$38 million in cash and cash equivalents, primarily in bank accounts and cash on hand. The majority of this cash and cash equivalents was held at our operating subsidiaries in Thai Baht, U.S. dollars, and Chinese RMB. Our current sources of cash are our cash on hand, cash generated by our operations, and our credit facilities. Our liquidity is primarily utilized for the purchase and replacement of property, plant and equipment, future acquisitions and expenditures for ongoing operations.

We maintain several revolving working capital and overdraft credit facilities with various commercial bank groups and financial institutions (the “**Facilities**”). As of December 31, 2023, the total amount of the Facilities was approximately \$264.0 million and the unused amount of the Facilities was approximately \$187.8 million (taking into account letters of credit issued thereunder). The Facilities do not have termination dates but are reviewed annually for renewal. There is no seasonality to our Company’s borrowing. For details of our Company’s bank loans and borrowings, see Note 11(b) to our consolidated financial statements. As of December 31, 2023, a majority of the short-term bank loans and borrowings were held at variable interest rates, whereas the long-term bank loans were held at a fix interest rate.

Except for foreign currency forward contracts, our Company did not use other derivatives to hedge financial risks in 2023. Please refer to Note 11(c) and Note 27 to our consolidated financial statements for information about the management of financial risks.

In February 2022, we completed a rights offering in which we received gross proceeds of approximately \$8.3 million, before expenses of the rights offering, from the sale of 6,796,558 Common Shares. The net proceeds of the rights offering were used for general working capital and corporate purposes. The Company’s controlling shareholder, PEWC, purchased 6,259,924 Common Shares which included an exercise of over-subscription rights. Please see Item 10 of this Annual Report for additional information regarding the rights offering.

On July 10, 2020, APWC entered into a secured loan agreement (the “**Secured Loan**”) with PEWC as lender. In August 2020, we borrowed the principal amount of \$6 million at a fixed 3% rate of interest under the Secured Loan, pledging our Company’s 98.3% ownership stake in Sigma Cable as collateral. The Secured Loan was repaid in full in 2021, the facility was terminated and the shares pledged as collateral are unencumbered.

APWC has no direct business operations other than its ownership of the capital stock of its subsidiaries and equity investees. As a holding company, APWC's ability to pay dividends, as well as to meet its other obligations such as holding

company needs, depends mainly upon the amount of distributions, if any, received from its operating subsidiaries and other holdings and investments.

The working capital and capital expenditure needs of APWC's operating subsidiaries are primarily funded and met by their own operations and borrowings from banks. APWC does not fund the operations or capital expenditure needs of its subsidiaries on an ordinary course basis. However, the Board may authorize contributions from time to time to its subsidiaries on an as-needed basis. There were no contributions from APWC to any of our subsidiaries for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, or 2021.

Of the \$38 million in cash and cash equivalents we had on hand as of December 31, 2023, \$2.7 million was held at APWC, and the remainder was held by its subsidiaries. APWC uses its cash position to pay operating expenses and other obligations. All Facilities are at the subsidiary level; APWC does not have any Facilities. APWC's operating subsidiaries and other holdings and investments, from time to time, may be subject to restrictions on their ability to make distributions to APWC, including, but not limited to, as a result of restrictive covenants contained in their loan agreements, restrictions on the conversion of local currency earnings into U.S. dollars or other currency, and other regulatory restrictions. For example, PRC legal restrictions permit payments of dividends by our business entities in the PRC only out of their retained earnings, if any, determined in accordance with relevant PRC accounting standards and regulations. Under PRC law, such entities are also required to set aside a portion of their net income each year to fund certain reserve funds. These reserves are not distributable as cash dividends. The foregoing restrictions may also affect APWC's ability to fund operations of one subsidiary with dividends and other payments received from another subsidiary. Distributions may also be limited from time to time by reason of restrictions protective of the rights of minority shareholders of APWC's subsidiaries and by reason of the current cash requirements of its operating subsidiaries. Consequently, we periodically need to manage our corporate cash needs to align with the permitted timing of distributions.

Net cash used in operating activities in the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$6.1 million, as compared to \$6.6 million of net cash provided by operating activities in the year ended December 31, 2022. The increase in cash used from operations was primarily due to several factors, including decreased net profit, and increased trade receivables, compared to 2022.

Net cash provided by operating activities in the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$6.6 million, as compared to \$41.6 million of net cash used in operating activities in the year ended December 31, 2021.

Days of sales outstanding ("**DSO**") is a measure of the average collection period of accounts receivable, and although the calculation is influenced by the period used and the timing of sales within that period, it can provide insight into the variances in collections from period to period. Our DSO for 2023 was 80 days, as compared to 78 days for 2022. The change was primarily due to increased sales in the public sector compared to 2022, resulting in longer DSO days for 2023. We have in place policies across our Company that emphasize the importance of continuous focus on collection efforts.

In 2023, cash used in investing activities was \$4.9 million compared to \$2.7 million used in investing activities in 2022. The increase in net cash used in investing activities was primarily attributable to increased purchases of property, plant and equipment in 2023.

In 2022, cash used in investing activities was \$2.7 million compared to \$6.2 million used in investing activities in 2021. The decrease in net cash used in investing activities was primarily attributable to decreased purchases of property, plant and equipment in 2022.

Net cash outflows from financing activities were \$5.5 million in 2023. The cash used in 2023 was primarily attributable to the repayment of borrowings.

Net cash inflows from financing activities were \$9.6 million in 2022. The cash inflows in 2022 were primarily attributable to a decrease in borrowings.

We have historically been able to satisfy our working capital needs from our cash flow from operations. In the event that we do not generate sufficient cash flow from our operations to meet our cash requirements, we will rely on external financing. At present, we believe that our current cash and cash equivalents, along with existing credit lines under our loan facilities, will provide adequate cash to fund our requirements through at least the next twelve months. We are confident in our liquidity to meet anticipated working capital, capital expenditures, general corporate requirements, and other short-term

and long-term obligations as they come due. We also believe that our strong cash and cash equivalents position are critical at this time of uncertainty. To the extent that current and anticipated future sources of liquidity are insufficient to fund our future business activities and requirements, we may be required to seek additional equity or debt financing (including by engaging in debt and/or equity financings with our principal shareholder).

The following table sets forth our Company's contractual obligations as of December 31, 2023:

Contractual obligations (In thousands of US\$)	Payments due by period			
	Total	Less than 1 year	1-5 years	More than 5 years
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	\$ 57,170	57,170	—	—
Lease obligations	2,090	676	1,059	355
Capital commitment relating to factory building improvement and acquisition of machinery	735	725	10	—
Purchase obligations for raw materials	146,839	146,839	—	—
	<u>\$ 206,834</u>	<u>205,410</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u>355</u>

Our Company has not entered into any transactions with unconsolidated entities whereby our Company has financial guarantees or other contingent arrangements that expose our Company to material continuing risks, contingent liabilities, or any other obligation in an unconsolidated entity that provides financing, liquidity, market risk, or credit risk support to our Company.

5.C. Research and Development

Our Company does not currently engage in its own research and development. Under the Composite Services Agreement with PEWC, described herein, our Company benefits from research and development conducted by PEWC at little or no cost to our Company. Accordingly, our Company has not made material expenditures on or commitments to research and development since its formation.

5.D. Trend Information

We are not aware of any trend, commitment, event or uncertainty that can reasonably be expected to have a material effect on our current or future business other than the following, each of which has materially impacted our financial results in the past and may do so in the future:

- *Uncertainty arising from the volatility in the cost of copper, our principal raw material.* The yearly average copper price per ton decreased from \$9,314 in 2021 to \$8,814 in 2022, and to \$8,483 in 2023. Under our business model, our Company, like other companies in the industry, is affected by movements in the price of copper, our principal raw material. (See "Item 3. Key Information—Risk Factors—Risks Relating to our Business—Significant volatility in copper prices could be detrimental to our profitability" for more information about the effects of movements in the price of copper on our Company.)
- *Fluctuations in the demand for our products in the markets in which we do business.* Demand for our products in the markets in which we do business fluctuates based upon variations in the level of governmental and private investments in communications, power and industrial projects and programs that utilize our products. We are not an end-user of our products and, therefore, we depend upon the requirements of our customers to generate sales.

(See "Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risks")

5.E. Critical Accounting Estimates

The critical accounting estimates and judgements and those that are most significant in connection with our financial statement policies are set out in Note 3.23 of our consolidated financial statements referenced in Item 18 of this Annual Report, which are prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB.

Given the uncertainties inherent in our business activities, we must make certain estimates and assumptions that require difficult, subjective and complex judgments. Because of uncertainties inherent in such judgments, actual outcomes and result may differ from our assumptions and estimates, which could materially affect our consolidated financial statement.

ITEM 6: DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

6.A. Directors and Senior Management

APWC has one class of directors with each director entitled to one vote on any matters presented to the Board, and none of the directors possess any veto power over matters presented to the Board or any other special or enhanced voting rights. APWC's Third Amended and restated Bye-Laws ("Bye-Laws") provide that a quorum consists of a majority of the directors then in office. As of December 31, 2023, APWC's Board was comprised of seven (7) directors, including its three independent directors, Mr. Anson Chan, Dr. Yichin Lee, and Dr. Lambert Ding. By a resolution passed at APWC's most recent annual general meeting of shareholders (the "2023 AGM") held on July 24, 2023, the shareholders set the minimum number of directors at two (2) and the maximum number of directors at nine (9). Each director is entitled to one vote, and approval of any matter requires a simple majority assuming a quorum is present. The following table sets forth certain information concerning the current directors and certain other officers of APWC. All directors are subject to annual election by the shareholders of APWC. Each of these seven directors were elected at APWC's 2023 AGM. Officers generally hold office for such period and upon such terms as the Board may determine.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Position</i>
<i>Ocorian Services (Bermuda) Limited.</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Resident Assistant Secretary</i>
<i>Anson Chan</i>	<i>November 3, 1963</i>	<i>Independent director, Audit Committee Chairman</i>
<i>Lambert L. Ding</i>	<i>October 12, 1959</i>	<i>Independent director, Audit Committee Member</i>
<i>Yichin Lee</i>	<i>January 4, 1961</i>	<i>Independent director, Audit Committee Member</i>
<i>David Sun</i>	<i>December 22, 1953</i>	<i>Director</i>
<i>George Sun</i>	<i>April 4, 1951</i>	<i>Director</i>
<i>Lee Gai Poo</i>	<i>February 28, 1957</i>	<i>Director</i>
<i>Yuan Chun Tang</i>	<i>November 26, 1960</i>	<i>Director, Chief Executive Officer</i>
<i>Ivan Hsia</i>	<i>August 14, 1973</i>	<i>Chief Financial Officer</i>
<i>Daphne Hsu</i>	<i>August 12, 1962</i>	<i>Financial Controller</i>

Certain officers and directors of APWC are or were also officers or directors of PEWC and/or PEWC affiliates, as described below. A brief professional summary for each member of our Board and senior management is as follows:

Mr. Anson Chan has been an independent member of our Board and a member and Chairman of both the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee since 2007. Mr. Chan is also a Managing Director of the Bonds Group of Companies and was elected as a director of A SPAC II Acquisition Corp. in May 2022. Mr. Chan was a Senior Advisor to Elliott Associates from 2005 to 2008. He is also a Certified Public Accountant in the U.S. and a Chartered Accountant in Ontario, Canada.

Dr. Lambert Ding has been an independent member of our Board since 2011. Dr. Ding is the president and CEO of Union Environmental Engineering Services and was an Associate Professor at Yuan Ze University. Dr. Ding holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Southern California, conferred in 1989. He is also a Registered Environment Assessor and holds several patents. Dr. Ding serves as a member of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee.

Dr. Yichin Lee has been an independent member of our Board and served on the Audit Committee since 2007, a member of PEWC's Board of Supervisors since 2022. He is also a member of the Compensation Committee. Dr. Lee is the Managing Director of FCC Partners. Dr. Lee holds a doctorate degree in Resource Planning and Management from Stanford University. Dr. Lee is not related to Mr. Michael C. Lee, a former Board member.

Mr. David Sun has been a member of our Board since 2007. He also serves as Managing Director of Charoong Thai. Mr. David Sun and Mr. George Sun are siblings.

Mr. George Sun has been a member of our Board since 2021, and a member of PEWC's Board of Directors since 2015. He also serves as Vice Chairman of PEWC. Mr. Sun started his own business in Silicon Valley in 1983 and successfully took the company public 10 years later. Mr. Sun is also a leading a venture capitalist and has been coaching startup companies for many years. Mr. George Sun and Mr. David Sun are siblings.

Mr. Lee Gai Poo has been a member of our Board since 2021. He also served as Vice President and General Plant Manager of PEWC from 2004 to 2008. He served as a member of APWC's Board from 2006 to 2011. Mr. Lee Gai Poo has served as Executive Vice President of PEWC since 2021.

Mr. Yuan Chun Tang has been a member of our Board since 2004 and Chief Executive Officer since 2005. Mr. Yuan served as APWC's Chairman from 2005 to 2009. He has also served as Chairman of PEWC since 2004. Mr. Yuan served as the Director of the Taiwan Cogeneration Corporation from 2005 to 2008. Mr. Yuan has also served as Chairman of the Taiwan Electric Wire & Cable Industries Association since 2004. He has served since 1998 as a Supervisor of the Importers and Exporters Association of Taipei and since 2004 as a Director of the Chinese National Federation of Industries in Taiwan.

Mr. Ivan Hsia has been Chief Financial Officer of APWC since August 1, 2013. Mr. Hsia previously served as the Deputy CFO of APWC. Prior to that, he served as the Senior Internal Audit Manager of APWC. Before joining APWC, Mr. Hsia was the head of internal audit at Newegg.com in Los Angeles, CA, USA.

Mr. Cody Wu has served as Chief Operating Officer of APWC since May 1, 2022. From 1980 to 2006, Mr. Wu held several positions at PEWC, including Engineer, Quality Assurance Department; Section Manager, Production Department; and Factory Manager. He was appointed General Manager of Shanghai Yayang in September 2006 and appointed General Manager of PEWSC in April 2013. He resigned his position as Chief Operating Officer of APWC effective September 1, 2023.

Ms. Daphne Hsu has been Financial Controller of APWC since March 2005, prior to which she served as Financial Controller for ten years in Taiwan and China at a Thomson SA joint venture.

The Common Shares currently trade on Nasdaq's Capital Market tier. APWC utilizes Nasdaq's "controlled company exemption" that is available to issuers under the rules of Nasdaq as our Board is not composed of a majority of independent directors. The "controlled company exemption" provides that an issuer is not required to have its Board of Directors consist of a majority of independent directors if a shareholder, or two or more shareholders who constitute a group, have beneficial ownership of more than 50% of the issued and outstanding voting securities of the issuer. As of December 31, 2023, PEWC owned and controlled, directly or indirectly, approximately 80.96% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares of APWC.

No service contracts exist between any officers or current directors and APWC, or any of its subsidiaries, providing for benefits upon termination of employment.

APWC has no arrangements or understandings with any major shareholders, customers, suppliers or others, pursuant to which any person referred to above was selected as a director or member of senior management.

Diversity

Following is our Nasdaq Board diversity matrix:

Board Diversity Matrix (As of December 31, 2023)

Country of Principal Executive Offices:	Taiwan
Foreign Private Issuer	Yes
Disclosure Prohibited under Home Country Law	No
Total Number of Directors	7

	Female	Male	Non-Binary	Did Not Disclose Gender
Part I: Gender Identity				
Directors	—	7	—	—
Part II: Demographic Background				
Underrepresented Individual in Home Country Jurisdiction	—	—	—	—
LGBTQ+	—	—	—	—
Did Not Disclose Demographic Background	—	7	—	—

Although APWC did not meet the diversity objectives of Nasdaq Rule 5605(f) by December 31, 2023, APWC is committed to evaluating suitable diversity candidates who possess the requisite knowledge, skills, communication, and experience to perform the duties of an APWC director.

6.B. Compensation

The aggregate amount of compensation paid by us to all of APWC's directors and members of its administrative, supervisory or management bodies ("**Senior Management Members**"), as a group, for services in all capacities during 2023 was approximately \$2 million. The annual compensation of APWC's directors and Senior Management Members on an individual basis for services in all capacities is not required to be disclosed under the laws of Bermuda.

In 2023, the fee payable to each independent director was \$30,000 per year and the fee payable to each director who is a director or an executive officer of APWC or PEWC or any of their respective affiliates was \$20,000 per year, together with, in each case, reimbursement of reasonable travel expenses for attendance at meetings of the Board or any of its committees.

No funds or provisions have been set aside or accrued by APWC or its subsidiaries to provide pension, retirement or similar benefits to directors or management except for government mandated programs. No equity compensation, including options, is included as part of the compensation for directors or Senior Management Members.

6.C. Board Practices

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee of the Board primarily functions to assist the Board in its oversight of: (i) the reliability and integrity of accounting policies and financial reporting and disclosure practices and (ii) the establishment and maintenance of processes to ensure that there is compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and Company policy and an adequate system of internal controls, management of business risks and safeguarding of assets. The Audit Committee also oversees the appointment and remuneration of the Company's independent auditors.

The Audit Committee is composed of Mr. Anson Chan, Dr. Yichin Lee and Dr. Lambert Ding, with Mr. Chan serving as the chairman of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee, as currently constituted, complies with the requirements of Regulation 10A-3 of the Exchange Act and the corporate governance requirements of Nasdaq.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee primarily functions to assist our Company in determining the compensation to be paid to the executive directors and certain members of the senior management of our Company. According to the charter under which it operates, the Compensation Committee is authorized to: (i) review and recommend to the Board, or determine, the annual salary, bonus, stock options, and other benefits, direct and indirect, of the senior management of APWC and its principal operating subsidiaries; (ii) review new executive compensation programs, review on a periodic basis the operations of our Company's executive compensation programs to determine whether they are properly coordinated, establish and periodically review policies for the administration of executive compensation programs, and take steps to modify any executive compensation programs that yield payments and benefits that are not reasonably related to

executive performance; (iii) engage outside auditors and consultants to advise on market compensation; and (iv) establish and periodically review policies in the area of management perquisites.

The Compensation Committee is comprised of three independent directors, Mr. Anson Chan, Dr. Yichin Lee, and Dr. Lambert Ding. The Compensation Committee may invite members of management to its meetings as it deems appropriate in order to participate and provide input in a non-voting capacity. However, the Compensation Committee meets regularly without members of management present and in no event is any officer present at a meeting of the Compensation Committee where their compensation or performance is discussed or determined.

6.D. Employees

As of December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, our Company employed a total of 1,210, 1,207, and 1,190 employees, of which administrative and management personnel accounted for 15.5%, 13.6%, and 13.8%, respectively. The rest were classified as production personnel that usually organized into two 12-hour shifts or three 8-hour shifts for continuous factory operations.

Our Company's employees located in the Thailand, North Asia, and ROW regions in terms of percentage were respectively 63.6%, 18.6%, and 17.8% as of December 31, 2023; 65%, 18.4%, and 16.6% as of December 31, 2022; 66.5%, 17.9%, and 15.6% as of December 31, 2021.

Our Company offers a range of employee benefits, which it believes are comparable to industry practice in its local markets. Such benefits include performance-based pay incentives, medical benefits, vacation, pension, housing for a small number of workers in Singapore and Thailand, and a small housing supplement for other workers. Our Company also provides training programs for its personnel designed to improve worker productivity and occupational safety.

Presently, there is no group bonus, profit-sharing or stock option plan. However, some of APWC's subsidiaries have bonus or profit-sharing plans based on individual performance and fiscal year profitability of the particular subsidiary, which plans are generally in accordance with industry practice and market conditions in their respective countries.

Our Company has several defined contribution plans covering its employees in Australia, the PRC, Singapore, Thailand, and Taiwan. Additionally, our Company has defined benefit plans in accordance with Thailand labor laws. Pursuant to these defined benefit plans, our Company pays a retiring employee at its Thai subsidiaries from one to twenty-six times such employee's salary rate during his or her final month, depending on the length of service. During 2023, our Company's total expenses under this labor law were \$0.6 million. These defined benefit plans are not funded and the amount is recognized and included in Employee Benefit Liabilities on our Company's balance sheet. Our Company settles its obligations as and when employees retire. The accumulated benefit obligations under these plans amounted to \$7.0 million as at December 31, 2023. For further information related to these employee benefit plans, see Note 21 of our consolidated financial statements referenced in Item 18 of this Annual Report.

Approximately 11% of the employees of Sigma Cable are members of the United Workers of Electronics & Electrical Industries, an employees' union in Singapore. Under the terms of a collective agreement signed in June 2003, our Company is required to negotiate salary and wage increases yearly. All other worker benefits and employment terms are included in the collective agreement. Our Company believes that approximately 100% of the employees of PEWSC are members of their Company Workers' Union. These unions generally operate in accordance with related labor regulations in China. Approximately 16% of the employees of APEC are members of the Australian Workers' Union. None of the employees of APWC's other operating subsidiaries are members of a union.

Our Company has never experienced a strike or other disruption due to a labor dispute. Our Company considers its employee relations to be satisfactory and has not experienced difficulty attracting and retaining qualified employees.

6.E. Share Ownership

The Common Shares beneficially owned by the persons listed in "Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees – 6.B. Compensation" are disclosed in "Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related-Party Transactions – 7.A. Major Shareholders."

No equity compensation, including options, is included as part of the compensation for directors or senior management.

6.F. Disclosure of a Registrant's Action to Recover Erroneously Awarded Compensation

Not applicable.

ITEM 7: MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

7.A. Major Shareholders

As of December 31, 2023, there were 20,616,227 Common Shares issued and outstanding, excluding a total of 11,100 treasury shares. In January 2022, APWC distributed, at no charge to its shareholders, non-transferable subscription rights to purchase additional Common Shares to all of its shareholders. This rights offering expired on January 31, 2022, and was oversubscribed. Pursuant to this rights offering, PEWC and its two subsidiaries that hold Common Shares, Moon View Ventures Limited and Pacific Holdings Group, acquired additional Common Shares as follows: (i) PEWC, which exercised 1,410,739 basic subscription rights at an investment of \$846,443, was issued 693,806 additional Common Shares; (ii) Moon View, which exercised 7,661,235 basic subscription rights and exercised over-subscription rights for a total investment of approximately \$5,975,389, was issued 4,897,859 additional Common Shares; and (iii) Pacific Holdings, which exercised 1,358,795 basic subscription rights at an investment of \$815,277, was issued 668,259 additional Common Shares. As a result of this rights offering, APWC's issued and outstanding shares increased from 13,819,669 to 20,616,227 shares, and PEWC's aggregate ownership of our Common Shares increased from 10,430,769 to 16,690,693 shares, representing an increase in percentage ownership from 75.48% to 80.96%. While the remaining publicly traded Common Shares increased from 3,388,900 to 3,925,534 shares, the ownership percentage in APWC represented by such Common Shares decreased from 24.52% to 19.04%.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of the Common Shares as of March 31, 2024 by (i) all persons who are known to APWC to own beneficially more than five percent of the Common Shares and (ii) APWC's executive officers (Senior Management Members) and directors as a group. The information set forth in the following table is derived from public filings made by holders and information obtained from directors and officers. The voting rights attached to the Common Shares below are the same as those attached to all other Common Shares.

Identity of Person or Group	Number of Shares	Percent of Class
Pacific Electric Wire & Cable Co., Ltd.(1)	16,690,693	80.959 %
Directors and Executive Officers (Senior Management Members) of APWC	246,541	1.196 %

(1) PEWC beneficially owns 2,104,545 shares directly and the remaining shares indirectly, as a result of (i) PEWC's control of its wholly-owned subsidiary Moon View Ventures Limited, a BVI company, which owns of record 12,559,094 Common Shares and (ii) PEWC's control of its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary Pacific Holdings Group, a Nevada corporation, which owns of record 2,027,054 Common Shares.

Based upon a review of the records of APWC's U.S. transfer agent, including a list of non-objecting beneficial holders, as of December 31, 2023, APWC believes there are more than 400 record holders in the United States, representing approximately 18% of the Common Shares outstanding as of such date, although that constitutes only APWC's best estimate of the number of U.S. beneficial holders.

7.B. Related Party Transactions

Our Company engages in transactions in the ordinary course of business with PEWC, including the purchase of certain raw materials and the distribution of PEWC products in various countries in the Asia Pacific region. These transactions are governed by the Composite Services Agreement dated November 7, 1996 between APWC and PEWC (the "Composite Services Agreement" or "CSA"), which our Company has renewed annually, at its option. The Composite Services Agreement contains provisions that define the relationship and the conduct of the respective businesses of our Company and PEWC and confers certain preferential benefits on our Company. For a description of the Composite Services Agreement, see Item 10.C.

Under the terms of the Composite Services Agreement, our Company pays a management fee to PEWC in connection with the secondment, or temporary assignment and relocation, of certain PEWC managers to our Company's operating units. The assigned managers assist our Company in implementing the results of certain research and development conducted by PEWC and made available by PEWC to our Company under the terms of the Composite Services Agreement. The assigned managers also assist our Company in the procurement of raw materials, primarily copper, which is also provided for under the Composite Services Agreement. The annual management fee was approximately \$205 in 2023, \$153 in 2022 and \$133 in 2021.

On July 10, 2020, APWC and PEWC entered into a secured loan agreement pursuant to which in August 2020 we borrowed the principal amount of \$6 million from PEWC, at a fixed 3% interest rate and secured by a pledge of our Company's 98.3% ownership stake in Sigma Cable. Our Company used the proceeds from the Secured Loan for working capital and purchases of capital equipment. In June 2021, the loan was repaid in full to PEWC, and the loan facility was terminated.

To the extent that transactions occur in the future between our Company and PEWC, or affiliates of PEWC, other than under the Composite Services Agreement, such transactions will be entered into on an arm's length basis on terms no less favorable than those available from unaffiliated third parties.

Additional details regarding related party balances as of December 31, 2023 and related party transactions are disclosed in our audited consolidated financial statements referenced in "Item 18. Financial Statements." Please refer to Note 24 of our consolidated financial statements presented herewith.

ITEM 8: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

8.A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information

Consolidated Statements

See Item 18: Financial Statements

Legal Proceedings

There are currently no material proceedings in which any director, senior manager, or affiliate is adverse to APWC or has an adverse material interest. There are no actual or pending legal proceedings to which APWC is, or is likely to become, a party which may reasonably be expected to have, or have had in the recent past, a material effect on our Company's condition (financial or otherwise) or results of operations.

Dividend Policy

Under our Bye-Laws, our Board may from time to time declare dividends or distributions out of contributed surplus to be paid to the shareholders according to their rights and interests. With the sanction of a shareholders resolution, our Board may determine that any dividend may be paid by distribution of specific assets, including paid-up shares or debentures of any other company. Our Board may also pay any fixed cash dividend which is payable on any of the Common Shares half-yearly or on other dates, whenever APWC's position, in the opinion of our Board, justifies such payment.

While our Board approved a dividend policy in 2016 with the stated goal of paying annual cash dividends of at least 25% of APWC's net post-tax audited consolidated profits attributable to shareholders, our Board determined not to pay a dividend since 2019, taking into account our Company's funding needs and business performance. At this time, we do not anticipate paying any dividends, or otherwise making any distributions or transfers, to our shareholders in 2024.

As a holding company, our ability to pay dividends, as well as to meet our other obligations, depends upon the amount of distributions, if any, received from our operating subsidiaries and other holdings and investments. Our operating subsidiaries and other holdings and investments, from time to time, may be subject to restrictions on their ability to make distributions to APWC. Those restrictions may also affect APWC's ability to fund operations of one subsidiary with dividends and other payments received from another subsidiary.

In addition, the ability of our operating subsidiaries to make distributions to APWC will depend upon a number of factors, including operating results, capital requirements, expansion plans, business prospects, obligations in respect of non-recurring items, debt covenants and other factors that may arise from time to time. There can be no guarantee that APWC will pay any dividends in the future.

8.B. Significant Changes

Please see Note 29 (Subsequent Events) to the consolidated financial statements referenced in Item 18 hereof for information on recent material events, which contains information regarding the refinancing on a long-term basis of a liability classified as current from Charoong Thai. There have been no material or significant changes in the Company's affairs since the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 that have not been described herein or in such Note 29.

ITEM 9: THE OFFER AND LISTING

The Common Shares currently trade on the Nasdaq Capital Market tier under the trading symbol "APWC". The Common Shares are not listed on any other exchanges or otherwise publicly traded within or outside the United States.

ITEM 10: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

10.A. Share Capital

As of December 31, 2023, there were 20,627,327 Common Shares issued, with 20,616,227 Common Shares issued and outstanding and 11,100 Common Shares held in treasury.

On January 14, 2022, APWC distributed, at no charge to the holders of its Common Shares, subscription rights to purchase additional Common Shares. The subscription rights were issued to holders of Common Shares as of 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on January 7, 2022, the record date for the rights offering, at a ratio of one subscription right per Common Share. Each subscription right entitled its holder to invest \$0.60 towards the purchase of Common Shares at a price per share equal to the subscription price (the "basic subscription right"). The subscription price in the rights offering was \$1.22 per Common Share. In accordance with the terms of the rights offering, this subscription price was equal to 90% of the lower of (1) the volume weighted average price per common share on the Nasdaq Capital Market over the five consecutive trading days through and including the expiration date of the rights offering, and (2) the closing price per common share on the Nasdaq Capital Market on the expiration date of the rights offering. The pricing formula was intended to ensure that the subscription price was at least a 10% discount to the closing price per Common Share on the expiration date of the rights offering.

The rights offering included an over-subscription privilege, which permitted each rights holder that exercised its subscription rights in full the option to purchase additional Common Shares that remained unsubscribed at the expiration of the rights offering. The over-subscription privilege was subject to the availability and allocation of shares among holders exercising their over-subscription privilege. The Common Shares issued as part of the over-subscription privilege were allocated pro-rata among shareholders who exercised their over-subscription rights based on the number of shares each such shareholder owned on the record date, taking into account the investment amount that each such shareholder allocated toward over-subscription rights.

The rights offering expired on January 31, 2022, and on February 2, 2022, APWC announced the successful completion of the rights offering, which was oversubscribed. In the rights offering, APWC issued and sold 6,796,558 additional Common Shares pursuant to the exercise of subscription rights, raising gross proceeds of approximately \$8.3 million before any expenses of the rights offering.

No capital stock of APWC is under option or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option. APWC does not have any classes of capital stock other than Common Shares.

10.B. Memorandum of Association and Bye-Laws

General

The following is a summary of provisions of Bermuda law and APWC's organizational documents, including APWC's Memorandum of Association and Bye-Laws. We refer you to APWC's Memorandum of Association and Bye-

Laws, copies of which have been filed with the SEC. You are urged to read these documents in their entirety for a complete understanding of the terms thereof.

The objects under which APWC is formed and incorporated under its Memorandum of Association are:

- (1) to carry on business as a holding company and to acquire and hold shares, stocks, debenture stocks, bonds, mortgages, obligations and securities of any kind issued or guaranteed by any company, corporation or undertaking of whatever nature and wherever constituted or carrying on business, and shares, stock, debentures, debenture stock, bonds, obligations and other securities issued or guaranteed by any government, sovereign ruler, commissioners, trust, local authority or other public body, whether in Bermuda or elsewhere, and to vary, transpose, dispose of or otherwise deal with from time to time as may be considered expedient any of the Company's investments for the time being;
- (2) to acquire any such shares and other securities as are mentioned in the preceding paragraph by subscription, syndicate participation, tender, purchase, exchange or otherwise and to subscribe for the same, either conditionally or otherwise, and to guarantee the subscription thereof and to exercise and enforce all rights and powers conferred by or incident to the ownership thereof;
- (3) to co-ordinate the administration, policies, management, supervision, control, research, planning, trading and any and all other activities of any company or companies now or thereafter incorporated or acquired which may be or may become a company, wherever incorporated, which is or becomes a holding company or a subsidiary of, or affiliated with, the Company within the meanings respectively assigned to those terms in The Companies Act 1981, or with the prior written approval of the Minister of Finance, any company or companies now or hereafter incorporated or acquired with which the Company may be or may become associated;
- (4) packaging of goods of all kinds;
- (5) buying, selling and dealing in goods of all kinds;
- (6) designing and manufacturing of goods of all kinds;
- (7) mining and quarrying and exploration for metals, minerals, fossil fuels and precious stones of all kinds and their preparation for sale or use;
- (8) exploring for, the drilling for, the moving, transporting and refining petroleum and hydro carbon products including oil and oil products;
- (9) scientific research including the improvement, discovery and development of processes, inventions, patents, and designs and the construction, maintenance and operation of laboratories and research centers;
- (10) land, sea and air undertakings including the land, ship and air carriage of passengers, mails and goods of all kinds;
- (11) ships and aircraft owners, managers, operators, agents, builders and repairers;
- (12) acquiring, owning, selling, chartering, repairing or dealing in ships and aircraft;
- (13) travel agents, freight contractors and forwarding agents;
- (14) dock owners, wharfingers, warehousemen;
- (15) ship chandlers and dealing in rope, canvas oil and ship stores of all kinds;
- (16) all forms of engineering;
- (17) acquiring by purchase or otherwise and holding as an investment inventions, patents, trademarks, trade names, trade secrets, designs and the like;

- (18) buying, selling, hiring, letting and dealing in conveyances of any sort;
- (19) employing, providing, hiring out and acting as agent for artists, actors, entertainers of all sorts, authors, composers, producers, directors, engineers and experts or specialists of any kinds;
- (20) to acquire by purchase or otherwise hold, sell, dispose of and deal in real property situated outside Bermuda and in personal property of all kinds wherever situated; and
- (21) to enter into any guarantee contract of indemnity or suretyship and to assure, support or secure with or without consideration or benefit the performance of any obligations of any person or persons and to guarantee the fidelity of individuals filling or about to fill situations of trust or confidence.

For a detailed description of our Company's principal activities, see Item 4 above. Pursuant to APWC's Bye-Laws, the Board consists of a single class of directors, each director has one vote on all matters put to the Board, and a quorum consists of a majority of the members of the Board then in office.

Description of Shareholder Rights Attaching to the Common Shares

APWC was incorporated in Bermuda on September 19, 1996 under the Companies Act. The rights of APWC's shareholders are governed by Bermuda law and APWC's Memorandum of Association and Bye-Laws.

APWC's authorized share capital as of December 31, 2023 was \$0.5 million consisting of 50,000,000 Common Shares, par value \$0.01 per share. Of which, as of December 31, 2023, and as of the date of the filing of this Annual Report, there were and are 20,627,327 Common Shares issued of which 20,616,227 Common Shares are issued and outstanding and eligible to vote. There were 11,100 Common Shares issued (but not outstanding and not currently eligible to vote) and held as treasury shares by APWC.

- Holders of the Common Shares have no preemptive, redemption, conversion or sinking fund rights.
- Holders of the Common Shares are entitled to one vote per share on all matters submitted to a poll vote of holders of Common Shares and do not have any cumulative voting rights.
- In the event of APWC's liquidation, dissolution or winding-up and subject to any alternative resolution that may be pursued by APWC's shareholders, the holders of Common Shares are entitled to share ratably in APWC's assets, if any, remaining after the payment of all of APWC's debts and liabilities.
- APWC's issued and outstanding Common Shares are fully paid and non-assessable.
- Additional authorized but unissued Common Shares, and issued shares held in treasury, may be issued or conveyed by the Board without the approval of the shareholders.

The holders of Common Shares will receive such dividends, if any, as may be declared by the Board out of funds legally available for such purposes. APWC may not declare or pay a dividend, or make a distribution out of contributed surplus, if there are reasonable grounds for believing that:

- APWC is, or after the payment would be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due; or
- the realizable value of APWC's assets after such payment or distribution would be less than the aggregate amount of its liabilities.

Share Capital

APWC's authorized capital consists of one class of Common Shares. Under APWC's Bye-Laws, our Board has the power to issue any authorized and unissued shares on such terms and conditions as it may determine. Any shares or class of shares may be issued with such preferred, deferred, qualified or other special rights or any restrictions with regard to such matters, whether in regard to

dividend, voting, return of capital or otherwise, as APWC may from time to time by resolution of the shareholders prescribe, or in the absence of such shareholder direction, as the Board may determine. This

provision in the Bye-Laws could be used to prevent a takeover attempt, or to make a takeover attempt prohibitively expensive, and thereby preclude shareholders from realizing a potential premium over the market value of their shares.

Voting Rights

Generally, under Bermuda law and APWC's Bye-Laws, questions brought before a general meeting are decided by a simple majority vote of shareholders present or represented by proxy, with no provision for cumulative voting. Matters will be decided by votes cast by way of voting cards, proxy cards or a show of hands unless a poll is demanded. For purposes of determining the number of votes cast with respect to any proposal, only those votes cast "for" or "against" shall be included. An "abstain" vote will not count as votes cast on any such proposal.

If a poll is demanded, each shareholder who is entitled to vote and who is present in person or by proxy has one vote for each Common Share entitled to vote on such question. A poll may only be demanded under the Bye-Laws by:

- the chairman of the meeting;
- at least three shareholders present in person or represented by proxy;
- any shareholder or shareholders present in person or represented by proxy and holding between them not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all shareholders having voting rights; or
- a shareholder or shareholders present in person or represented by proxy holding Common Shares conferring the right to vote on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all Common Shares.

Unless the Board otherwise determines, no shareholder shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all calls or other sums presently payable by that shareholder in respect of all shares held by such shareholder have been paid.

Dividend Rights

Under Bermuda law, a company may declare and pay dividends unless there are reasonable grounds for believing that the company is, or would, after the payment, be unable to pay its liabilities as they become due or that the realizable value of the company's assets would thereby be less than its liabilities.

Under APWC's Bye-Laws, the Board may from time to time declare dividends or distributions out of contributed surplus to be paid to the shareholders according to their rights and interests. With the sanction of a shareholders resolution, the Board may determine that any dividend may be paid by distribution of specific assets, including paid-up shares or debentures of any other company. The Board may also pay any fixed cash dividend which is payable on any of the Common Shares half-yearly or on other dates, whenever APWC's position, in the opinion of the Board, justifies such payment.

Dividends, if any, on the Common Shares will be at the discretion of the Board, and will depend on our future operations and earnings, capital requirements, surplus and general financial condition as our Board may deem relevant.

Purchases by APWC of its own Common Shares

Under Bermuda law and as authorized by APWC's Memorandum of Association and Bye-Laws, APWC may purchase its own Common Shares out of the capital paid up on the Common Shares in question or out of funds that would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of Common Shares made for the purposes of the purchase. APWC may not purchase its Common Shares if, on the date on which the purchase is to be effected, there are reasonable grounds for believing that APWC is, or after the purchase would be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due.

However, to the extent that any premium is payable on the purchase, the premium must be provided out of the funds of APWC that would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution or out of APWC's share premium account.

Preemptive Rights

APWC's Bye-Laws generally do not provide the holders of its Common Shares preemptive rights in relation to any issues of Common Shares by APWC or any transfer of APWC's shares.

Variation of Rights

APWC may issue more than one class of shares and more than one series of shares in each class. The rights attached to any class of shares may be altered or abrogated either:

- with the consent in writing of the holders of more than fifty percent of the issued shares of that class; or
- pursuant to a resolution of the holders of such shares.

The Bye-Laws provide that the necessary quorum shall be two or more shareholders present in person or by proxy holding a majority of shares of the relevant class in issue and entitled to vote. The Bye-Laws specify that the creation or issuance of shares ranking *pari passu* with existing shares will not, subject to any statement to the contrary in the terms of issuance of those shares or rights attached to those shares, vary the special rights attached to existing shares.

Transfer of Common Shares

Subject to the "Transfer Restrictions" section below, a shareholder may transfer title to all or any of his shares by completing an instrument of transfer in the usual common form or in such other form as the Board may approve. The form of transfer is required to be signed by or on behalf of the transferor and also the transferee where any share is not fully paid. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the shares until the name of the transferee is entered in the register of members of APWC.

Transfer Restrictions

The Board may, in its absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefor, decline to register any transfer of any share which is not a fully paid share. The Board may also refuse to register an instrument of transfer of a share unless:

- the instrument of transfer is duly stamped, if required by law, and lodged with APWC;
- the instrument is accompanied by the relevant share certificate for the shares to which it relates, and such other evidence as the Board shall reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
- the instrument of transfer is in respect of only one class of shares;
- where applicable, the permission of the BMA with respect thereto has been obtained; and
- subject to the Companies Act, the Bye-Laws and any directions of the Board from time to time in force, the secretary of APWC may exercise the powers and discretions of the Board with respect to: (i) the transfer of shares by a shareholder by way of an instrument of transfer in the usual common form and (ii) sending to a notice of refusal to register a transfer of shares where the Board declines to register such transfer, within three months after the date on which the instrument of transfer was lodged.

In accordance with the provisions of the Exchange Control Act 1972, as amended, and related regulations of Bermuda, the permission of the BMA is required for all issuances and transfers of shares (which includes the Common Shares) of Bermuda companies to or from a non-resident of Bermuda for exchange control purposes, other than in cases where the BMA has granted a general permission. The BMA, in its notice to the public dated June 1, 2005, has granted a general permission for the issue and subsequent transfer of any securities of a Bermuda company from and/or to a non-resident of Bermuda for exchange control purposes for so long as any "Equity Securities" of the company (which include the Common Shares) are listed on an "Appointed Stock Exchange" (which includes Nasdaq). In granting the general permission the BMA accepts no responsibility for our financial soundness or the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed herein.

Accordingly, the Common Shares benefit from a general permission for free transferability for all transfers between persons who are not resident in Bermuda for exchange control purposes, for as long as such Common Shares remain listed on an appointed stock exchange. In the event that the Common Shares are delisted from Nasdaq, it will be necessary to obtain the prior permission of the BMA to transfer such Common Shares to any transferee, subject to any applicable general permissions issued by the BMA.

Transmission of Shares

In the event of the death of a shareholder, the survivor or survivors, where the deceased shareholder was a joint holder, and the estate representative, where the deceased shareholder was sole holder, shall be the only persons recognized by APWC as having any title to the shares of the deceased. "Estate representative" means the person to whom probate or letters of administration has or have been granted in Bermuda, or failing any such person, such other person as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine to be the person recognized by APWC for this purpose.

Disclosure of Interests

Under the Companies Act, a director who has an interest in a material contract or a proposed material contract, or a 10% or more interest (directly or indirectly) in an entity that is interested in a contract or proposed contract or arrangement with us, is obligated to declare the nature of such interest at the first opportunity at a meeting of the Board of Directors, or by writing to the Board of Directors. If the director has complied with the relevant sections of the Companies Act and the Bye-Laws with respect to the disclosure of his interest, the director may vote at a meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee thereof on a contract, transaction or arrangement in which that director is interested, in which case his vote shall be counted and he shall be taken into account in ascertaining whether a quorum is present.

Rights in Liquidation

Under Bermuda law, in the event of liquidation or winding-up of a company, after satisfaction in full of all claims of creditors and subject to the preferential rights accorded to any series of preferred shares, the proceeds of such liquidation or winding-up are distributed among the holders of shares in accordance with a company's bye-laws.

Under APWC's Bye-Laws, if APWC is wound up, the liquidator may, pursuant to a resolution of the shareholders and any approval required by the Companies Act, divide among the shareholders in cash or other assets the whole or part of APWC's assets, whether such assets shall consist of property of the same kind or not, and may for such purposes set such values as such liquidator deems fair upon any property to be divided and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the shareholders.

Meetings of Shareholders

Under Bermuda law, a company, unless it elects to dispense with the holding of annual general meetings, is required to convene at least one general meeting per calendar year. The directors of a company, notwithstanding anything in such company's bye-laws, shall, on the requisition of the shareholders holding at the date of the deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid-up capital of the company carrying the right of vote, duly convene a special general meeting. APWC's Bye-Laws provide that the Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting.

Bermuda law requires that shareholders be given at least five days' notice of a meeting of APWC. APWC's Bye-Laws extend this period to provide that not less than 20 days' written notice of a general meeting must be given to those shareholders entitled to receive such notice. The accidental omission to give notice to or non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any person does not invalidate the proceedings of a meeting.

APWC's Bye-Laws state that no business can be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of at least two shareholders representing a majority of the issued shares of APWC are present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote.

Under APWC's Bye-Laws, notice to any shareholders may be delivered either personally or by sending it through the post, by airmail where applicable, in a pre-paid letter addressed to the shareholder at his address as appearing in the share register or by delivering it to, or leaving it at, such registered address. Any notice sent by post shall be deemed to have been served seven (7) days after dispatch. A notice of a general meeting is deemed to be duly given to the shareholder if it is sent to him by cable, telex or telecopier or other mode of representing or reproducing words in a legible and non-transitory form and such notice shall be deemed to have been served twenty-four (24) hours after its dispatch.

Access to Books and Records and Dissemination of Information

Under Bermuda law, members of the general public have the right to inspect the public documents of a company available at the office of the Bermuda Registrar of Companies. These documents include the memorandum of association and any amendment to the memorandum of association.

Under Bermuda law, the minutes of shareholder meetings will be open for inspection by any shareholder or director without charge for not less than two hours during business hours each day, subject to any reasonable restrictions that APWC may impose. The shareholders shall be entitled to receive a copy of every balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure before a general meeting as required under the Bye-Laws.

Under APWC's Bye-Laws, unless the Board otherwise determines, the register of shareholders of APWC is required to be open for inspection between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon each working day without charge to members of the general public. A company is required to maintain its share register in Bermuda but may, subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, establish a branch register outside of Bermuda. APWC has established a branch register with APWC's transfer agent, Computershare Limited, which is based in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Under Bermuda Law, a company is required to keep at its registered office a register of its directors and officers that is open for inspection for not less than two hours in each day by members of the public without charge. Under APWC's Bye-Laws, the register of directors and officers is available for inspection by the public between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon every working day.

Bermuda law does not provide a general right for shareholders to inspect or obtain copies of any other corporate records, except for the Bye-Laws of APWC.

Election or Removal of Directors

The Bye-Laws provide that the number of directors will be such number, not less than two, as APWC's shareholders by resolution may from time to time determine. A director will serve until re-elected or his successor is appointed at the next annual general meeting or his prior removal in the manner provided by the Companies Act or the Bye-Laws. There is no requirement under Bermuda law, APWC's memorandum of association or its Bye-Laws that a majority of APWC's directors be independent.

The Bye-Laws provide that each director shall have one vote on all matters presented to the Board for a vote.

The shareholders may by resolution determine that one or more vacancies in the Board shall be deemed casual vacancies for the purposes of the Bye-Laws. The Board, so long as a quorum of directors remains in office, shall have the power at any time and from time to time to appoint any individual to be a director so as to fill a casual vacancy. The shareholders may approve the appointment of alternate directors or may authorize the Board to appoint them. Directors may also appoint and remove their own alternates.

APWC may, in a special general meeting called for this purpose, remove a director, provided notice of such meeting is served upon the director concerned not less than fourteen days before the meeting and he shall be entitled to be heard at that meeting.

The office of a director will be vacated in the event of any of the following:

- if he resigns his office by notice in writing to be delivered to APWC's registered office or tendered at a meeting of the Board;
- if he becomes of unsound mind or a patient for any purpose under any statute or applicable law relating to mental health and the Board resolves that his office is vacated;
- if he becomes bankrupt or enters into a general settlement with his creditors;
- if he is prohibited by law from being a director; or

- if he ceases to be a director by virtue of the Companies Act or is removed from office pursuant to the Bye-Laws.

Directors' remuneration is determined by APWC's shareholders during general meetings. Directors may also be paid all reasonable travel, hotel, and other expenses properly incurred in attending meetings of the Board, meetings of any committee appointed by the Board, general meetings of the shareholders of APWC, or any meetings in connection with the business of APWC or their duties as Directors generally. There are no age limit requirements regarding retirement or non-retirement of directors. Holding shares is not a requirement in order to be appointed as a director of APWC.

The Board may exercise all the powers of APWC to borrow money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled share capital, or any part thereof. The Board may also issue debentures, debenture stock, and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of APWC or any third party.

Amendment of Memorandum of Association and Bye-Laws

Bermuda law provides that the memorandum of association of a company may be amended by resolution passed at a general meeting of which due notice has been given. An amendment to a memorandum of association does not require the consent of the Minister of Finance of Bermuda save for specific circumstances, for example, the adopting of any authority to carry on restricted business activities.

Under Bermuda law, the holders of:

- an aggregate of not less than twenty percent in par value of a company's issued share capital or any class thereof; or
- not less in the aggregate than twenty percent of the company's debentures entitled to object to amendments to its memorandum of association,

have the right to apply to the Supreme Court of Bermuda for an annulment of any amendment of the memorandum of association. Where such an application is made, the amendment becomes effective only to the extent that it is confirmed by the Bermuda Supreme Court. An application for an annulment of an amendment of the memorandum of association must be made within twenty-one days after the date on which the resolution amending the memorandum of association is passed and may be made on behalf of the persons entitled to make the application by one or more of their number as they may appoint in writing for the purpose.

APWC's Bye-Laws may be amended in the manner provided for in the Companies Act, which provides that the directors may amend the Bye-Laws, provided that any such amendment shall be effective only to the extent approved by the shareholders.

Merger or Amalgamation

The Companies Act provides that two or more Bermuda companies may merge and their undertaking, property and liabilities shall vest in one of such companies as the surviving company (referred to as a "merger" under Bermuda law). The Companies Act also provides that a Bermuda company may amalgamate with another company and continue as an amalgamated company (referred to as an "amalgamation" under Bermuda law). A merger or amalgamation requires a merger or amalgamation agreement which must be approved by the board of directors and at a meeting of the shareholders by seventy-five percent of the shareholders present and entitled to vote at such meeting in respect of which the quorum shall be two persons holding or representing by proxy more than one-third of the issued shares of the company. These provisions do not apply where a holding company is merging or amalgamating with one or more of its wholly-owned subsidiaries or where two or more wholly-owned companies of the same holding company are merging or amalgamating.

Under Bermuda law, in the event of a merger or an amalgamation of a Bermuda company, a shareholder who did not vote in favor of the transaction and who is not satisfied that fair value has been offered for the shares, may apply to the Supreme Court of Bermuda within one month of notice of the meeting of shareholders to appraise the fair value of those shares.

Class Actions and Derivative Actions

Class actions, as they are commonly understood in the United States, are not available to shareholders under Bermuda law. Derivative actions are generally only available to shareholders under Bermuda law in very limited circumstances. A shareholder may commence an action in the name of a company to remedy a wrong done to the company where the wrongdoers are in control of the company and the act complained of is of a fraudulent character, oppressive, beyond the corporate power of the company, illegal or would have required the approval of a greater percentage of the company's shareholders than those that actually approved it. A shareholder may not commence such an action where the wrong complained of is capable of ratification by the company in a general meeting by ordinary resolution.

Since the July 2018 amendment to the Rules of the Supreme Court, if a derivative action is commenced and the relevant defendant enters an appearance, leave of the Supreme Court of Bermuda must be obtained before the derivative action can proceed.

When one or more shareholders believes the affairs of a company are being conducted in a manner which is oppressive or prejudicial to the interest of some part of the shareholders, the Supreme Court of Bermuda, upon petition, brought by the shareholder(s), may make such order as it sees fit if it is satisfied that the affairs of the company are or have been conducted in such an oppressive or prejudicial manner and, that, as a result, it would be just and equitable to wind up the company, but that to so wind up the company would unfairly prejudice the part of the shareholders ; such an order can include (with limitation) provisions regulating the conduct of the company's affairs in the future or ordering the purchase of the shares of any shareholders by other shareholders or by the company, and in the case of a purchase of the shares by the company, for the reduction accordingly of the company's capital or otherwise.

Personal Liability of Directors and Indemnity

The Companies Act requires every officer, including directors, of a company in exercising powers and discharging duties, to act honestly in good faith with a view to the best interests of the company, and to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. The Companies Act further provides that any provision, whether in the bye-laws of a company or in any contract between the company and any officer or any person employed by the company as auditor, exempting such officer or person from liability, or indemnifying him against any liability which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to him, in respect of any fraud or dishonesty of which he may be guilty in relation to the company, shall be void.

Every director, officer and committee member shall be indemnified out of APWC's funds against all civil liabilities, loss, damage or expense including liabilities under contract, tort and statute or any applicable foreign law or regulation and all reasonable legal and other costs and expenses properly payable, incurred or suffered by him as director, officer or committee member; provided that the indemnity contained in the Bye-Laws will not extend to any matter which would render it void under the Companies Act as discussed above.

Other Miscellaneous Matters

Notwithstanding the recording of any special capacity, APWC is not bound to investigate or incur any responsibility in respect of the proper administration of any estate or trust.

APWC will take no notice of any trust applicable to any of its Common Shares whether or not it had notice of such trust.

As an "exempted company," APWC is exempt from Bermuda laws which restrict the percentage of share capital that may be held by non-Bermudians. However, as an exempted company APWC may not participate in certain designated business transactions, which we do not consider relevant to our present or planned business activities.

10.C. Material Contracts

Composite Services Agreement

Our Company engages in transactions in the ordinary course of business with PEWC, including the purchase of certain raw materials and the distribution of PEWC products in various countries in the Asia Pacific region. APWC and PEWC are parties to a Composite Services agreement dated November 7, 1996, which APWC has renewed annually, at its

option. The Composite Services Agreement contains provisions that define the relationship and the conduct of the respective businesses of our Company and PEWC and confers certain preferential benefits on our Company. In 2023, there were no material changes to the CSA between APWC and PEWC. Pursuant to the Composite Services Agreement,

- PEWC agrees to (a) sell copper rod to our Company, upon our Company's request, (i) at a price consisting of the spot price of copper on the LME plus an agreed upon premium and (ii) at prices and on terms at least as favorable as PEWC provides copper rod to other purchasers of similar amounts of copper rod in the same markets, and (b) give priority in the supply of copper rod to our Company over other purchasers of copper rod from PEWC.
- Our Company has the right to distribute any wire or cable product manufactured by PEWC in all markets in which our Company presently distributes or develops the capability to distribute in the future such products on such terms as have historically been in effect or on terms at least as favorable as PEWC grants to third parties that distribute such products in such markets. However, PEWC is not required to grant to our Company the right to distribute products manufactured by PEWC in the future in markets where our Company does not currently have the capability to distribute unless and until PEWC has no pre-existing contractual rights which would conflict with the grant of such right to our Company.
- Each of PEWC and our Company will offer the other party the right to participate in any negotiations with a third party concerning the establishment of any facility or similar venture to manufacture or distribute any wire or cable product outside of the markets where our Company currently manufactures or distributes, or intends to develop the capability to manufacture or distribute, any wire or cable product. Unless our Company and PEWC mutually agree otherwise, our Company has the right of first refusal to enter into any definitive agreement with such third party. If, however, such third party would not agree to the substitution of our Company for PEWC or such substitution would prevent the successful completion of the facility or venture, PEWC has agreed to arrange for our Company to participate to the extent possible.
- PEWC agrees to make available to our Company, upon our Company's request and on terms to be mutually agreed between PEWC and our Company from time to time, certain services and technology with respect to the design and manufacture of wire and cable products (including fiber optic products), and certain services with respect to computerization, inventory control, purchasing, internal auditing, quality control, emergency back-up services, and recruitment and training of personnel; such services may include the training of our Company's employees and managers at PEWC facilities and the secondment of PEWC employees and managers to our Company.
- Without the consent of our Company, PEWC will not compete with respect to the manufacture or distribution of wire and cable products in any market in which our Company is manufacturing or has taken significant steps to commence manufacturing.
- For purposes of the Composite Services Agreement, each province in China is considered the equivalent of a country.

The foregoing is a summary of material terms of the CSA. For the full agreement, we refer you to the Composite Services Agreement, a copy of which has been filed with the SEC.

10.D. Exchange Controls

APWC has been designated by the Bermuda Monetary Authority as a non-resident under the Exchange Control Act of 1972 (the "Exchange Control Act"). This designation allows APWC to engage in transactions in currencies other than the Bermuda dollar.

The transfer of Common Shares between persons regarded as resident outside Bermuda for exchange control purposes and the issue of Common Shares to such persons may be effected without specific consent under the Exchange Control Act and regulations thereunder, provided the Common Shares are listed on an appointed stock exchange.

10.E. Taxation

The following is a summary of certain material U.S. federal income tax and Bermuda tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the Common Shares, subject to the assumptions, qualifications and limitations in our discussion below. Such summary is subject to changes in United States and Bermuda law, including changes that could have retroactive effect. Such changes in laws could result in different tax consequences from our summary below, and adversely affect your tax burden on investment income from APWC.

The following summary is neither intended as tax advice nor purports to describe a comprehensive discussion of all possible tax consequences that may be relevant to APWC's investors and prospective investors. Therefore, you are strongly urged to consult your own tax advisors regarding the overall tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the Common Shares in light of your particular circumstances.

United States Taxation

This summary is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), administrative pronouncements, judicial decisions and final, temporary and proposed U.S. Department of the Treasury regulations, all as of the date hereof, and all of which are subject to differing interpretations or to change, possibly with retroactive effect. The United States does not have a comprehensive income tax treaty with Bermuda.

We have not sought any ruling from the IRS in respect of the statements made and the conclusions reached in this discussion, and there can be no assurance that the IRS will agree with such statements and conclusions, or that the IRS will not challenge any of the positions taken by us and that such challenge, if any, will not be sustained. A different treatment from that described below could adversely affect the tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of our Common Shares as set forth in this summary.

In particular, this summary deals only with Common Shares held by U.S. Holders as capital assets for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and does not address any aspect of the "Medicare contributions tax" on "net investment income", the U.S. federal alternative minimum tax, U.S. federal estate and gift taxes, state and local, and foreign tax consequences to U.S. Holders of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of Common Shares.

This summary does not purport to deal with all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to a particular holder in light of such holder's circumstances. In particular, this summary does not address all of the tax consequences that may apply to members of a special class of holders subject to special rules, including:

- dealers in securities or currencies;
- persons subject to special tax accounting rules under Section 451(b) of the Code;
- regulated investment companies;
- real estate investment companies;
- traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for securities holdings;
- tax-exempt organizations;
- banks, insurance companies, or any other financial institutions;
- persons that actually or constructively own 10% or more, by vote or value, of our Common Shares;
- persons that hold our Common Shares as part of a straddle or a hedging, conversion, or other integrated transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes;
- persons that purchase or sell Common Shares as part of a wash sale for U.S. federal income tax purposes;
- partnerships or other pass-through entities and investors therein; or

- persons whose functional currency is not the US Dollar.

If a partnership (including any entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) is a beneficial owner of Common Shares, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner in that partnership generally will depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner of a partnership holding Common Shares, you should consult your own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences to you.

Prospective investors of our Common Shares should consult their own tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal, state and local, and non-U.S. and other tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Common Shares in their particular circumstances.

This summary applies to you if you are a U.S. Shareholder. As used herein, a "U.S. Shareholder" means a beneficial owner of our Common Shares who or that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, any of the following:

- an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States,
- a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation, created or organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia,
- an estate whose income is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of its source, or
- a trust if a U.S. court can exercise primary supervision over the trust's administration and one or more U.S. persons (as defined in the Code and Treasury Regulations) are authorized to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

Taxation of U.S. Holders

Taxation of Dividends

Subject to the discussion of the "passive foreign investment company" rules below, the gross amount of any distributions of cash or property with respect to our Common Shares generally will be treated as dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent paid out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. Distributions in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes, will be treated first as a return of capital that is applied against and reduces the U.S. Shareholder's adjusted tax basis in the Common Shares, but not below zero, and thereafter as capital gain realized on the sale or other disposition of the Common Shares. Because we do not maintain calculations of our earnings and profits under U.S. federal income tax principles, it is expected that distributions generally will be reported to U.S. Shareholders as dividends. The amount of any distribution paid in a foreign currency will be equal to the U.S. dollar value of such currency, translated at the spot rate of exchange on the date such distribution is received, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars at that time.

Any dividends that a U.S. Shareholder receives will be includable in such holder's gross income as ordinary income on the day such holder actually or constructively receives them. Such dividends will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction generally allowed to certain corporate U.S. Shareholders. Dividends paid by us generally will be non-U.S. source income for purposes of the U.S. "foreign tax credit" rules. The rules governing U.S. foreign tax credits are complex and involve the application of rules that depend on the particular circumstances of each U.S. Shareholder. Therefore, each U.S. Shareholder should consult his, her or its own tax advisor with respect to the availability of U.S. foreign tax credits to such U.S. Shareholder's particular circumstances.

Subject to certain limitations, including certain limitations based on taxable income and filing status, and subject to certain minimum holding period requirements, dividends paid to non-corporate U.S. Shareholders, including individuals, may be eligible for a reduced rate of taxation if we are deemed to be a "qualified foreign corporation" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A qualified foreign corporation includes a non-U.S. corporation if (1) its shares (including the Common Shares) are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States or (2) it is eligible for the benefits of a comprehensive income tax treaty with the United States that meets certain requirements. However, a corporation is not a qualified foreign corporation if it is a "passive foreign investment company" (as discussed below) for the taxable year in which the dividend is paid or the preceding taxable year. The Common Shares are traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market, an established securities market. The United States does not have a comprehensive income tax treaty with

Bermuda. Each U.S. Shareholder should consult his, her or its own tax advisor regarding the treatment of dividends and such holder's eligibility for a reduced rate of taxation.

Taxation of Capital Gains

Subject to the discussion of the “passive foreign investment company” rules below, a U.S. Shareholder generally will recognize gain or loss on the sale or exchange of Common Shares equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale or exchange and the U.S. Shareholder’s adjusted tax basis in the Common Shares. Such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the Common Shares were held for more than one year. Gain or loss, if any, recognized by a U.S. Shareholder generally will be treated as U.S.-source gain or loss for U.S. foreign tax credit limitation purposes. A U.S. Shareholder’s adjusted tax basis in its Common Shares generally is equal to its purchase price for such shares, adjusted according to U.S. federal income tax principles. Long-term capital gains recognized by non-corporate U.S. Shareholders generally will be subject to tax at reduced rates. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

Passive Foreign Investment Company

A non-U.S. corporation will be classified as a passive foreign investment company (a “PFIC”) for U.S. federal income tax purposes if either:

- 75% or more of its gross income for the taxable year is passive income; or
- on a quarterly average for the taxable year by value (or, if it is not a publicly traded corporation and so elects, by adjusted basis) 50% or more of its assets produce or are held for the production of passive income.

For the purposes of this test, such non-U.S. corporation will be treated as owning its proportionate share of the assets and earning its proportionate share of the income of any other corporation in which it owns, directly or indirectly, 25% or more (by value) of the stock.

Based on current projections concerning the composition of APWC’s income and assets, APWC does not believe that it will be treated as a PFIC for its current or future taxable years. However, because this conclusion is based on our current projections and expectations as to our future business activity, we can provide no assurance that APWC will not be treated as a PFIC in respect of its current or any future taxable years. If we are classified as a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a U.S. Shareholder that does not make an election to treat us as a “qualified electing fund” and did not make a “mark-to-market” election, each as described below, will be subject to the following U.S. federal income tax consequences:

- “Excess distributions” we make to a U.S. Shareholder would be taxed in a special way. “Excess distributions” are amounts received by a U.S. Shareholder with respect to our Common Shares in any taxable year that exceed 125% of the average distributions received by the U.S. Shareholder from us in the shorter of either the three previous years or the U.S. Shareholder’s holding period for such Common Shares before the current taxable year. Excess distributions must be allocated ratably to each day that a U.S. Shareholder has held our Common Shares. A U.S. Shareholder must include amounts allocated to the current taxable year and to any non-PFIC years in his or her gross income as ordinary income for that year. A U.S. Shareholder must pay U.S. federal income tax on amounts allocated to each prior taxable PFIC year at the highest marginal tax rate in effect for that year on ordinary income and the tax is subject to an interest charge at the rate applicable to deficiencies for U.S. federal income tax.
- The entire amount of gain that is realized by a U.S. Shareholder upon the sale or other disposition of our Common Shares would also be considered an excess distribution and would be subject to U.S. federal income tax as described above.
- A U.S. Shareholder’s adjusted tax basis in shares that were acquired from a U.S. decedent would not receive a step-up to fair market value as of the date of the decedent’s death but instead would be equal to the decedent’s adjusted tax basis, if lower than such value.

The special PFIC rules do not apply to a U.S. Shareholder if the U.S. Shareholder makes an election to treat us as a “qualified electing fund” in the first taxable year in which the U.S. Shareholder owns our Common Shares and if we comply with certain reporting requirements. Instead, a shareholder of a qualified electing fund is required for each taxable

year to include in income a pro rata share of the ordinary earnings of the qualified electing fund as ordinary income and a pro rata share of the net capital gain of the qualified electing fund as long-term capital gain, subject to a separate election to defer payment of taxes, which deferral is subject to an interest charge. The election is made on a shareholder-by-shareholder basis and may be revoked only with the consent of the IRS. A U.S. Shareholder makes the election by attaching a completed IRS Form 8621, including the PFIC annual information statement, to a timely filed U.S. federal income tax return. Even if an election is not made, a U.S. Shareholder generally must file a completed IRS Form 8621 in each year that we are a PFIC. U.S. Shareholders should be aware that, for each taxable year, if any, that we are a PFIC, we can provide no assurances that we will satisfy the record keeping requirements of a PFIC, or that we will make available to U.S. Shareholders the information such U.S. Shareholders require to make a “qualified electing fund” election with respect to us.

A U.S. Shareholder who owns PFIC shares that are publicly traded could elect to mark the shares to market annually, recognizing as ordinary income or loss each year an amount equal to the difference as of the close of the taxable year between the fair market value of the PFIC shares and the U.S. Shareholder’s adjusted tax basis in the PFIC shares. If such a mark-to-market election were made, then the rules set forth above would not apply for periods covered by the election. Assuming that we are trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market, our Common Shares are expected to be treated as publicly traded for purposes of the mark-to-market election and, therefore, such election should be able to be made if we are classified as a PFIC. A mark-to-market election is, however, subject to complex and specific rules and requirements, and U.S. Shareholders are strongly urged to consult their tax advisors concerning this election if we are classified as a PFIC.

U.S. Shareholders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the adverse tax consequences of owning our Common Shares if we are, or become, a PFIC, and the possibility of making certain elections designed to lessen those adverse consequences.

U.S. Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Dividends paid, if any, on our Common Shares to a U.S. Shareholder may be subject to information reporting and, unless a U.S. Shareholder either furnishes its taxpayer identification number or otherwise establishes an exemption, may also be subject to U.S. backup withholding tax. In addition, information reporting generally will apply to payments of proceeds from the sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition of our Common Shares by a paying agent, including a broker, within the United States to a U.S. Shareholder. A paying agent within the United States will be required to impose backup withholding on any payments of the proceeds from the sale, exchange redemption or other disposition of the Common Shares within the United States to a U.S. Shareholder if such U.S. Shareholder fails to furnish its correct taxpayer identification number or otherwise fails to establish an exemption or comply with such backup withholding requirements. Backup withholding is not an additional tax and may be refunded (or credited against the U.S. Shareholder’s U.S. federal income tax liability, if any), provided that certain required information is furnished to the IRS. The information reporting requirements may apply regardless of whether withholding is required.

Bermuda Taxation

Under current Bermuda law, there are no taxes on profits, income or dividends nor is there any capital gains tax. Furthermore, APWC has received from the Minister of Finance of Bermuda under the Exempted Undertakings Tax Protection Act of 1966, as amended, an undertaking that, in the event that Bermuda enacts any legislation imposing tax computed on profits or income, or computed on any capital asset, gain or appreciation, or any tax in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax, then the imposition of any such tax shall not be applicable to APWC or to any of its operations, or the shares, debentures or other obligations of APWC, until March 31, 2035. This undertaking does not, however, prevent the imposition of any such tax or duty on such persons as are ordinarily resident in Bermuda and holding such shares, debentures or obligations of APWC or of property taxes on APWC’s self-owned real property or leasehold interests in Bermuda.

As an exempted company, APWC must pay to the Bermuda government an annual government fee calculated on a sliding-scale basis by reference to its assessable capital, that is, its authorized share capital plus any share premium.

There is no stamp duty or other transfer tax payable upon the transfer of shares in APWC by shareholders.

10.F. Dividends and Paying Agents

Not applicable

10.G. Statement by Experts

Not applicable

10.H. Documents on Display

APWC is required to comply with the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, applicable to a foreign private issuer. APWC is currently required to file annually a Form 20-F no later than four months after the close of its fiscal year, which is December 31. Any time APWC is delinquent in filing timely any periodic reports, including an Annual Report on Form 20-F, with the SEC, that delinquency may adversely affect APWC's status on any exchange or quotation service on which its shares are listed or quoted and APWC may not be entitled to use certain abbreviated registration statements with the SEC in connection with the registration of any of its securities. APWC has not been delinquent in filing our annual reports in any of the past five years.

As a foreign private issuer, APWC is exempt from the rules under the Exchange Act prescribing the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and its officers, directors and principal shareholders are exempt from the reporting and short-swing profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

Our reports and other information, when so filed, may be accessed over the Internet on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

In addition, we post certain information regarding our Company and its operations on our website located at www.apwcc.com. Summary information regarding our Company posted on our website should not be considered to be a substitute for, or a restatement of, the more complete information regarding our Company, its results of operations and financial condition set forth in this Annual Report or other documents or information which we may file with the SEC.

10.I. Subsidiary Information

Not applicable

ITEM 11: QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISKS

Our Company has exposure to several quantitative market risks, including fluctuations in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates and the pricing of commodities, principally copper, our Company's main raw material. Risk management measures undertaken by our Company include entering into derivative agreements covering foreign exchange rates and copper pricing, as well as copper forward pricing agreements. Our Company does not purchase or sell derivative instruments for trading purposes. Our Company does not engage in trading activities involving copper contracts for which a lack of marketplace quotations would necessitate the use of fair value estimation techniques.

11.1 Interest Rate Risk

Our Company is not currently a party to any derivative instruments to manage interest rate exposure. In the current interest rate environment, our Company does not believe that the limited potential loss limitation protection available through the purchase of interest rate swaps or other derivative instruments against its exposure under floating rate finance facilities merits the cost that would be incurred in those transactions.

11.2 Foreign Currency Risk

Our Company has exposure to fluctuations in currency exchange rates. Our Company's revenues are generated primarily in the local currency or currencies in its principal operating regions, North Asia, Thailand, and the ROW, which are also its reporting segments. However, significant proportions of raw materials are in U.S. dollars.

As our Company's operating subsidiaries incur operating costs in the local currency where they operate, our Company believes it is prudent that those operating subsidiaries incur indebtedness in the local currency when debt

financing is necessary. The amount of indebtedness incurred by our operating subsidiaries from time to time is a function of our business strategy, the attractiveness of borrowing as opposed to other methods of financing operations and tax implications, among other considerations. Our Company has exposure to currency exchange risk when the results of its operating subsidiaries are translated from the functional currencies into its reporting currency, the U.S. dollar. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the other comprehensive income in the total equity section of the consolidated balance sheets included currency translation adjustments of \$19.8 million and \$20.1 million, respectively.

See “Item 3: Key Information–Risk Factors–Risks Related to our Financial Activities–Foreign exchange fluctuations could materially impact our financial performance and our financial condition” for information about the effects of foreign currency fluctuations on our Company.

Our Company enters into foreign exchange forward contracts with the intent to reduce the foreign exchange risk of expected sales and purchase transactions. Our Company monitors the foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise. See Notes 11 and 27 to APWC’s Financial Statements.

11.3 Market Risks Relating to Copper

Copper is the principal raw material we use, accounting for a majority portion of the cost of sales in 2023. We purchase copper at prices based on the average prevailing international spot market prices on the LME for copper for the one month prior to purchase. The price of copper is influenced heavily by global supply and demand as well as speculative trading. As with other costs of production, changes in the price of copper may affect our cost of sales. Whether this has a material impact on our operating margins and financial results depends primarily on our ability to adjust our selling prices to our customers, such that increases and decreases in the price of copper are reflected in those selling prices going forward. The selling price of our products is based in part on the cost of copper used to manufacture those products. In addition, in the ordinary course of business we maintain inventories of raw materials and finished products reasonably necessary for the conduct of our business. These inventories typically reflect the cost of copper prevailing in the market at the time we purchase. Most of our sales of products reflect copper prices prevailing at the time the products are ordered by our customers. However, in the cases when our Company enters into a sales contract at fixed prices, rising copper price could render this sales contract onerous that requires our Company to recognize the related onerous losses. In addition, a long-term decrease in the price of copper would require our Company to revalue the value of its inventory at periodic intervals to the then market value, which could be below cost. Copper prices have been subject to considerable volatility and it is not always possible to manage our copper purchases and inventory so as to neutralize the impact of copper price volatility. Accordingly, significant volatility in copper prices could have a material adverse effect on the results of our operations.

11.4 Equity Price Risk

Our Company is exposed to equity price risk as a result of our unlisted available-for-sale equity securities. The carrying value of these investments in private companies is subject to fluctuations and their fair market value may be significantly different from the carrying value.

11.5 Fair Value of Designated Market-Sensitive Derivative Contracts

Not applicable

ITEM 12: DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES OTHER THAN EQUITY SECURITIES

Not applicable

Part II

ITEM 13: DEFAULTS, DIVIDEND ARREARAGES AND DELINQUENCIES

None

ITEM 14: MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Not applicable

ITEM 15: CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

An evaluation was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including APWC's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13a-15 promulgated under the Exchange Act. Based upon that evaluation, APWC's CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2023.

Management's report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

APWC's management, including APWC's CEO and CFO, is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. We do not expect that our internal control will prevent all errors and all fraud, or eliminate the possibility of fraudulent conduct. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, a control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

APWC's management, including APWC's CEO and CFO, has assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023 (the "Assessment Date"). In making its assessment, management used the criteria set forth in "Internal Control — Integrated Framework" issued in 2013 by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"). These criteria include the control environment, risk assessment, control activities, information and communication and monitoring of each of the above criteria. Based on this assessment, APWC's management, including APWC's CEO and CFO, concluded that APWC's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of the Assessment Date.

Attestation report of registered public accounting firm

This Annual Report does not contain an attestation report of our registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by our registered public accounting firm due to the fact that such report is not required as APWC is a non-accelerated filer.

Changes in internal control over financial reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation of such internal control that occurred during the last fiscal year that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 16A: AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

For each of 2023, 2022 and 2021, APWC's Audit committee has consisted of APWC's three independent directors, Mr. Anson Chan, Dr. Yichin Lee and Dr. Lambert L. Ding, with Mr. Chan serving as the Audit Committee's chairman and financial expert. The Audit Committee of the Board meets the independence requirements set forth in Regulation 10A-3 under the Exchange Act and under the rules of Nasdaq. Please see Section 6.a. of this Annual Report for additional information on Mr. Chan, Dr. Lee and Dr. Ding.

ITEM 16B: CODE OF ETHICS

On April 26, 2005, APWC adopted a code of ethics applicable to its Chief Executive Officer and senior financial officers. A copy of APWC's code of ethics for senior executives is on file with the SEC (see Item 19 below).

ITEM 16C: PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES*Audit Fees*

The aggregate fees for fiscal years 2023 and 2022 for professional services rendered by the principal independent accountant for the audit of APWC's annual financial statements totaled \$0.9 million and \$0.9 million, respectively.

Tax Fees

The aggregate fees for fiscal years 2023 and 2022 for professional services rendered by the principal independent accountant for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning totaled approximately \$30.0 thousand and \$41.7 thousand, respectively.

All Other Fees

(None)

Audit Committee Approval

The engagement of the independent accountant to render audit, audit-related and non-audit services is entered into pursuant to pre-approval policies and procedures established in the Charter of the Audit Committee of APWC. Each of the services described in this Item 16C was approved by the Audit Committee.

ITEM 16D: EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LISTING STANDARDS FOR THE AUDIT COMMITTEES

The Audit Committee of the Board consists of three directors, each of whom is independent, as such term is defined in Regulation 10A-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act, and one of whom is a financial expert.

ITEM 16E: PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY THE ISSUER AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS

Not applicable

ITEM 16F: CHANGE IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT

Not applicable

ITEM 16G: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

PEWC holds more than 50% of our issued and outstanding Common Shares. Accordingly, we are a "controlled company" within the meaning of Nasdaq's corporate governance standards, and may elect to utilize exemptions from certain corporate governance standards, including the requirement (1) that a majority of the board of directors consist of independent directors, (2) to have a nominating committee that is comprised entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities and (3) to have a compensation committee that is comprised entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities. We utilize the controlled company exemption for (1) the requirement to have a majority of our board of directors consist of

independent directors, and (2) the requirement to have a nominating committee that is comprised entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing such committee's purpose and responsibilities. While we rely on the controlled company exemption for (2), our independent directors oversee our process for identifying director nominees and review the qualifications of such nominees.

At present, a majority of the Board is affiliated with PEWC, and we rely on Nasdaq's allowance for foreign private issuers to follow home country practices in lieu of the requirement that listed companies have regularly scheduled meetings at which only independent directors are present ("executive sessions"). Nonetheless, our independent directors meet periodically in their capacity as members of our Audit Committee. Our independent auditors and management occasionally join such meetings, in the interest of communicating management's analysis of the Company's financial performance and compliance with relevant corporate governance requirements.

Because we have fewer independent directors (i.e. those who meet Nasdaq's independence standards) on our Board than issuers that comply with all of Nasdaq's corporate governance standards, investors are not provided the same level of protection afforded to investors in issuers that comply with all of Nasdaq's corporate governance standards.

As APWC's majority shareholder, PEWC has sufficient votes to control the outcome of any matter presented for a shareholder vote, including the election of each member of the Board. PEWC may vote its shares in APWC in the manner that it sees fit. In addition, subject to applicable securities laws, PEWC may sell, convey or encumber all or a portion of its ownership interest in APWC without regard to the best interests of APWC's other shareholders, except to the extent that it is prohibited from engaging in conduct oppressive to non-controlling interests under applicable law. The interests of PEWC may conflict with our interests or the interests of our other shareholders. As a result, PEWC may take actions with respect to us or our business that may not be in our or our other shareholders' best interest.

ITEM 16H: MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE

Not applicable

ITEM 16I. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS

Not applicable

ITEM 16J. INSIDER TRADING POLICIES

Not applicable

ITEM 16K. CYBERSECURITY

Cybersecurity Risk management and strategy

Our cybersecurity risk management program aims to identify threats, to present and evaluate them transparently, to mitigate, and manage them proactively. We have developed an Information Security Management System ("ISMS") in accordance with ISO (International Organization for Standardization) 27001 intended to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of our critical systems and information.

We conduct assessments in the event of a material change in our business practices that may affect information systems, products, services, and our IT environment. These assessments include identification of reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks, the likelihood and potential damage that could result from such risks, and the sufficiency of existing policies, procedures, systems, and safeguards in place to manage such risks.

We periodically conduct ongoing internal and external vulnerability analyses, including simulated attacks as well as external testing via a third-party to evaluate the effectiveness of our cybersecurity process and controls.

Our Company has a dedicated IT director who is responsible for investigating all security incidents and alerts including determining the threat type, incident scope and incident severity. Where appropriate, major incidents are escalated according to ISMS.

In 2023, we did not identify any risks from cybersecurity threats, including as a result of any previous cybersecurity incidents, that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect us, including our business strategy, results of operations or financial condition. Despite our efforts, we cannot eliminate all risks from cybersecurity threats, or provide assurance that we have not experienced an undetected cybersecurity incident. For more information about these risks, please see “Item 3. Key Information – D. Risk Factors.”

Cybersecurity Governance

The stewardship of our information security management initiatives is under the guidance of our IT director Mr. Chu, who leads a dedicated team. His extensive information security work experience spans over 10 years, including roles as a cybersecurity manager, ISMS manager in a leading LCD industry enterprise, and holding an ISO 27001 Lead Auditor certification. This team is responsible for coordinating a comprehensive array of information security strategies and controls. Additionally, they are charged with the assessment and classification of the severity of potential information security incidents, as well as the formulation and execution of responsive and restorative measures. The team is also instrumental in the facilitation and enactment of pertinent policies, procedures, and security protocols.

Members of the audit committee receive regular updates from management, regarding cybersecurity related matters. This includes existing and new cybersecurity risks, how management is addressing, managing and/or mitigating those risks, cybersecurity and data privacy incidents (if relevant), and the status of key information security initiatives.

If a cybersecurity incident occurs, our cybersecurity-related departments will promptly organize personnel for internal assessment. If it is further determined that the incident could potentially be a material cybersecurity event, the cybersecurity-related departments will promptly report the incident and assessment results to our CEO and CFO, and, to the extent appropriate, involve external legal counsel to provide advice. Our management shall prepare disclosure material on the cybersecurity incident for review and approval by our board of directors before it is disseminated to the public.

Part III

ITEM 17: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our Company has provided the financial statements and related information specified in Item 18.

ITEM 18: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

See pages F-1 – F-86.

ITEM 19: EXHIBITS

19.1 Index to Audited Financial Statements

Report of independent registered public accounting firm

Consolidated income statements for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021

Consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021

Consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2023 and 2022

Consolidated statements of changes in equity for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021

Consolidated statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021

Notes to consolidated financial statements

19.2 Index to Exhibits

- 1.1 Memorandum of Association of Asia Pacific Wire & Cable Corporation Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 of the Company's annual report on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 21, 2001). (P)
- 1.2 [Third Amended and Restated Bye-Laws of Asia Pacific Wire & Cable Corporation Limited \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's annual report on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 30, 2012\).](#)
- 2.1 [Description of the Rights of Holders of Common Shares \(filed herewith\).](#)
- 4.1 Composite Services Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 13, 1996). (P)
- 8 [List of significant subsidiaries \(see Note 2.2 to the consolidated financial statements\).](#)
- 11 [Code of Ethics \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 11 of the Company's annual report on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 9, 2007\).](#)
- 12.1 [Certification of Chief Executive Officer of the Company, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act \(filed herewith\).](#)
- 12.2 [Certification of Chief Financial Officer of the Company, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act \(filed herewith\).](#)
- 13.1 [Certification by Chief Executive Officer of periodic financial report pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as mandated by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act \(filed herewith\).](#)
- 13.2 [Certification by Chief Financial Officer of periodic financial report pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as mandated by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act \(filed herewith\).](#)
- 15.1 [Amended and Restated Audit Committee Charter \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 16.G of the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 13, 2011\).](#)
- 97.1 [Asia Pacific Wire & Cable Corporation Limited Clawback Policy \(filed herewith\).](#)
- 101.INS* Inline XBRL Instance Document.
- 101.SCH* Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
- 101.CAL* Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
- 101.DEF* Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
- 101.LAB* Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
- 101.PRE* Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.
- 104* Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

(P) – Paper filings

SIGNATURE

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this annual report on its behalf.

**ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE
CORPORATION LIMITED**

April 25, 2024

/s/ Yuan Chun Tang

Name: Yuan Chun Tang

Title: Chief Executive Officer

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022

Years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021

[Table of Contents](#)

INDEX TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONTENTS

Reports of independent registered public accounting firm (PCAOB ID 1345)	F-2
Consolidated income statements	F-4
Consolidated statements of comprehensive income	F-5
Consolidated balance sheets	F-6
Consolidated statements of changes in equity	F-7
Consolidated statements of cash flows	F-8
Notes to the consolidated financial statements	F-10
1. Principal activities and corporate information	
2. Basis of Preparation	
2.1 Basis of Preparation	
2.2 Basis of consolidation	
3. Summary of significant accounting policies	
4. New Standards and interpretations	
5. Segment information	
6. Material partly-owned subsidiaries	
7. Income and expenses items	
8. Income tax	
9. Earnings per share	
10. Cash and cash equivalents	
11. Financial assets and financial liabilities	
12. Trade and other receivables	
13. Inventories	
14. Contract assets	
15. Property, plant and equipment	
16. Right of use assets	
17. Investment properties	
18. Intangible assets	
19. Investment in associates	
20. Trade and other payables	
21. Employee benefit liabilities	
22. Other current liabilities	
23. Equity	
24. Related party transactions	
25. Commitments and contingencies	
26. Fair value measurement	
27. Financial risk management objectives	
28. Cash flow information	
29. Subsequent event	
30. Approval of the financial statements	

[Table of Contents](#)**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Asia Pacific Wire & Cable Corporation Limited:

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Asia Pacific Wire & Cable Corporation Limited and its subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the “consolidated financial statements”). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023 in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical Audit Matters

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that (i) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (ii) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

Revenue Recognition – Estimating Measure of Progress for Supply, Delivery and Installation (“SDI”) Contracts

As described in Note 3.14 and 5 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company’s revenues include revenue from the supply, delivery and installation (“SDI”) of cable to power transmission contracts which amounted to \$57.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2023. Such revenue is recognized over a period of

[Table of Contents](#)

time, during which the Company satisfied its performance obligations to the customer. The Company used an input method (cost-to-cost) to measure the progress towards satisfaction of performance obligation. The estimate about revenue, costs and progress towards complete satisfaction of a performance obligation may revise when there is a change in circumstances and determine the amount of related revenue. Due to the nature of the work performed, management's estimation of the progress towards completion of performance obligation is complex and requires significant judgment.

The principal considerations for our determination that performing procedures relating to revenue recognition – estimating measure of progress for supply, delivery and installation is a critical audit matter are (i) the significant judgment by management in developing the estimates of total revenues and total costs at completion, including significant judgments and assumptions on a contract by contract basis and (ii) a high degree of auditor judgment, subjectivity, and effort in performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence related to management's estimates of total revenues and total costs at completion for contracts.

Addressing the matter involved performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence in connection with forming our overall opinion on the consolidated financial statements. These procedures included, among others, testing management's process for developing the estimates of total revenues and total costs at completion, including evaluating on a test basis, the reasonableness of certain significant judgments and assumptions considered by management specific to each contract. Evaluating the significant judgments and assumptions related to the estimates of total revenues and total costs at completion involved evaluating whether the significant judgments and assumptions used by management were reasonable considering (i) management's historical forecasting accuracy; (ii) evidence to support the relevant aforementioned assumptions; (iii) the consistent application of accounting policies; and (iv) the timely identification of circumstances which may require a modification to a previous estimate.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers, Taiwan
Taipei, Taiwan
Republic of China
April 25, 2024

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2017.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS

For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021

		2023	2022	2021
	Note	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Revenue	5(e)	425,772	433,893	476,659
Cost of sales	7(g),13	(395,545)	(401,363)	(455,508)
Gross profit		30,227	32,530	21,151
Other operating income	7(a)	433	1,026	587
Selling, general and administrative, research and development expenses		(24,472)	(24,978)	(26,484)
Other operating expenses	7(b)	—	(3)	(7)
Net impairment loss on financial and contract assets	7(c)	(4,640)	(508)	(220)
Operating profit/(loss)		1,548	8,067	(4,973)
Finance costs	7(d)	(2,527)	(1,650)	(1,251)
Finance income	7(e)	205	120	123
Share of loss of associates	19	(2)	(1)	(1)
Exchange gain/(loss)		679	143	(4,425)
Other income	7(f)	570	889	671
Other expenses		(9)	(3)	(1)
Profit/(loss) before tax		464	7,565	(9,857)
Income tax (expense)/benefit	8	(162)	(2,808)	1,345
Profit/(loss) for the year		302	4,757	(8,512)
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent		3,867	3,874	(2,642)
Non-controlling interests		(3,565)	883	(5,870)
		302	4,757	(8,512)
Earnings/(loss) per share				
Basic and diluted profit/(loss) for the year attributable to equity holders of the parent	9	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.19	\$ (0.19)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	Note	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Profit/(loss) for the year		302	4,757	(8,512)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)				
<i>Other comprehensive income/(loss) to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:</i>				
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations, net of tax of \$0	23(c)	784	(9,506)	(15,028)
		<u>784</u>	<u>(9,506)</u>	<u>(15,028)</u>
<i>Other comprehensive income/(loss) not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:</i>				
Changes in the fair value of equity instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	11(d)	1,104	(1,352)	734
Income tax effect	8	(221)	270	(147)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) from equity instruments measured at fair value, net of tax	23(c)	883	(1,082)	587
Re-measuring income on defined benefit plans	21	1,885	732	559
Income tax effect	8	(377)	(147)	(112)
Defined benefit pension plan, net of tax	23(c)	1,508	585	447
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year, net of tax		<u>3,175</u>	<u>(10,003)</u>	<u>(13,994)</u>
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year, net of tax		<u><u>3,477</u></u>	<u><u>(5,246)</u></u>	<u><u>(22,506)</u></u>
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent		5,464	(3,827)	(10,193)
Non-controlling interests		(1,987)	(1,419)	(12,313)
		<u><u>3,477</u></u>	<u><u>(5,246)</u></u>	<u><u>(22,506)</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022

	Note	As of December 31,	
		2023	2022
		US\$'000	US\$'000
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents (excluding bank overdrafts)	10	37,970	54,017
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	11	307	39
Trade receivables	12	104,955	81,982
Other receivables	12,27(e)	1,670	2,397
Contract assets	14	13,946	12,450
Due from related parties	24	1,368	11,018
Inventories	13	128,230	130,608
Prepayments		2,595	3,341
Other current assets		3,909	3,673
		<u>294,950</u>	<u>299,525</u>
Non-current assets			
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	11,26	2,902	1,553
Property, plant and equipment	15,27(e)	49,941	50,713
Right of use assets	16(a)	2,825	3,432
Investment properties	17,26	5,112	5,250
Intangible assets	18	124	139
Investments in associates	19	810	805
Deferred tax assets	8	7,799	7,143
Other non-current assets		2,201	2,459
		<u>71,714</u>	<u>71,494</u>
Total assets		<u>366,664</u>	<u>371,019</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	11(b)	53,737	45,576
Trade and other payables	20	51,743	39,891
Due to related parties	24	7,941	16,613
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	11,26	74	6
Accruals		15,250	21,218
Current tax liabilities		2,116	2,432
Employee benefit liabilities	21	1,839	1,947
Lease liabilities		638	627
Other current liabilities	22	7,235	5,289
		<u>140,573</u>	<u>133,599</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	11(b)	—	12,155
Employee benefit liabilities	21	5,997	7,693
Lease liabilities		1,445	1,947
Deferred tax liabilities	8	3,840	4,197
Other non-current liabilities	3	188	—
		<u>11,470</u>	<u>25,992</u>
Total liabilities		<u>152,043</u>	<u>159,591</u>
Equity			
Issued capital	23	206	206
Additional paid-in capital		118,103	118,103
Treasury shares		(38)	(38)
Retained earnings		57,931	54,064
Other components of equity		(19,143)	(20,740)
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		<u>157,059</u>	<u>151,595</u>
Non-controlling interests	6	57,562	59,833
Total equity		<u>214,621</u>	<u>211,428</u>
Total liabilities and equity		<u>366,664</u>	<u>371,019</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021

Attributable to the equity holders of the parent

	Issued capital	Additional paid-in capital	Treasury shares	Retained earnings	Remeasurement of defined benefit plans	Financial assets at FVOCI reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Total	Non- controlling interests	Total equity
Note	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Balance at January 1, 2021	138	110,416	(38)	52,832	(1,540)	655	(4,603)	157,860	77,015	234,875
Net profit	—	—	—	(2,642)	—	—	—	(2,642)	(5,870)	(8,512)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	23	—	—	—	228	300	(8,079)	(7,551)	(6,443)	(13,994)
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	—	—	—	(2,642)	228	300	(8,079)	(10,193)	(12,313)	(22,506)
Dividends paid	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2,817)	(2,817)
Effect from the changes in shareholding percentage in subsidiary	23	(167)	—	—	—	—	—	(167)	(68)	(235)
Balance at December 31, 2021	138	110,249	(38)	50,190	(1,312)	955	(12,682)	147,500	61,817	209,317
Net loss	—	—	—	3,874	—	—	—	3,874	883	4,757
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	23	—	—	—	298	(551)	(7,448)	(7,701)	(2,302)	(10,003)
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	—	—	—	3,874	298	(551)	(7,448)	(3,827)	(1,419)	(5,246)
Dividends paid	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(565)	(565)
Issuance of common stock for cash	23	68	7,854	—	—	—	—	7,922	—	7,922
Balance at December 31, 2022	206	118,103	(38)	54,064	(1,014)	404	(20,130)	151,595	59,833	211,428
Net profit	—	—	—	3,867	—	—	—	3,867	(3,565)	302
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	23	—	—	—	768	450	379	1,597	1,578	3,175
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	—	—	—	3,867	768	450	379	5,464	(1,987)	3,477
Dividends paid	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(284)	(284)
Balance at December 31, 2023	206	118,103	(38)	57,931	(246)	854	(19,751)	157,059	57,562	214,621

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021

		2023	2022	2021
	Note	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Operating activities:				
Profit/(loss) before tax		464	7,565	(9,857)
Adjustments to reconcile profit before tax to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation	15,16,17	6,157	5,790	5,447
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	15	—	—	7
Amortization of intangible assets	18	54	45	47
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	7(a)	(39)	(132)	(318)
Gain on disposal of assets classified as held for sale	7(a)	—	(240)	—
Gain on disposal of investment property	7(a)	—	(271)	—
Adjustment for on fair value of derivatives	7(f)	(196)	(33)	(259)
Dividend income	7(f)	(97)	(97)	(106)
Finance income	7(e)	(205)	(120)	(123)
Finance costs	7(d)	2,527	1,650	1,251
Share of loss of associates	19	2	1	1
Impairment for trade receivables	7(b),12(a)	75	509	205
Impairment (reversal of impairment) for trade receivables for related parties	7(a),7(b),7(c)	4,565	(1)	15
Impairment (write-back of impairment) of inventories	13	(10,255)	(1,119)	14,136
Unrealized foreign exchange difference, net		(325)	245	1,784
(Gain) on lease modification		—	(74)	(2)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities				
Trade and other receivable		(21,003)	16,720	(25,739)
Contract assets		(1,236)	(952)	(1,387)
Inventories		13,917	(4,389)	(53,857)
Prepayment and other current assets		820	(35)	(886)
Amounts due to/from related parties		(3,772)	807	3,911
Other non-current assets		195	(54)	(169)
Trade and other payables, accruals, other current liabilities and other non-current liabilities		6,659	(14,035)	28,896
Net cash flows (used in)/provided by operating activities		(1,693)	11,780	(37,003)
Dividend received		97	97	106
Interest received		205	119	131
Interest paid		(2,381)	(1,475)	(1,078)
Income tax paid		(2,318)	(3,955)	(3,768)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(6,090)	6,566	(41,612)
Investing activities:				
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	28	(4,254)	(3,746)	(8,547)
Purchases of intangible assets	18	(40)	(62)	(4)
Purchases of investment properties	17	—	(12)	—
Purchases of long-term bank deposits		(87)	—	(38)
Purchases of short-term bank deposits		(407)	—	(1,364)
(Investment in) financial assets at fair value through OCI	11	(240)	—	—
Proceeds from disposal of held for sale assets		—	241	—
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		168	204	399
Proceeds from disposal of investment property		—	301	—
Proceeds from maturities of long-term bank deposits		—	307	—
Proceeds from maturities of short-term bank deposits		—	112	3,401
Net cash used in investing activities		(4,860)	(2,655)	(6,153)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (continued)
For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021

		2023	2022	2021
	Note	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Financing activities:				
Dividend paid to non-controlling shareholders of subsidiaries	28	(357)	(565)	(2,817)
Issuance of common stock for cash	23	—	7,922	—
Repayments of borrowings	28	(7,256)	(19,278)	(11,819)
Repayments of borrowings - related parties		—	—	(6,000)
Proceeds from borrowings	28	2,799	22,167	63,915
Principal elements of lease payments	28	(691)	(616)	(632)
Effect from the changes in shareholding percentage in subsidiary		—	—	(235)
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		(5,505)	9,630	42,412
Effect of exchange rate		408	(2,036)	(4,372)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		(16,047)	11,505	(9,725)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	10	54,017	42,512	52,237
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	10	37,970	54,017	42,512

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

1. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND CORPORATE INFORMATION

Asia Pacific Wire & Cable Corporation Limited (“APWC”), which is a subsidiary of Pacific Electric Wire & Cable Co., Ltd. (“PEWC”), a Taiwanese company, was incorporated as an exempted company in Bermuda on September 19, 1996 under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended) for the purpose of acting as a holding company. APWC is principally engaged in owning operating companies engaged in the power cable, telecommunication cable, enameled wire and electronic cable industry. APWC’s registered office is located at Victoria Place, 5th Floor, 31 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 10, Bermuda. APWC’s executive business office is presently located in Taipei, Taiwan.

APWC’s operating subsidiaries (the “Operating Subsidiaries”) are engaged in the manufacturing and distribution of telecommunications, power cable and enameled wire products in Singapore, Thailand, Australia, the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) and other markets in the Asia Pacific region. Major customers of the Operating Subsidiaries include government organizations, electric contracting firms, electrical dealers, and wire and cable factories. The Operating Subsidiaries also engage in the distribution of certain wire and cable products manufactured by PEWC and third parties. The Operating Subsidiaries also provides project engineering services in supply, delivery and installation (the “SDI”) of power cable to certain of its customers.

Since 1997, APWC has been a U.S. public company with its common shares registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC” or the “Commission”). On April 29, 2011, APWC’s common shares commenced trading on Nasdaq Capital Market tier. On February 15, 2013, APWC’s common shares started trading on the Nasdaq Global Market tier. On July 24, 2020, APWC transferred its listing of common shares to the Nasdaq Capital Market tier because of failing to meet the minimum Market Value of Publicly Held Shares (“MVPHS”) requirement to continue listing on the Nasdaq Global Market.

On January 14, 2022, APWC distributed subscription rights without charges to its shareholder to purchase additional common shares of APWC. On February 2, 2022, APWC announced the completion of this rights offering, which was oversubscribed. In the rights offering, APWC issued and sold 6,796,558 common shares at \$1.22 per share pursuant to the exercise of subscription rights, raising net proceeds of \$7.9 million after deducting offering expenses. Following the completion of the rights offering, APWC had 20,616,227 common shares outstanding.

PEWC is currently holding 80.96% of the equity of APWC and is APWC’s ultimate parent company.

Share Capital Repurchase Program

APWC’s Board of Directors authorized a share capital repurchase program on August 28, 2012. During 2012 and 2013, APWC repurchased 11,100 shares with total considerations of \$38 until APWC suspended the share capital repurchase program as of June 30, 2013. APWC records the value of its common shares held in the treasury at cost.

On August 13, 2014, APWC announced that its Board of Directors authorized the future implementation of a share repurchase program of up to \$1 million worth of its Common Shares. APWC did not announce a commencement date for that future share repurchase program, and, to date, it has not yet been implemented, and no financial liability has been recognized.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

- 2.1 The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”).

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (continued)

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical basis except where otherwise disclosed in the accounting policies. The consolidated financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand (US\$'000), except when otherwise indicated.

2.2 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of APWC and its subsidiaries (collectively as “our Company”) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of operations of our Company for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date of acquisition (the date on which our Company obtains control), and continue to be consolidated until the date that such control ceases. Our Company controls an entity when our Company is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the parent company, using consistent accounting policies. All intra-group balances, transactions, unrealized gains and losses and dividends resulting from intra-group transactions are eliminated in full.

Non-controlling interests in the results and equity of subsidiaries are shown separately in the consolidated income statements, statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and balance sheets, respectively. Total comprehensive income (loss) within a subsidiary is attributed to the non-controlling interest even if it results in a deficit balance.

A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary, without a loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction. If our Company loses control over a subsidiary, it:

- ▶ Derecognizes the assets (including goodwill) and liabilities of the subsidiary
- ▶ Derecognizes the carrying amount of any non-controlling interest
- ▶ Derecognizes the cumulative transaction differences recorded in equity
- ▶ Recognizes the fair value of the consideration received
- ▶ Recognizes the fair value of any investment retained
- ▶ Recognizes any surplus or deficit in profit or loss
- ▶ Reclassifies the parent’s share of components previously recognized in other comprehensive income to profit or loss or retained earnings, as appropriate, as would be required if our Company had directly disposed of the related assets or liability.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (continued)**2.2 Basis of consolidation (continued)**

The subsidiaries of our Company are set out below:

Place of incorporation and operations	Percentage of equity interest	
	2023	2022
<u>The British Virgin Islands</u>		
APWC General Holdings Limited	100 %	100 %
PRC (APWC) Holding Ltd.	100 %	100 %
Samray Inc.	100 %	100 %
Siam (APWC) Holdings Ltd.	100 %	100 %
Moon View Ltd.	100 %	100 %
Trigent Investment Holdings Limited	100 %	100 %
Crown Century Holdings Ltd.	100 %	100 %
<u>Singapore</u>		
Sigma Cable Company (Private) Limited ("Sigma Cable")	98.30 %	98.30 %
Epan Industries Pte Ltd.	98.30 %	98.30 %
Singvale Pte Ltd.	100 %	100 %
<u>The People's Republic of China ("PRC")</u>		
Ningbo Pacific Cable Co., Ltd. ("Ningbo Pacific")	97.93 %	97.93 %
Shanghai Yayang Electric Co., Ltd. ("SYE")	68.75 %	68.75 %
Pacific Electric Wire & Cable (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd. ("PEWS")	97.93 %	97.93 %
<u>Hong Kong</u>		
Crown Century Holdings Limited ("CCH (HK)")	97.93 %	97.93 %
<u>Australia</u>		
Australia Pacific Electric Cable Pty Limited ("APEC")	98.06 %	98.06 %
<u>Thailand</u>		
Charoong Thai Wire and Cable Public Company Limited ("Charoong Thai") (i)	50.93 %	50.93 %
Siam Pacific Electric Wire & Cable Company Limited ("Siam Pacific")	50.93 %	50.93 %
Double D Cable Company Limited ("Double D")	50.93 %	50.93 %
Hard Lek Limited.	73.98 %	73.98 %
APWC (Thailand) Co., Ltd.	99.48 %	99.48 %
PEWC (Thailand) Co., Ltd.	99.48 %	99.48 %
CTW Beta Co., Ltd.	50.89 %	50.89 %
Siam Fiber Optics Co., Ltd. ("SFO")	50.93 %	50.93 %
<u>Taiwan</u>		
Asia Pacific New Energy Corporation Limited ("APNEC") (ii)	100.00 %	100.00 %
Pacific Smart System Corporation Limited ("PSSC") (ii) (Formerly YASHIN Energy Corporation Limited)	100.00 %	100.00 %
YADING Energy Corporation Limited ("YADING")	100.00 %	100.00 %

(i) Charoong Thai is listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand and is engaged in the manufacturing of wire and cable products for the power and telecommunications industries in Thailand.

(ii) On December 15, 2022, APWC contributed additional capital in APNEC in the form of a cash injection of \$3.9 million (or NT\$120 million). Following that, on December 16, 2022, APNEC increased the capital of its subsidiary PSSC by injecting US\$2.3 million (or NT\$70 million) in cash.

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Our Company has consistently applied the following accounting policies to all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements, except as mentioned otherwise (see also Note 4.1).

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.1 Current versus non-current classification**

Our Company presents assets and liabilities in the balance sheets based on current and non-current classification. An asset is current when it is:

- ▶ Expected to be realized or intended to be sold or consumed in the normal operating cycle;
- ▶ Held primarily for the purpose of trading;
- ▶ Expected to be realized within twelve months after the reporting period; or
- ▶ Cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period.

All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is current when:

- ▶ It is expected to be settled in a normal operating cycle;
- ▶ It is held primarily for the purpose of trading;
- ▶ It is due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting period; or
- ▶ There is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period.

Our Company classifies all other liabilities as non-current.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are classified as non-current assets and liabilities.

3.2 Operating profit

The operating profit is the profit earned from core business operations, and it does not include any profit earned from investment and the effects of interest and taxes.

3.3 Fair value measurement

Our Company measures financial instruments at fair value at each balance sheet date. In addition, fair values of financial instruments measured at amortized cost are disclosed in Note 11(d).

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- ▶ In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- ▶ In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible to by our Company.

F-13

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.3 Fair value measurement (continued)**

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

Our Company uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximizing the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorized within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- ▶ Level 1 — Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- ▶ Level 2 — Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the assets or liability, either directly or indirectly
- ▶ Level 3 — Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable

For assets and liabilities that are recognized in the financial statements on a recurring basis, our Company determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorization (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, our Company has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

3.4 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated balance sheet comprise of cash at banks and highly liquid investments with purchased maturities of three months or less, which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

For the purpose of the consolidated statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are net of outstanding bank overdrafts as they are considered an integral part of our Company's cash management.

3.5 Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost of manufactured goods is determined on the weighted average basis and, in the case of work in progress and finished goods, comprises direct materials, direct labor and an appropriate proportion of overheads based on the normal operating capacity. Cost of distributed goods is determined on the weighted average basis. Net realizable value is based on estimated selling prices less any estimated costs to be incurred to completion and the estimated cost necessary to make the sale.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.6 Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Such cost includes the cost of replacing part of the property, plant and equipment and borrowing costs for long-term construction projects if the recognition criteria are met.

Expenditure incurred after items of property, plant and equipment have been put into operation, such as repairs and maintenance, is normally charged to profit or loss in the period in which it is incurred. In situations where the recognition criteria are satisfied, the expenditure for a major inspection is capitalized in the carrying amount of the asset as a replacement. When significant parts of property, plant and equipment are required to be replaced at intervals, our Company recognizes such parts as individual assets with specific useful lives and depreciates them accordingly.

Spare parts and servicing equipment are usually carried as inventory and recognized in profit or loss as consumed. However, major spare parts and stand-by equipment qualify as property, plant and equipment when an entity expects to use them for more than one year.

The present value of the expected cost for the decommissioning of an asset after its use is included in the cost of the respective asset if the recognition criteria for a provision are met. A provision shall be recognized when:

- (a) an entity has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event;
- (b) it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; and
- (c) a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

If these conditions are not met, no provision shall be recognized.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

▶ Buildings	15-30 years
▶ Building improvement	2-20 years
▶ Machinery and equipment	4-20 years
▶ Motor vehicles	3-10 years
▶ Office equipment	3-20 years

An item of property, plant and equipment and any significant part initially recognized is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in the income statement when the asset is derecognized.

The assets' residual values, useful lives and methods of depreciation are reviewed at each financial year end, and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)***Impairment***

If circumstances arise which indicate assets might be impaired, a review should be undertaken of their cash generating abilities through either use or sales. This review will produce an amount, which should be compared with the asset's carrying value, and if the carrying value is higher, the difference must be written off as an impairment adjustment in the income statement. Further detailed methodology used for an impairment test is given in Note 3.11 - Impairment of non-financial assets.

3.7 Leases

Our Company assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, our Company assesses whether the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

Our Company as a lessee

Our Company, as a lessee, applies a single accounting model to recognize assets and liabilities for all leases, except for the lease term is 12 months or less or the underlying asset has a low value. Our Company recognizes lease liabilities to make lease payment and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

(i) Right-of-use assets

Our Company recognizes right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognized, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payment made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

▶ Land use right	2 to 37 years
▶ Buildings	2 to 3 years
▶ Motor vehicles	2 to 3 years
▶ Office equipment	3 to 5 years

If the ownership of the leased asset transfers to our Company at the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset.

The right-of-use assets are also subject to impairment. Refer to the accounting policies Note 3.11 impairment of non-financial assets.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.7 Leases (continued)***(ii) Lease liabilities*

At the commencement date of the lease, our Company recognizes lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payment to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by our Company and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects our Company exercising the option to terminate. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognized as expenses in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, our Company uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g. changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payment) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

(iii) Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

Our Company applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases. It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to its leases that are considered of low value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Our Company as a lessor

Leases for which our Company is a lessor are classified each of its leases as either an operating lease or finance lease.

Finance lease

Whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an underlying asset, the lease is classified as a finance lease. Amount due from lessees under finance lease are recognized as receivables at the amount of our Company's net investment in the leases. Finance lease income is allocated to accounting periods so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return on our Company's net investment outstanding in respect of the leases.

Operating lease

Leases in which our Company does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset are classified as operating leases. Rental income arising is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms and is included in other operating income in the consolidated income statements due to its operating nature. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognized over the lease term on the same basis as rental income. Contingent rents are recognized as revenue in the period in which they are earned.

Property (land and/or a building, or part of a building) subject to an operating lease shall be recognized as an investment property if, and only if, the property would otherwise meet the definition of an investment property.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.8 Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs are required to be capitalized as part of the cost of the asset if they are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or productions of a qualifying asset (whether or not the funds have been borrowed specifically). All other borrowing costs are recognized as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

A qualifying asset is an asset that necessarily takes a substantial period to get ready for its intended use or sale.

Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that an entity incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds.

Borrowing costs include:

- ▶ interest expense calculated using the effective interest method;
- ▶ finance charges in respect of lease liabilities; and
- ▶ exchange differences arising from foreign currency borrowings to the extent that they are regarded as an adjustment to interest costs. Exchange differences are generally regarded as borrowing costs only to the extent that the combined borrowing costs, including exchange differences, approximate the amount of borrowing costs on functional currency equivalent borrowings.

For specific borrowings, the borrowing costs eligible for capitalization are the actual borrowing costs incurred related to funds that are borrowed specifically to obtain a qualifying asset less any investment income earned on the temporary investment of those borrowings.

For general borrowings, the capitalization rate applied to borrowing costs on the consolidation level will be based on cash management strategy, which might be the weighted average of the group borrowings outstanding during the period.

3.9 Investment properties

Investment properties are properties held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation (including property under construction for such purposes). Investment properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are carried at historical cost less provisions for depreciation and impairment. Additional costs incurred subsequent to the acquisition of an asset increase the carrying amount of the asset or recognized as a separate asset if it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the assets will flow into our Company and the cost of an asset can be measured reliably. Routine maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. While land is not depreciated, all other investment property is depreciated based on the respective assets estimated useful lives ranging from 20 to 40 years using the straight-line method.

The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis. An investment property is derecognized upon disposal or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefits are expected from the disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the property (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in income or loss in the period in which the property is derecognized.

International Accounting Standards (“IAS”) 40 requires disclosures about the fair value of any investment property recorded at cost. See Note 17 – Investment Properties.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.10 Financial instruments**

A financial instrument is a contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

(i) Financial assets***Classification and measurement***

Except for certain trade receivables, our Company initially measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Financial instruments are subsequently measured at amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) or fair value through profit or loss (FVPL). The classification is based on two criteria: the objective of our Company's business model for managing the assets; and whether the instruments' contractual cash flows represent 'solely payments of principal and interest' on the principal amount outstanding (the 'SPPI criterion').

The classification and measurement of financial assets is as follows:

▶ *Debt instruments at amortized cost*

Financial assets meeting both conditions: (i) held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows, and (ii) the contractual terms of the financial assets give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding, are measured subsequent to initial recognition at amortized cost.

The amortized cost of a financial asset is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus the cumulative amortization using the effective interest rate ("EIR") method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses, and any impairment charges for such instruments are recognized in profit or loss.

Our Company's financial assets at amortized costs include cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, other receivable, and the receivable from related party.

▶ *Debt instruments at FVOCI with gains or losses recycled to profit or loss on derecognition*

Financial assets that are held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets, and that the contractual terms of the financial assets give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses, and any impairment charges on such instruments are recognized in profit or loss. All other fair value gains and losses are recognized in OCI. On disposal of these debt instruments, any related balance with FVOCI reserve is reclassified to profit or loss.

▶ *Equity instruments designated at FVOCI with no recycling of gains or losses on derecognition*

These instruments are undertakings in which our Company does not have significant influence or control, generally evidenced by ownership of less than 20% of the voting rights. Our Company designates these investments on an instrument by instrument basis as equity securities at FVOCI because they represent investments held for long term strategic purposes.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.10 Financial instruments (continued)****(i) Financial assets (continued)**

Investments in equity instruments at FVOCI are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with gains and losses arising from changes in fair value recognized in OCI. These investments are not subject to impairment testing and upon disposal, the cumulative gain or loss in OCI is not reclassified to profit or loss on disposal. Dividends from such investments continue to be recognized in profit or loss when our Company's right to receive payments is established.

Our Company elected to classify irrevocably its non-listed equity investments under this category.

► Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL)

Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortized cost or FVOCI are measured at FVPL. A gain or loss on a debt instrument that is subsequently measured at FVPL is recognized in profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

Even if an instrument meets the two requirements to be measured at amortized cost or FVOCI, our Company may, at initial recognition, irrevocably designate a financial asset as measured at FVPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency.

Changes in the fair value of financial assets at FVPL are recognized in the statement of profit or loss as applicable.

Reclassification

When, and only, our Company changes its business model for managing financial assets it shall reclassify all affected financial assets according to the classification and measurement criteria discussed earlier. If our Company reclassifies financial assets, it shall apply the reclassification prospectively from the reclassification date and shall not restate any previously recognized gains, losses (including impairment gains or losses) or interest.

Derecognition

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognized (i.e. removed from our Company's consolidated balance sheet) when and only when:

- (a) the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired, or
- (b) our Company has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset, or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to one or more recipients under a "pass-through" arrangement; and either (i) our Company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (ii) our Company has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset but has transferred control of the asset.

When our Company has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates the extent to which, it has retained the risks and rewards of ownership. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset and has not transferred the control of the assets, our Company continues to recognize the transferred asset to the extent of its continuing involvement. In that case, our Company also recognizes an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that our Company has retained.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.10 Financial instruments (continued)****(i) Financial assets (continued)*****Derecognition (continued)***

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that our Company could be required to repay (“the guarantee amount”).

(ii) Financial liabilities***Classification and measurement***

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings, payables, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

All financial liabilities are recognized initially at fair value and, net of directly attributable transaction costs in the case of loans and borrowings.

Our Company’s financial liabilities include trade and other payables, bank overdrafts and interest-bearing loans and borrowings. These financial liabilities represent liabilities for goods and services provided to our Company and refund liabilities arising from contracts with customers. Trade payables are non-interest bearing and are normally settled on 60-day terms. The refund liabilities are rebate and discounts for the sale of goods to external customers in the ordinary course of our Company’s activities. Trade and other payables are presented as current liabilities unless payment is not due within 12 months after the reporting period. They are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the EIR method.

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the EIR method. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognized as well as through the EIR amortization process.

Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortization is included as finance costs in the income statement.

Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled, or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in the income statement.

(iii) Foreign currency forward contracts

Non-hedging derivatives are initially recognized at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and recorded as financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. They are subsequently re-measured at fair value, and the gains or losses are recognized in profit or loss.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.10 Financial instruments (continued)****(iv) Impairment of financial instruments**

The following financial instruments are included within the scope of the impairment requirements in IFRS 9 Financial Instruments:

- (a) Financial assets measured at amortized cost;
- (b) Financial assets mandatorily measured at FVOCI;
- (c) Loan commitments when there is a present obligation to extend credit (except where these are measured at FVPL);
- (d) Financial guarantee contracts to which IFRS 9 is applied (except those measured at FVPL);
- (e) Lease receivables within the scope of IFRS 16 Leases.
- (f) Contract assets within the scope of IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers.

Our Company assesses on a forward looking basis the expected credit losses (ECLs) associated with its debt instruments carried at amortized cost and FVOCI. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

With the exception of purchased or originated credit impaired financial assets, ECLs are required to be measured through a loss allowance at an amount equal to:

- (a) credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition – recognize 12-month ECLs, and recognize interest on a gross basis; or
- (b) credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition – recognize lifetime ECL, and recognize interest on a gross basis.

Our Company assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due.

A loss allowance for full lifetime ECLs is required for contract assets or trade receivables that do not constitute a financing transaction in accordance with IFRS 15. Our Company may select its accounting policy for contract assets and trade receivables, containing a significant financing component and lease receivables to measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs.

For trade receivables and contract assets, our Company applies the simplified approach permitted by IFRS 9, which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognized from initial recognition of the receivables, see Note 12(c) for further details.

Our Company recognizes in profit or loss, the amount of expected credit losses (or reversal) that is required to adjust the loss allowance at the reporting date to the amount that is required to be recognized.

(v) Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the consolidated statement of financial position if when the following conditions are met: (i) there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognized amounts; and (ii) there is an intention to settle on a net basis, to realize the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.10 Financial instruments (continued)****(vi) Fair value of financial instruments**

The fair value of financial instruments that are traded in active markets at each reporting date is determined by reference to quoted market prices or dealer price quotations (bid price for long positions and ask price for short positions), without any deduction for transaction costs.

For financial instruments not traded in an active market, the fair value is determined using appropriate valuation techniques. Such techniques may include:

- ▶ Recent arm's length market transactions
- ▶ Current fair value of another instrument that is substantially the same
- ▶ A discounted cash flow analysis or other valuation models

3.11 Impairment of non-financial assets

Our Company assesses, at each reporting date, whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, our Company estimates the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's ("CGU") fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. A CGU is the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash flows from other assets or groups of assets. Recoverable amount is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or Company of assets. When the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. In determining fair value less costs to sell, recent market transactions are taken into account. If no such transactions can be identified, an appropriate valuation model is used. These calculations are corroborated by valuation multiples, quoted share prices for publicly traded companies or other available fair value indicators.

Our Company bases its impairment calculation on detailed budgets and forecast calculations, which are prepared separately for each of our Company's CGUs to which the individual assets are allocated. These budgets and forecast calculations generally cover a period of five years. For longer periods, a long-term growth rate is calculated and applied to project future cash flows after the fifth year.

Impairment losses of continuing operations are recognized in the income statement in expense categories consistent with the function of the impaired asset.

For assets excluding goodwill, an assessment is made at each reporting date to determine whether there is an indication that previously recognized impairment losses no longer exist or have decreased. If such indication exists, our Company estimates the asset's or CGU's recoverable amount. A previously recognized impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the assumptions used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognized. The reversal is limited so that the carrying amount of the asset does not exceed its recoverable amount, nor exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognized in the consolidated income statement.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.12 Intangible assets*****Computer software***

The costs of acquiring software is capitalized separately as an intangible asset on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. Acquired software (licenses) is stated at cost less accumulated amortization and impairment losses.

Amortization of software applications is charged to operating expenses and/or cost on a straight-line basis over 2 to 10 years from the date they are available for use.

The residual values and useful lives are reviewed at each balance sheet date and adjusted, if appropriate.

3.13 Taxes***Current income tax***

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the current period are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted, at the reporting date in the countries where our Company operates.

Current income tax relating to items recognized directly in equity is recognized in equity and not in the income statement. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in the tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulations are subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes at the reporting date.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences, except:

- ▶ When the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; or
- ▶ In respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, when the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences, the carry forward of unused tax credits and any unused tax losses. Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilized, except:

- ▶ When the deferred tax asset relating to the deductible temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; or

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.13 Taxes (continued)*****Deferred tax (continued)***

- ▶ In respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, deferred tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilized. Unrecognized deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognized to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the year when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognized in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognized in other comprehensive income or items recognized directly in equity, in which cases the tax is recognized in other comprehensive income or equity. Deferred tax relating to items recognized outside profit or loss is recognized outside profit or loss.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

Uncertain tax position

An entity's tax position might be uncertain; for example, where the tax treatment of an item of expense or structured transaction may be challenged by the tax authorities.

Our Company considers each uncertain tax positions individually, by first considering whether each position taken in the tax return is probable of being sustained on examination by the taxing authority, and recognizing a liability for each item that is not probable of being sustained. The liability then is measured using a single best estimate of the most likely outcome. The uncertain tax positions are presented in the current tax liabilities.

3.14 Revenue recognition

Our Company generates revenue primarily from the sales of wires and cables and supply, delivery and installation services to its customers (see Note 5(e)).

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognized when (or as) control of the goods or services (i.e. assets) are transferred to the customer at an amount that reflects the consideration to which our Company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Our Company has concluded that it is the principal in its revenue arrangements because it controls the goods or services before transferring them to the customer. Our Company has certain contracts with customers to perform fabrication services for its customers, converting customer-owned raw materials to wire and cable products. Our Company is responsible for fulfilling the promise to provide the specified services.

Revenue is recognized as control is passed, either over time or at a point in time.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.14 Revenue recognition (continued)**

Our Company recognizes revenue over time if one of the following criteria is met:

- (a) the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by our Company's performance as the entity performs;
- (b) our Company's performance creates or enhances an asset (for example, work in progress) that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced; or
- (c) our Company's performance does not create an asset with an alternative use to our Company and our Company has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

If our Company does not satisfy its performance obligation over time, it satisfies it at a point in time. Revenue will therefore be recognized when control is passed at a certain point in time. Factors that may indicate the point in time at which control passes include, but are not limited to:

- (a) the entity has a present right to payment for the asset;
- (b) the customer has legal title to the asset;
- (c) the entity has transferred physical possession of the asset;
- (d) the customer has the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the asset; or
- (e) the customer has accepted the asset.

When (or as) a performance obligation is satisfied, our Company recognizes as revenue the amount of the transaction price that is allocated to that performance obligation.

While deferred payment terms may be agreed in certain circumstances, the deferral never exceeds twelve months. Our Company applies the practical expedient not to adjust the promised amount of consideration for the effects of a significant financing component if our Company expects, at contract inception, that the period between when our Company transfers a promised good or service to a customer and when the customer pays for that good or service will be one year or less.

Sales of wires and cables

Revenue from sales of wires and cables is recognized at the point in time when control of the asset is transferred to the customer, generally on delivery of the wires and cables.

Variable consideration

If the consideration in a contract includes a variable amount, our Company estimates the amount of consideration to which it will be entitled in exchange for transferring the goods to the customer. The variable consideration is estimated at a contract inception and constrained until it is highly probable that a significant revenue reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur when the associated uncertainty with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved.

The amount of consideration can vary because of discounts, rebates, refunds, credits, price concessions, incentives, performance bonuses, penalties or other similar items. The promised consideration can also vary if a Company's entitlement to the consideration is contingent on the occurrence or non-occurrence of a future event.

Our Company estimates an amount of variable consideration by using either of (a) the expected value, or (b) the most likely amount, depending on which our Company expects to better predict the amount of consideration to which it will be entitled.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.14 Revenue recognition (continued)**

At the end of each reporting period, our Company updates the estimated transaction price (including updating its assessment of whether an estimate of variable consideration is constrained) to represent faithfully the circumstances present at the end of the reporting period and the changes in circumstances during the reporting period. Our Company allocates any subsequent changes in the transaction price to the performance obligations on the same basis as at contract inception.

SDI

Our Company's supply, delivery and installation services are closely interrelated in terms of their ultimate purpose or use and the customer is able to specify the major structural elements of the design. Revenue from SDI is recognized when our Company satisfies performance obligations which occurs when the control of either goods or services are transferred to the customer. Transfer of control to a customer can occur either over a period of time or at a single point in time, and the transfer of controls depends on the scope of service work orders.

Service work order that involves supply of cables, installation and/or labor (e.g. maintenance or repairing service) are not distinct and are identified to be one performance obligation satisfied over time since the elements of the service work order are highly interrelated, customized and modified for the customer. Our Company selects an input method (cost-to-cost) to measure the progress toward satisfaction of the performance obligation. Our Company's estimate about revenue, costs and progress towards complete satisfaction of a performance obligation may revise when there is a change in circumstances. Any increase or decrease in revenue or costs due to an estimate revision is reflected in profit or loss during the period when the management become aware of the changes in circumstances.

Custodial and transportation services under bill and hold arrangement

A bill and hold arrangement is a contract under which an entity bills a customer for a product but the entity retains physical possession of the product until it is transferred to the customer at a point in time in the future. Our Company identifies multiple performance obligations for its bill and hold arrangements, including sales of wires and cables, custodial service and transportation service.

Sales of wires and cables are recognized as revenue when the products are placed into warehouse and the customer has accepted the products because the control of the products has transferred to the customer.

Custodial service revenue and transportation service are recognized over time. The transaction price allocated to these services is recognized as a contract liability at the time of the initial sales transaction and released on actual basis over the period of services.

Onerous operating contracts

Onerous contract is a type of contract in which the costs of meeting the obligations under the contract are higher than the economic benefits received under the contract. The cost of fulfilling a contract comprises the costs that related directly to the contract. The costs that related directly to a contract to provide goods or services include both incremental costs and allocation of costs directly related to contract activities.

Our Company has contracts to supply products that may become onerous due to changing circumstances. Our Company establishes the unavoidable costs of meeting the obligations under the contract as an accrued liability for the contractual responsibilities. For example, when rising copper price renders a contract onerous, the liability is calculated based on the difference between the lock-in purchase copper price, or the copper price on the London Metal Exchange (the "LME") and the prices determined in the contracts, if the difference exceeds the profit of the original contract. The unavoidable costs exceeding the profit of the contract is recognized in cost of sales or other operating expense based on the nature of the unavoidable costs.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.15 Foreign currencies**

Our Company's consolidated financial statements are presented in USD, which is also the parent company's functional currency. For each entity our Company determines the functional currency and items included in the financial statements of each entity are measured using that functional currency.

Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded by our Company's entities at their respective functional currency spot rates at the date the transaction first qualifies for recognition.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency spot rates of exchange at the reporting date.

Differences arising on settlement or translation of monetary items are recognized in profit or loss with the exception of monetary items that are designated as part of the hedge of our Company's net investment of a foreign operation. These are recognized in other comprehensive income until the net investment is disposed of, at which time, the cumulative amount is reclassified to profit or loss. Tax charges and credits attributable to exchange differences on those monetary items are also recorded in other comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value is determined. The gain or loss arising on translation of non-monetary items measured at fair value is treated in line with the recognition of gain or loss on change in fair value of the item (i.e., translation differences on items whose fair value gain or loss is recognized in other comprehensive income or profit or loss are also recognized in other comprehensive income or profit or loss, respectively).

Translation to the presentation currency

The results and financial position of an entity whose functional currency are translated into a different presentation currency using the following procedures:

- a. assets and liabilities for each balance sheet presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that balance sheet;
- b. income and expenses for each statement presenting profit or loss and other comprehensive income (i.e. including comparatives) are translated at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions;
- c. all resulting exchange differences shall be recognized in other comprehensive income; and
- d. for equity items, the historical rate is used; therefore, these equity items are not retranslated.

3.16 Employee benefits

Our Company has both defined contribution and defined benefit obligation. The liabilities of our Company arising from defined benefit obligations, and the related current service cost, are determined using the projected unit credit method.

For defined benefit plans, the cost charged to the income statement consists of current service cost, net interest cost and past service cost. Remeasurements comprising of actuarial gains and losses are recognized in the period in which they occur, directly in other comprehensive income. They are included in other comprehensive income in the statement of changes in equity and in balance sheet. Remeasurements are not reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods. Contributions to defined contribution plans are charged to the income statement as incurred. All past service costs are

recognized at the earlier of when the amendment occurs. Past service cost is the term used to describe the change in a defined benefit obligation for employee

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.16 Employee benefits (continued)**

service in prior periods, arising as a result of changes to plan arrangements in the current period (i.e. plan amendments introducing or changing benefits payable, or curtailments which significantly reduce the number of covered employees). Past service costs may be either positive or negative. Gains or losses on the settlement of a defined benefit plan are recognized when the settlement occurs. Before past service costs are determined, or a gain or loss on settlement is recognized, the net defined benefit liability or asset is required to be remeasured.

Compensated absence

The cost of accumulating paid absences is recognized when employees render the service that increases their entitlement to future paid absences.

The cost of accumulating paid absences is measured as the additional amount that the entity expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement that has accumulated at the end of the reporting period.

3.17 Earnings per share

Our Company presents basic and diluted earnings per share (“EPS”) data for its common shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the net income attributable to shareholders of our Company by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period, adjusted for own shares held.

In calculating diluted EPS, the number of shares should be that used in calculating the basic EPS, plus the weighted average number of shares that would be issued on the conversion of all the dilutive potential common shares into common shares. The earnings figure should be that used for basic EPS adjusted to reflect any post-tax effects from changes that would arise if the potential shares outstanding in the period were actually issued.

3.18 Treasury shares

Own equity instruments that are reacquired (treasury shares) are recognized at cost and deducted from equity. No gain or loss is recognized in the profit or loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of our Company’s own equity instruments. Any difference between the carrying amount and the consideration, if reissued, is recognized in additional paid-in capital. Voting rights related to treasury shares are nullified and no dividends are allocated to them.

3.19 Investments in an associate

Our Company’s investment in its associates are accounted for using the equity method. An associate is an entity in which our Company has significant influence. Under the equity method, the investment is initially recognized at cost. The carrying amount of the investment is adjusted to recognize changes in our Company’s share of net assets of the associate since the acquisition date. Goodwill relating to the associate is included in the carrying amount of the investment and is neither amortized nor individually tested for impairment.

The income statement reflects our Company’s share of the results of operations of the associate. Any change in other comprehensive income of those investees is presented as part of our Company’s other comprehensive income. When there has been a change recognized directly in the equity of the associate, our Company recognizes its share of any changes, when applicable, in the statement of changes in equity. Unrealized gains and losses resulting from transactions between our Company and the associate are eliminated to the extent of the interest in the associate.

Our Company’s share of profit or loss of an associate is shown on the face of the income statement and represents profits or loss after tax and non-controlling interests in the subsidiaries of the associate.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.19 Investments in an associate (continued)**

The financial statements of the associate are prepared for the same reporting period as our Company. When necessary, adjustments are made to bring the accounting policies in line with those of our Company.

After application of the equity method, our Company determines whether it is necessary to recognize an impairment loss on its investment in its associate. Our Company determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investment in associates is impaired. If this is the case, our Company calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the associate and its carrying value and recognizes the amount in share of losses of associates in the income statement.

Upon loss of significant influence over the associate, our Company measures and recognizes any retained investment at its fair value. Any difference between the carrying amount of the associate upon loss of significant influence and the fair value of the retaining investment and proceeds from disposal is recognized in profit or loss.

3.20 Government grant

Government grants are recognized where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all attached conditions will be complied with. When the grant relates to an expense item, it is recognized as other income on a systematic basis over the periods that the related costs, which it is intended to compensate, are expensed. When the grant relates to an asset, it is recognized as income in equal amounts over the expected useful life of the related asset.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, the government grant received were \$74, \$639 and \$271, respectively, our Company recognized in the line item of other income, refer to Note 7(e).

In 2023, our company received government grants for enterprise technology renovation. These grants related to the purchase of specific items of property, plant, and equipment, have been recognized \$31 as other income for the year ended December 31, 2023 and \$188 included in other non-current liabilities as deferred income to be amortized over a period of 10 years as of December 31, 2023. There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attached to these grants.

3.21 Non-current assets held for sale

Our Company classifies non-current assets and disposal groups as held for sale/distribution to owners if their carrying amounts will be recovered principally through a sale/distribution rather than through continuing use. Non-current assets and disposal groups are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. The criteria for held for sale classification is regarded met only when the sale is highly probable and the asset or disposal group is available for immediate sale in its present condition. Management must be committed to the sale, which should be expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year from the date of classification.

Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets once classified as held for sale/distribution to owners are not depreciated or amortized.

When equity method investments are classified as held for sale, the investor discontinues the use of the equity method from the date that the investment (or the portion of it) is classified as held for sale; instead, the associate or joint venture is then measured at the lower of its carrying amount and fair value less cost to sell.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.22 Finance and other income*****Interest income***

Interest revenue shall be calculated by using the effective interest method. This shall be calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset except for:

- (a) purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets. For those financial assets, the entity shall apply the credit-adjusted effective interest rate to the amortized cost of the financial asset from initial recognition.
- (b) financial assets that are not purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets but subsequently have become credit-impaired financial assets. For those financial assets, our Company applies the effective interest rate to the amortized cost of the financial asset in subsequent reporting periods.

Rental income

Rental income arising from operating leases on investment properties is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms and is included in other operating income due to its operating nature.

Dividends

Revenue is recognized when our Company's right to receive the payment is established, which is generally when shareholders approve the dividend.

3.23 Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of our Company's consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

Judgements

In the process of applying our Company's accounting policies, management has made the following judgements, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements:

Revenue recognition - identifying single performance obligation in SDI projects

SDI projects comprise various activities such as supply cables, installation, jointing services and testing services. Those tasks are activities to fulfil the cable management service (supply and installation) and not a separate promise within the context of the contract. Our Company determines the supply cables and installation services are not capable of being distinct and identifies to be one performance obligation because of (i) the customer could not benefit from the installed cables on its own, neither using it or to sell it for an amount greater than scrap value; (ii) our Company is providing a significant integration service, and it would not be able to fulfil its promise to transfer the cables separately from its promise to the subsequent installation; (iii) the cables and installation are highly interrelated, and the customer could not benefit from the cables being delivered without subsequent installation.

Estimates and assumptions

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are described below. Our Company based its assumptions and

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.23 Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)****Estimates and assumptions (continued)**

estimates on parameters available when the consolidated financial statements were prepared. Existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments, however, may change due to market changes or circumstances arising beyond the control of our Company. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

Fair value of financial instruments

Where the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the balance sheet cannot be derived from active markets, they are determined using valuation techniques including income approach (for example, the discounted cash flows model) or the market approach. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of the financial instruments. Please refer to Note 11 for more details.

Measurement of ECL allowance for trade receivables

Our Company applies the IFRS 9 simplified approach to measure lifetime expected loss allowance for trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The expected loss rates are based on the payment profiles of the sales over a period of 36 months before December 31, 2023 and the historical credit loss experience within this period. The historical loss rates are adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on general economic conditions affecting the ability of the customers to settle the receivables. Our Company has identified the default rate of the countries where it sells the goods and services as the most relevant factor and adjusts the historical loss rates based on the expected changes accordingly.

Refer to Note 12 and Note 27 for more information regarding the impairment of trade receivables and the related credit risks.

Net realizable value of inventory

Net realized value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less estimated costs to completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale. Management makes reference to actual sales prices after reporting date when making their estimate of net realizable value.

Refer to Note 13 for more information regarding the net realizable value of inventory.

Taxes

Uncertainties exist with respect to the interpretation of complex tax regulations, changes in tax laws, and the amount and timing of future taxable income. Given the wide range of international business relationships and the long-term nature and complexity of existing contractual agreements, differences arising between the actual results and the assumptions made, or future changes to such assumptions, could necessitate future adjustments to tax income and expense already recorded. Our Company establishes provisions, based on reasonable estimates, for possible consequences of audits by the tax authorities of the respective countries in which it operates. The amount of such provisions is based on various factors, such as experience of previous tax audits and differing interpretations of tax regulations by the taxable entity and the taxing authority. Such differences of interpretation may arise on a wide variety of issues depending on the conditions prevailing in the respective domicile of the companies.

Deferred tax assets are recognized for unused tax losses to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the losses can be utilized. Significant management judgement is required to

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**3.23 Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)***Taxes (continued)*

determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognized, based upon the likely timing and the level of future taxable profits together with future tax planning strategies.

As of December 31, 2023, our Company has \$32,557 (2022: \$20,660) of tax losses carried forward. These losses related to subsidiaries that have a history of losses, do not expire and may not be used to offset taxable income elsewhere in our Company except for \$3,220 (2022: \$1,373) that will be realized. The subsidiaries do not have any tax planning opportunities available that could support the recognition of these losses as deferred tax assets. On this basis, our Company has determined that it cannot recognize deferred tax assets on the tax losses carried forward.

If our Company was able to recognize all unrecognized deferred tax assets, profit and equity would have increased by \$3,876 (2022: \$3,969; 2021: \$4,858). Further details on taxes are disclosed in Note 8.

Post-employment benefits under defined benefit plans

In accordance with the Thailand labor law, Charoong Thai and its subsidiaries are obliged to make payment to retiring employees. The cost of the defined benefit pension plan and the present value of the pension obligation are determined using actuarial valuations. An actuarial valuation involves making various assumptions that may differ from actual developments in the future. These include the determination of the discount rate, future salary increases and mortality rates. Due to the complexity of the valuation and its long-term nature, a defined benefit obligation is highly sensitive to changes in these assumptions. All assumptions are reviewed at each reporting date.

Further details about the assumptions used, including a sensitivity analysis, are given in Note 21.

Revenue recognition of SDI projects

Revenue occurs when control transfers to the customer, either over a period of time or at a single point in time, depending on the scope of each individual contract. When the transfer of control to the customer occurs over a period of time, revenue of SDI is accounted for using an input method (input costs to total expected input costs) to measure the progress used to determine the amount of related revenue. When the comparison of total contract revenue to total expected input cost indicates a loss, a provision for the entire loss on the contract shall be made in the period in which they become known. Due to the individual nature of the work to be performed on each SDI contract, management's estimation of total expected input costs is complex and requires significant judgment.

The carrying amount of our Company's gross amounts due from customers for contract work-in-progress is disclosed in Note 14.

4. NEW STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS**4.1 Recently applied accounting pronouncements**

Our Company has applied the following amendments for the first time for its annual reporting period commencing January 1, 2023:

Definition of accounting estimate - Amendments to IAS 8

Disclosure of accounting policies - Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2

Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction - Amendment to IAS 12

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4. NEW STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS (continued)**4.1 Recently applied accounting pronouncements (continued)**

The amendments listed above had no impact on the consolidated financial statements of our Company in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

4.2 New accounting pronouncements not effective

The standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of our Company's financial statements are disclosed below. Our Company intends to adopt these standards, if applicable, when they become effective.

Sales or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture – Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28

In September 2014, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 10, *Consolidated Financial Statements* and IAS 28, *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures*, entitled *Sales or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Ventures*. These narrow scope amendments clarify, that a full gain or loss is recognized when a transaction involves a business (whether it is housed in a subsidiary or not), and a partial gain or loss is recognized when a transaction involves assets that do not constitute a business. On December 17, 2015, the IASB issued an amendment that postpones the application of the amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28 indefinitely.

Our Company does not expect the amendments to have an impact on its consolidated financial statements.

Classification of liabilities as current or non-current and non-current liabilities with covenant – Amendments to IAS 1

In January 2020 and October 2022, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1 to specify to the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments clarify:

- ▶ What is meant by a right to defer settlement
- ▶ That a right to defer must exist at the end of the reporting period;
- ▶ That classification is unaffected by likelihood that an entity will exercise its deferral right;
- ▶ That only if an embedded derivative in a convertible liability is itself an equity instrument would the terms of a liability not impact its classification.

In addition, a requirement has been introduced to require disclosure when a liability arising from a loan agreement is classified as non-current and the entity's right to defer settlement is contingent on compliance with future covenants within twelve months. The disclosures include:

- ▶ The carrying amount of the liability;
- ▶ Information about the covenants;
- ▶ Fact and circumstances, if any, that indicate that the entity may have difficulty complying with the covenants.

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024 and are to be applied retrospectively. Earlier application is permitted. Our Company is based on the contractual arrangement in place at the reporting date for the classification, therefore, our Company does not expect the

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4. NEW STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS (continued)

amendment to have an impact on its consolidated financial statements. Our Company will disclose the information required when the non-current liabilities are subject to future covenants.

4.2 New accounting pronouncements not effective (continued)***Supplier finance arrangements - Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7***

On May 25, 2023, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 7 *Statement of Cash Flows* and IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* to clarify the characteristics of supplier finance arrangements and require additional disclosure of such arrangements. The disclosure requirements in the amendments are intended to assist users of financial statements in understanding the effects of supplier finance arrangements on an entity's liabilities, cash flows and exposure to liquidity risk. The amendments will be effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024. Early adoption is permitted, but will need to be disclosed.

Our Company does not expect the amendments to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. SEGMENT INFORMATION**5(a) Basis of segments**

Each segment engages in business activities which generate revenues and incur expenses. Based upon the information provided to our Company's chief operating decision maker ("CODM") to make decisions on resource allocation and operating performance evaluation, our Company has determined that it has three reportable segments.

Our Company organizes its business segments along reporting lines and has three operating segments, consisting of the North Asia region, the Thailand region and the Rest of the World ("ROW") region. Our Company considers the economic characteristics similarity in determining the reportable segments.

As the three operating segments exceed the quantitative thresholds, they are also reportable segments. Segment results are evaluated based on reported operating profit or loss from each segment. The accounting policies for segment information, including transactions entered between segments are generally the same as those described in the summary of material accounting policies.

Inter-segment revenues are eliminated upon consolidation and reflected in the "adjustments and eliminations" column. All other adjustments and eliminations are part of detailed reconciliations presented further below.

5(b) Information about reportable segments

Year ended December 31, 2023	North Asia	Thailand	ROW	Total segments	Corporate expense adjustments and eliminations	Consolidated
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Revenues						
External customers	58,649	166,925	200,198	425,772	—	425,772
Inter-segment	—	8	—	8	(8)	—
Segment operating profit/(loss)	1,794	(2,119)	8,628	8,303	(2,548)	5,755
Depreciation and amortization (including depreciation from right of use assets)	(1,506)	(3,202)	(1,424)	(6,132)	(79)	(6,211)
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Impairment loss on financial assets	(10)	(4,530)	(100)	(4,640)	—	(4,640)
Interest income	103	86	11	200	5	205
Interest expense	(30)	(1,590)	(775)	(2,395)	(4)	(2,399)
Income tax (expense)/benefit	26	(39)	(632)	(645)	483	(162)
Other disclosures						
Capital expenditure	1,952	1,629	710	4,291	3	4,294

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)**5(b) Information about reportable segments (continued)**

Year ended December 31, 2022	North Asia	Thailand	ROW	Total segments	Corporate expense adjustments and eliminations	Consolidated
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Revenues						
External customers	77,329	171,841	184,723	433,893	—	433,893
Inter-segment	—	(5)	—	(5)	5	—
Segment operating profit/(loss)	241	2,636	7,768	10,645	(3,093)	7,552
Depreciation and amortization (including depreciation from right of use assets)	(1,247)	(3,058)	(1,448)	(5,753)	(82)	(5,835)
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest income	68	49	2	119	1	120
Interest expense	(91)	(787)	(608)	(1,486)	(2)	(1,488)
Income tax expense	(354)	(420)	(1,979)	(2,753)	(55)	(2,808)
Other disclosures						
Capital expenditure	1,486	1,780	541	3,807	1	3,808

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)**5(b) Information about reportable segments (continued)**

Year ended December 31, 2021	North Asia	Thailand	ROW	Total segments	Corporate expense adjustments and eliminations	Consolidated
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Revenues						
External customers	107,032	197,779	171,848	476,659	—	476,659
Inter-segment	—	7	—	7	(7)	—
Segment operating profit/(loss)	4,523	(13,537)	6,690	(2,324)	(3,009)	(5,333)
Depreciation and amortization (including depreciation from right of use assets)	(1,074)	(2,752)	(1,566)	(5,392)	(102)	(5,494)
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	—	(7)	—	(7)	—	(7)
Interest income	43	76	3	122	1	123
Interest expense	(285)	(380)	(340)	(1,005)	(92)	(1,097)
Income tax (expense)/benefit	(2,104)	4,223	(1,539)	580	765	1,345
Other disclosures						
Capital expenditure	11	5,585	2,018	7,614	937	8,551

Adjustments and eliminations

Corporate expenses, and share of gain (loss) of associates are not allocated to individual segments as the underlying instruments are managed on a group basis.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)**5(c) Reconciliation of segment operating profit (loss)**

	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Segment operating profit/(loss)	8,303	10,645	(2,324)
Corporate expenses and others	(2,548)	(3,093)	(3,009)
	5,755	7,552	(5,333)
Other operating income	433	1,026	587
Other operating expenses	—	(3)	(7)
Net impairment loss on financial and contract assets	(4,640)	(508)	(220)
Operating profit/(loss)	1,548	8,067	(4,973)
Finance costs	(2,527)	(1,650)	(1,251)
Finance income	205	120	123
Share of loss of associates	(2)	(1)	(1)
Exchange gain/(loss)	679	143	(4,425)
Other income	570	889	671
Other expense	(9)	(3)	(1)
Profit/(loss) before tax	464	7,565	(9,857)

5(d) Segment assets and liabilities

	North Asia	Thailand	ROW	Total segments	Corporate adjustments and eliminations	Consolidated
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
As of December 31, 2023						
Total assets	52,519	167,888	133,437	353,844	12,820	366,664
Total liabilities	10,320	66,385	68,365	145,070	6,973	152,043
As of December 31, 2022						
Total assets	54,534	168,423	133,516	356,473	14,546	371,019
Total liabilities	13,649	62,584	75,863	152,096	7,495	159,591

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)**5(d) Segment assets and liabilities (continued)****Reconciliation of assets:**

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Segment operating assets	353,844	356,473
Corporate and other assets	4,211	6,598
Investment in associates	810	805
Deferred tax assets	7,799	7,143
Total assets	366,664	371,019

Reconciliation of liabilities:

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Segment operating liabilities	145,070	152,096
Corporate liabilities	3,133	3,298
Deferred tax liabilities	3,840	4,197
Total liabilities	152,043	159,591

5(e) Disaggregated revenues and geographical information

(i) Revenue from external customers is summarized as the following major categories:

Year ended	North	Thailand	ROW	Total	Corporate	Consolidated
December 31, 2023	Asia			segments	expense	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	adjustments	US\$'000
					and	
					eliminations	
					US\$'000	US\$'000
Revenue from external customers						
Power	9	80,564	140,501	221,074	—	221,074
Enamel	55,959	79,510	1,972	137,441	—	137,441
SDI	2,667	—	55,028	57,695	—	57,695
Others*	14	6,851	2,697	9,562	—	9,562
	<u>58,649</u>	<u>166,925</u>	<u>200,198</u>	<u>425,772</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>425,772</u>
Timing of revenue recognition						
At a point in time	55,982	166,832	173,004	395,818	—	395,818
Over time	2,667	93	27,194	29,954	—	29,954
	<u>58,649</u>	<u>166,925</u>	<u>200,198</u>	<u>425,772</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>425,772</u>

* include revenues from fabrication service contracts, and sale of other wires and cables products.

F-40

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)**5(e) Disaggregated revenues and geographical information (continued)**

(i) Revenue from external customers is summarized as the following major categories (continued):

Year ended December 31, 2022	North Asia	Thailand	ROW	Total segments	Corporate expense adjustments and eliminations	Consolidated
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Revenue from external customers						
Power	92	46,340	135,739	182,171	—	182,171
Enamel	76,002	102,122	—	178,124	—	178,124
SDI	1,209	—	44,722	45,931	—	45,931
Others*	26	23,379	4,262	27,667	—	27,667
	<u>77,329</u>	<u>171,841</u>	<u>184,723</u>	<u>433,893</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>433,893</u>
Timing of revenue recognition						
At a point in time	77,287	171,613	158,510	407,410	—	407,410
Over time	42	228	26,213	26,483	—	26,483
	<u>77,329</u>	<u>171,841</u>	<u>184,723</u>	<u>433,893</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>433,893</u>

* include revenues from fabrication service contracts, and sale of other wires and cables products.

Year ended December 31, 2021	North Asia	Thailand	ROW	Total segments	Corporate expense adjustments and eliminations	Consolidated
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Revenue from external customers						
Power	—	63,629	127,891	191,520	—	191,520
Enamel	107,027	105,749	—	212,776	—	212,776
Fabrication	—	—	39,476	39,476	—	39,476
Others*	5	28,401	4,481	32,887	—	32,887
	<u>107,032</u>	<u>197,779</u>	<u>171,848</u>	<u>476,659</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>476,659</u>
Timing of revenue recognition						
At a point in time	107,032	197,544	146,991	451,567	—	451,567
Over time	—	235	24,857	25,092	—	25,092
	<u>107,032</u>	<u>197,779</u>	<u>171,848</u>	<u>476,659</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>476,659</u>

* include revenues from fabrication service contracts, and sale of other wires and cables products.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)**5(e) Disaggregated revenues and geographical information (continued)**

(ii) Revenue from external customers is attributed to individual countries based on the customer's country of domicile and is summarized as follows:

	For the year ended Current period end		
	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Revenues from external customers			
Thailand	152,437	153,164	168,773
Singapore	135,227	118,789	95,116
Australia	62,139	60,299	67,652
China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan	62,239	82,187	118,219
India	973	779	1,248
Southeast Asia	12,741	18,663	25,643
Northeast Asia	16	12	8
	425,772	433,893	476,659

Countries in the Southeast Asia region include Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Brunei, Laos, Malaysia and Myanmar; countries in the Northeast Asia region include Japan and South Korea.

(iii) Major customer information

Revenue from one customer in the ROW region amounted to \$80,862 in 2023 represented 18.99% of 2023 consolidated revenue. Revenue from one customer in the ROW region amounted to \$66,858 in 2022 represented 15.41% of 2022 consolidated revenue. Revenue from one customer in the ROW region amounted to \$56,579 in 2021 represented 11.87% of 2021 consolidated revenue.

5(f) Non-current assets information

The total non-current assets other than financial instruments and deferred tax assets broken down by the country of domicile are summarized as follow:

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Non-current assets by country:		
Thailand	36,252	37,653
Singapore	5,002	5,304
China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan	10,132	10,313
Australia	7,058	7,141
Other	132	207
Total non-current assets	58,576	60,618

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. MATERIAL PARTLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES**6(a) Material subsidiaries**

Our Company has subsidiaries with material non-controlling interests (“NCI”). Information regarding the subsidiaries is as follows:

Proportion of equity interest held by NCI:

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	As of December 31,	
		2023	2022
Charoong Thai and its subsidiaries (“CTW Consolidated”)	Thailand	49.07 %	49.07 %

6(b) Summarized financial information about the subsidiaries

The summarized financial information of the subsidiaries is provided below. This information is based on amounts before inter-company eliminations:

Summarized statements of comprehensive income

	CTW consolidated		
	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Revenue	166,933	171,845	198,316
(Loss)/profit before tax	(7,587)	2,153	(16,535)
Income tax expense/(income)	39	420	(4,223)
(Loss)/profit for the year	(7,626)	1,733	(12,312)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	3,252	(4,537)	(12,688)
Total comprehensive (loss)/income	(4,374)	(2,804)	(25,000)
(Loss)/profit attributable to non-controlling interests	(3,742)	850	(6,041)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	285	563	2,815

Summarized balance sheets

	CTW consolidated	
	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Current assets	127,780	128,230
Non-current assets	48,748	49,496
Current liabilities	(61,226)	(46,681)
Non-current liabilities	(5,893)	(16,677)
Total equity	109,409	114,368

Equity attributable to:

Equity holders of the parent	55,722	58,248
Non-controlling interests	53,687	56,120

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. MATERIAL PARTLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES (continued)**6(b) Summarized financial information about the subsidiaries (continued)**

Summarized cash flow information

	CTW consolidated		
	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Operating	(11,954)	7,389	(37,071)
Investing	(1,418)	(719)	(2,431)
Financing	(144)	(7,726)	41,740
Effect of changes in exchange rate on cash	27	(1,045)	(3,312)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(13,489)	(2,101)	(1,074)

7. INCOME AND EXPENSES ITEMS**7(a) Other operating income**

	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Gain on disposal of investment property	—	271	—
Gain on disposal of assets classified as held for sale	—	240	—
Gain on disposal of property, plant, and equipment	39	132	318
Rental income	323	254	179
Other operating income – others	71	129	90
Total other operating income	433	1,026	587

7(b) Other operating expenses

	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Impairment of property, plant, and equipment	—	—	7
Other operating expenses – others	—	3	—
Total other operating expenses	—	3	7

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. INCOME AND EXPENSES ITEMS (continued)**7(c) Net impairment loss on financial and contract assets**

	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Impairment for trade receivables(Note 12(a))	75	509	205
Impairment for trade receivables for related parties(Note 24(b))	4,565	—	15
Reversal of impairment for trade receivables for related parties	—	(1)	—
Total net impairment loss on financial and contract assets	4,640	508	220

7(d) Finance costs

	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Interest on loans and borrowings	2,301	1,408	1,027
Interest on leases liabilities	98	80	70
Total interest expenses	2,399	1,488	1,097
Bank charges	128	162	154
Total finance costs	2,527	1,650	1,251

7(e) Finance income

	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Interest income	205	120	123
Total finance income	205	120	123

7(f) Other income

	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Government grants	74	639	271
Net gain on financial instruments	196	33	259
Dividend income	97	97	106
Other income	203	120	35
Total other income	570	889	671

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. INCOME AND EXPENSES ITEMS (continued)**7(g) Depreciation, amortization and lease expense included in the consolidated income statements**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Included in cost of sales:			
Depreciation – property, plant and equipment	4,077	4,278	3,863
Depreciation – right of use assets	133	133	127
Amortization – intangible assets	26	24	21
Lease expenses	1	1	1
Included in selling expenses:			
Depreciation – property, plant and equipment	133	116	108
Depreciation – right of use assets	197	167	144
Amortization – intangible assets	—	—	—
Lease expenses	1	1	1
Included in general and administrative expenses:			
Depreciation – property, plant and equipment	580	538	619
Depreciation – right of use assets	456	382	390
Amortization – intangible assets	28	21	26
Depreciation – investment properties	168	176	196
Lease expenses	14	12	4
Included in research and development expenses:			
Depreciation – property, plant and equipment	409	—	—
Depreciation – right of use assets	4	—	—
	<u>6,227</u>	<u>5,849</u>	<u>5,500</u>

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. INCOME AND EXPENSES ITEMS (continued)**7(h) Employee benefits expenses**

	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Included in cost of sales:			
Wages and salaries	12,207	12,555	14,088
Labor and health insurance costs	79	79	77
Pension costs	833	886	828
Other employee benefits	750	734	843
Included in selling expenses:			
Wages and salaries	4,221	3,881	4,191
Labor and health insurance costs	10	9	8
Pension costs	359	337	360
Other employee benefits	33	25	36
Included in general and administrative expenses:			
Wages and salaries	8,116	7,950	8,435
Labor and health insurance costs	144	103	104
Pension costs	669	608	661
Director fees	323	412	587
Other employee benefits	161	138	222
Included in research and development expenses:			
Wages and salaries	676	—	—
Labor and health insurance costs	16	—	—
Pension costs	42	—	—
Other employee benefits	15	—	—
Total employee benefits expenses	28,654	27,717	30,440

8. INCOME TAX

Under current Bermuda law, APWC is not subject to tax on income or capital gains, nor is withholding tax of Bermuda imposed upon payments of dividends by APWC to its shareholders.

APWC's investments in the Operating Subsidiaries are held through subsidiaries incorporated in the British Virgin Islands ("BVI"). Under current BVI law, dividends from the BVI subsidiaries' investments are not subject to income taxes and no withholding tax is imposed on payments of dividends by the BVI subsidiaries to APWC.

The Operating Subsidiaries and equity investees are governed by the income tax laws of Singapore, Thailand, Australia, the PRC and Taiwan. The corporate income tax rate in Singapore was 17% for each of the three years ended December 31, 2023, and there is no withholding tax on dividends applicable to our Company. For Thailand, the statutory corporate income tax rate was 20% for each of the three years ended December 31, 2023 and a withholding tax of 10% is levied on dividends received by our Company. Charoong Thai is listed on Stock Exchange of Thailand ("SET"). In Australia, the corporate income tax rate was 30% for 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 tax years. The applicable corporate income tax rate for the subsidiaries in the PRC was 25% for each of the three years ended December 31, 2023. In Taiwan, the corporate income tax rate was 20% for each of the three years ended December 31, 2023.

Dividends received from the Operating Subsidiaries and equity investees may be subject to withholding taxes. Under the current Singapore corporate tax system, dividends paid by a Singapore resident company is tax exempt, and is

F-47

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8. INCOME TAX (continued)

not subject to withholding taxes. In Australia, dividends paid to non-residents are exempt from dividend withholding taxes except when dividends are paid out of profit that is not taxed by Australian income tax (i.e. unfranked dividends). For Thailand, dividends paid by a company to any individual or corporate payee overseas are subject to a withholding tax of 10%. Under the Corporate Income Tax Law of the PRC, dividend distribution of profits to foreign investor(s) is subject to withholding tax of 10%. In Taiwan, the dividends or profit distributed to non-resident shareholders are subject to 21% withholding tax.

The major components of income tax (benefits) expenses for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021 are:

	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Consolidated income statements			
Current income tax:			
Current income tax charge	2,798	3,547	3,078
Previously unrecognized tax loss or temporary difference used to reduce current income tax	(394)	(697)	(96)
Adjustments for current income tax of prior years	(694)	(54)	—
Total current income tax	<u>1,710</u>	<u>2,796</u>	<u>2,982</u>
Deferred tax (benefits)/expenses:			
Relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences	(1,284)	12	(4,327)
Previously unrecognized tax loss or temporary difference used to reduce deferred tax expenses	(264)	—	—
Total deferred tax (benefits)/expenses	<u>(1,548)</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>(4,327)</u>
Income tax expenses (benefit) reported in the income statement	<u>162</u>	<u>2,808</u>	<u>(1,345)</u>
Consolidated statements of comprehensive income			
Deferred tax related to items recognized in other comprehensive income during the year:			
Change in the fair value of equity instrument measured at fair value through other comprehensive income			
Recognized during the year	221	(270)	147
Effect of change in tax rate	—	—	—
Net income on actuarial gains and losses			
Recognized during the year	377	147	112
Effect of change in tax rate	—	—	—
Income tax expense (benefit) charged to other comprehensive income (loss)	<u>598</u>	<u>(123)</u>	<u>259</u>

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8. INCOME TAX (continued)

APWC is incorporated in Bermuda, which does not have a statutory tax rate. The provision for income taxes differs based on the tax incurred by the Operating Subsidiaries, in their respective jurisdiction. Our Company determines its statutory tax rate based on its major commercial domicile that is its subsidiaries in Thailand. The reconciliation of difference between tax computed at the statutory tax rate and income tax expense / (benefit) reported in the consolidated income statement is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Profit/(loss) before tax	464	7,565	(9,857)
Tax at statutory rate of 20% (2022: 20%; 2021: 20%)	93	1,513	(1,971)
Foreign income taxed at different rate	940	1,332	1,465
Expenses not deductible for tax purpose	9	241	94
Utilization of previously unrecognized tax losses/temporary differences	(394)	(697)	(96)
Tax benefit arising from previously unrecognized tax losses	(264)	—	—
Net deferred tax asset not recognized	1,727	382	327
Tax exempt on income	(693)	(65)	(99)
Uncertain tax position	—	(102)	(1,173)
Return to provision adjustment	(694)	(54)	—
Deferred tax liability arising from undistributed earnings	(354)	96	(309)
Withholding tax on dividends	38	163	452
Enhanced pre-tax deductions of R&D Expenses	(242)	—	—
Others	(4)	(1)	(35)
Income tax expense/(benefit) reported in consolidated income statement	162	2,808	(1,345)

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8. INCOME TAX (continued)**Deferred tax**

Deferred tax relates to the following:

	Consolidated balance sheet		Consolidated income statement		
	As of December 31,		For the year ended Decembers 31,		
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Outside basis differences	(3,532)	(3,886)	(354)	96	(309)
Revaluations of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	(419)	(198)	—	—	—
Unutilized building allowance (net)	(141)	(8)	131	(13)	9
Unused tax losses	3,220	1,373	(1,805)	(1,158)	(162)
Allowance for doubtful accounts	1,008	46	(945)	113	105
Inventory impairment	881	2,897	2,001	150	(2,914)
Rebates and other accrued liabilities	788	661	(119)	(85)	(170)
Unpaid retirement benefits	1,282	1,281	11	—	26
Deferred revenue and cost of sales	31	19	(12)	10	(15)
Actuarial loss	121	498	—	—	—
Unabsorbed depreciation	588	588	(4)	90	(67)
Provision for loss on onerous sale contract	451	—	(443)	817	(897)
Leases	41	36	(6)	9	3
Others	(360)	(361)	(3)	(17)	64
Deferred tax expenses/(benefits)			(1,548)	12	(4,327)
Net deferred tax assets	3,959	2,946			

Reconciliation of deferred tax assets, net

	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Opening balance as of January 1	2,946	3,136	(519)
Tax benefit/(expense) during the period recognized in profit or loss	1,548	(12)	4,327
Tax (expense)/benefit during the period recognized in other comprehensive income	(598)	123	(259)
Exchange difference on translation foreign operations	63	(301)	(413)
Closing balance as of December 31	3,959	2,946	3,136

Our Company offset tax assets and liabilities if and only if it has legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets and current tax liabilities and the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities related to income taxes levied by the same tax authority.

Our Company has available unused net operating losses which arose in Thailand, China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, that may be applied against future taxable income and that expire as follows respectively:

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8. INCOME TAX (continued)

Year of expiration	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
2023	—	4,054
2024	2,135	2,955
2025	2,262	1,773
2026	2,535	3,011
2027	6,645	5,887
2028	13,111	—
2032	184	184
2033	736	—
No expiration	4,949	2,796
	32,557	20,660

Deferred tax assets have not been recognized in respect of these losses as they may not be used to offset taxable profits elsewhere in our Company, as they have arisen in subsidiaries that have been loss-making for some time, and there are no other tax planning opportunities or other evidence of recoverability in the near future. Our Company did not recognize deferred tax assets of \$3,400 (2022: \$3,017; 2021: \$3,183) in respect of tax losses amounting to \$15,928 (2022: \$13,796; 2021: \$14,228).

In addition, our Company did not recognize deferred assets of \$476 (2022: \$952; 2021: \$1,675) in relation to deductible temporary differences amounting to \$2,154 (2022: \$4,881; 2021: \$8,931).

There are no income tax consequences attached to the payment of dividends in 2023 or 2022 by APWC to its shareholders.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, our Company is subject to taxation in PRC, Australia, Thailand, Singapore and Taiwan. Our Company's tax years from 2013 and forward are still subject to examination by the tax authorities in various tax jurisdictions.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amounts of uncertain tax position is as follows:

Change in Uncertain Tax Positions	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Balance as of January 1	—	28	339
Decrease due to lapses in statute of limitations	—	(26)	(312)
Exchange difference	—	(2)	1
Balance as of December 31	—	—	28

Our Company is not expecting there would be any reasonably possible change in the total amounts of uncertain tax position within twelve months of the reporting date. As of December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021 the amount of uncertain tax position (excluding interest and penalties) included in the consolidated balance sheets that would, if recognized, affect the income tax expenses is \$nil, \$nil and \$28, respectively.

Our Company recognized interest expense and penalties related to income tax matters as a component of income tax expense. The amount of related interest and penalties our Company has provided as of the dates listed below were:

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8. INCOME TAX (continued)

	As of December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Accrued interest on uncertain tax position	—	—	46
Accrued penalties on uncertain tax position	—	—	28
Total accrued interest and penalties on uncertain tax position	—	—	74

For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, our Company recognized \$nil, \$nil and \$5 in interest, respectively; and no penalties were recognized for the three years ended December 2021 to 2023. For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, our Company reversed \$nil, \$42 and \$568 in interest and nil, \$26 and \$318 in penalties, respectively, due to lapses in statute of limitations. For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, the exchange difference \$nil, \$(4) and \$12 relating to interests, \$nil, \$(2) and \$7 relating to penalty were included in income tax expenses.

Our Company considers each uncertain tax positions individually, by first consider whether each position taken in the tax return is probable of being sustained on examination by the taxing authority. It should recognize a liability for each item that is not probable of being sustained. The liability then is measured using a single best estimate of the most likely outcome. The uncertain tax positions presented in the current tax liability is the total liability for uncertain tax positions.

9. EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE

Earnings (loss) per share are calculated by dividing net profit (loss) attributable to equity holders of the parent by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year. APWC does not have any dilutive securities. The treasury shares transaction resulted in an immediate reduction in outstanding shares used to calculate the weighted-average common shares outstanding for both basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings attributable to common shareholders per share:

	For the year ended Current period end		
	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
	(except for number of shares and earnings per share)		
Numerator:			
Net profit (loss) attributable to APWC from continuing operations	3,867	3,874	(2,642)
Net profit (loss) attributable to APWC	3,867	3,874	(2,642)
Denominator:			
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – basic and diluted	20,616,227	20,020,364	13,819,669
Earnings (loss) per share – basic and diluted			
Continuing operations	0.19	0.19	(0.19)
Total earnings (loss) per share – basic and diluted	0.19	0.19	(0.19)

Income from continuing operations attributable to non-controlling interests are \$(3,565), \$883 and \$(5,870) for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

10. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Cash on hand and cash at banks	37,970	54,017
Balances per statement of cash flows	37,970	54,017

11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES**11(a) Other financial assets and liabilities**

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		
Equity instrument (Note 11(d))	2,902	1,553
	<u>2,902</u>	<u>1,553</u>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Foreign exchange forward contracts (Note 11(c))	307	39
	<u>307</u>	<u>39</u>

(i) Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss reflect the changes in fair value of those foreign exchange forward contracts that are not designated in hedge relationships, but are intended to reduce the level of foreign currency risk for expected sales and purchase transactions.

(ii) Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income - unquoted equity instrument

Our Company holds unquoted equity instruments in Thai Metal Processing Co., Ltd., which is engaged in the fabrication of copper rods, and Leijyu Co., Ltd., which is engaged in the development of a renewable energy power generation system. These equity investments are strategically held for long-term purposes and are not expected to be sold in the short to medium term.

During the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, our Company received dividends of \$97, \$97, and \$106, respectively, from investments held at the end of the reporting period. These dividends were recorded in other income (Note 7(f)) in the consolidated income statements.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (continued)**11(b) Interest-bearing loans and borrowings**

Under the line of credit arrangements for short-term debt with our Company's banks, our Company may borrow up to approximately \$263,981 and \$254,851 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, on such terms as our Company and the banks may mutually agree upon. These arrangements do not have termination dates but are reviewed annually for renewal. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the unused portion of the credit lines was approximately \$187,752 and \$162,074, respectively, which included unused letters of credit amounting to \$83,926 and \$84,586, respectively.

Letters of credit are issued by our Company in the ordinary course of business through major financial institutions as required by certain vendor contracts. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, our Company had open letters of credit amounting to \$38,179 and \$38,256, respectively. Liabilities relating to the opened letters of credit are included in current liabilities.

Certain of our loan agreements contain covenants that, if violated, could result in the obligations under these agreements becoming due prior to the originally scheduled maturity dates. Our Company was in compliance with these covenants requirements as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Interest bearing loans and borrowings are including current portion \$53,737 and \$45,576 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

	As of December 31,							
	2023				2022			
	Interest rate	Maturity	Local currency		Interest rate	Maturity	Local currency	
%		'000	US\$'000	%		'000	US\$'000	
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings								
Bank loans	4.94	Nov. 2024	AUD\$4,543	3,104	4.94	Mar. 2044	AUD\$4,589	3,113
Bank loans	—	—	—	—	4.50 ~			
Bank loans	—	—	—	—	4.90	Jul. 2023	RMB\$30,100	4,321
Bank loans	5.11	Dec. 2024	SGD\$6,000	4,551	5.42	Dec. 2023	SGD\$6,000	4,470
Bank loans	7.27	Feb. 2024	THB\$309,488	9,090	2.23	Feb. 2024	THB\$312,602	9,100
Trust receipt	2.75 ~				1.60 ~			
Trust receipt	4.70	May 2024	THB\$1,151,234	33,812	2.20	Jun. 2023	THB\$1,133,838	33,006
Trust receipt	5.46 ~							
Trust receipt	5.61	Apr. 2024	SGD\$4,193	3,180	5.04 ~5.81	Apr. 2023	SGD\$4,994	3,721
Total				53,737				57,731

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (continued)**11(c) Hedging activities and derivatives****(i) Commodity price risk**

Our Company purchases copper on an ongoing basis as its operating activities require a continuous supply of copper for manufacturing products. To reduce the exposures to copper shortage, our Company enters into purchase contracts with commitment of monthly minimum purchase at market prices for selected operating units. The majority of these transactions take the form of contracts that are entered into and continue to be held for the purpose of receipt or delivery of the copper based on our Company's expected purchase, sale or usage requirements. Such purchase commitment contracts are not deemed financial instruments or derivatives. To date, these contract positions have not had a material effect on our Company's financial position, results of operations, and cash flow.

(ii) Foreign currency risk

Our Company enters into foreign exchange forward contracts with the intention to reduce the foreign exchange risk of expected sales and purchase transactions. These contracts are entered into the periods consistent with foreign currency exposure of the underlying transaction, generally from one to 12 months. These contracts are not designated in hedge relationships, and are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, our Company had outstanding forward contracts with notional amounts of \$13.4 million and \$10.5 million, respectively. The outstanding forward contracts at December 31, 2023 mature between January 13, 2024 and April 17, 2024, respectively. Our Company recognized gain (loss) on forward contracts as other income (expenses) – refer to Note 7(f).

The forward contract balance varies with the expected foreign currency transactions and changes in foreign exchange rate.

	2023		2022	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Foreign currency forward contracts				
Fair value	307	74	39	6

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (continued)**11(d) Fair values**

Set out below is a comparison of the carrying amounts and fair value of our Company's financial instruments that are carried in the financial statements:

	Carrying amount		Fair value	
	As of December 31,		As of December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Financial assets-current				
Financial assets at fair value through profit	307	39	307	39
Financial assets at amortized cost				
Cash and cash equivalents	37,970	54,017	37,970	54,017
Trade receivables	104,955	81,982	104,955	81,982
Other receivables	1,670	2,397	1,670	2,397
Due from related parties	1,368	11,018	1,368	11,018
Financial assets-non-current				
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	2,902	1,553	2,902	1,553
Financial assets at amortized cost				
Long-term bank deposits*	1,454	1,354	1,454	1,354
Total	150,626	152,360	150,626	152,360
Financial liabilities-current				
Liabilities at amortized cost				
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	53,737	45,576	53,737	45,576
Trade and other payables	51,743	39,891	51,743	39,891
Due to related parties	7,941	16,613	7,941	16,613
Accruals	15,250	21,218	15,250	21,218
Financial liabilities-non-current				
Liabilities at amortized cost				
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	—	12,155	—	12,155
Total	128,671	135,453	128,671	135,453

* included in other non-current assets

(i) Methods and assumptions used to estimate fair value

The fair value of the financial assets and liabilities is included at the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale. The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair values:

- ▶ Due to the short-term nature of financial assets and liabilities, including cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, other receivables, due from related parties, trade and other payables, due to related parties, and accruals, their carrying amounts are considered to approximate their fair value.

F-56

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (continued)**11(d) Fair values (continued)****(i) Methods and assumptions used to estimate fair value (continued)**

- ▶ Fixed-rate and variable-rate receivables are evaluated by our Company based on parameters such as interest rates, specific country risk factors, individual creditworthiness of the customer and the risk characteristics of the financed project. Based on this evaluation, allowances were provided to account for the expected losses of these receivables. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the carrying amounts of such receivables, net of allowances, were not materially different from their calculated fair values.
- ▶ Fixed rate long-term bank deposits and fixed rate and variable-rate borrowings are evaluated using discounted cash flows and the market rates or current rates for deposits of similar remaining maturities.
- ▶ Fair value of financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss - derivatives is derived from inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.
- ▶ Fair value of interest-bearing borrowings and loans are determined by using discounted cash flow method with discount rate that reflects the issuer's borrowing rate as of the end of the reporting period. The non-performance risk as of December 31, 2023 was assessed to be insignificant.

(ii) Description of significant unobservable inputs to valuation

	Valuation technique	Significant unobservable inputs	Liquidity discount (2023 and 2022)	Sensitivity of the input to fair value	
				2023	2022
Financial asset					
Unquoted equity instrument	Market Approach Method	Liquidity Discount	30%	5% decrease in the discount would increase in fair value by \$190	5% decrease in the discount would increase in fair value by \$111

Our Company estimates the fair value of investment in equity instrument by using the market approach (market comparatives approach). The key in this method is the selection of quoted comparable companies and accommodate adjustments to bring the accounts of different companies into a broadly consistent framework for analysis. Then, select appropriate Indicators of Value. The followings should be taken into account:

- ▶ Enterprise Value (EV) versus Market Capitalization;
- ▶ Earnings-based: EBITDA +/- or EBIT versus Net Earnings +/- or Net Cash Flow
- ▶ Balance Sheet based: Net Total Assets versus Shareholders Funds

Discount for the lack of liquidity to reflect the lesser liquidity of this equity instrument compared with those of its comparable public company peers. Our Company assessed the discount for the lack of liquidity to be 30 percent on the basis of relevant studies applicable in the region and industry as well as on the specific facts and circumstances of the equity instrument. The equity instrument's finance performance is characterized by stable, consistent growth and profitability. Our Company believes the liquidity discount of 30% would be appropriate.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (continued)**11(d) Fair values (continued)****(ii) Description of significant unobservable inputs to valuation (continued)**

Our Company carries the equity instrument as financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income classified as level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. A reconciliation of the beginning and closing balances is summarized below:

	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
At January 1	1,553	2,929
Acquisitions	240	—
Recognized in other comprehensive income/(loss)	1,104	(1,352)
Exchange difference on translation	5	(24)
At December 31	2,902	1,553

12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Trade receivables	106,333	83,319
Less: Loss allowances	(1,378)	(1,337)
Trade receivable, net	104,955	81,982
Other receivables	1,670	2,397
Less: Loss allowances	—	—
Other receivable, net	1,670	2,397

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, trade receivables were all from contracts with customers. And as of January 1, 2022, the balance of trade receivables from contracts with customers was \$103,564.

12(a) Movement in the loss allowance on trade receivables

	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
At January 1	1,337	841
Charge for the year	97	712
Write-off	(55)	(171)
Unused amounts reversed	(22)	(204)
Currency translation adjustment	21	(2)
Reclassification	—	161
At December 31	1,378	1,337

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (continued)**12(b) Aging analysis of trade receivables**

	Total	Current	Past due				
			1-30 days	31-60 days	61-90 days	91-120 days	>120 days
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
December 31, 2023							
Expected loss rate	1.30%	0.06%	0.47%	2.09%	3.43%	4.76%	75.74%
Gross carrying amount - trade receivables	106,333	88,601	11,648	2,819	1,080	672	1,513
Loss allowances	1,378	49	55	59	37	32	1,146
Trade receivable, net	104,955	88,552	11,593	2,760	1,043	640	367
December 31, 2022							
Expected loss rate	1.60%	0.09%	1.00%	2.40%	10.74%	37.04%	98.35%
Gross carrying amount - trade receivables	83,319	69,607	10,166	2,127	298	27	1,094
Loss allowances	1,337	66	102	51	32	10	1,076
Trade receivable, net	81,982	69,541	10,064	2,076	266	17	18

12(c) Accounting policy for impairment of trade receivables

Our Company applies the IFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The expected loss rates are based on our Company's historical credit loss experience, adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on general economic conditions affecting the ability of the customers to settle the receivables.

See Note 27(b) credit risk of trade receivables for discussions on how our Company manages and measures credit quality of trade receivables that are neither past due nor impaired.

12(d) Other receivables pledged as collateral

The carrying amounts of other receivables pledged as collateral against credit facilities received from financial institutions are disclosed in Note 27(e)(ii).

13. INVENTORIES

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Raw materials and supplies	28,962	26,449
Work in progress	20,991	17,945
Finished goods	78,277	86,214
Total inventories at the lower of cost and net realizable value	128,230	130,608

Inventories recognized as an expense during the year ended 2023, 2022 and 2021 amounted to \$405,800, \$387,227 and \$441,371 respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the amount of \$10,255 and \$1,119 were credited to cost of sales when the circumstances, such as copper price fluctuation, that caused the net realizable value of inventory to be lower than its cost no longer existed. For the year ended December 31, 2021, our Company recognized allowance for inventories of \$14,136 as an expense in cost of sales for inventories carried at net realizable value.

F-59

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

14. CONTRACT ASSETS**14(a) Assets related to contracts with customers**

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Contract assets - current	13,946	12,450

There were no advances received or retentions on SDI service contracts during the financial years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. The contract assets balance increased as our Company provided more services and transferred more goods ahead of the agreed payment schedules.

Our Company mainly conducts its SDI services contract with customers within public sector, and the expected credit loss on contract assets is close to zero.

14(b) Unsatisfied supply, delivery, and installation (SDI) services contracts

The following table shows the aggregate amount of the transaction price allocated to the unsatisfied performance obligations.

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Unsatisfied long-term SDI contracts		
Expected to be recognized as revenue over 3 years	194,963	109,816

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Land	Buildings	Building improvement	Machinery and equipment	Motor vehicle and other asset	Office equipment	Construction in progress	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Cost								
At January 1, 2022	6,016	48,092	6,837	88,164	5,476	7,547	16,812	178,944
Additions	—	210	353	454	298	645	1,593	3,553
Disposals	—	—	—	(3,783)	(304)	(457)	(5)	(4,549)
Transfer	—	4,038	1,280	10,637	—	200	(16,155)	—
Exchange differences	(296)	(1,753)	(272)	(4,158)	(160)	(535)	(840)	(8,014)
At December 31, 2022	5,720	50,587	8,198	91,314	5,310	7,400	1,405	169,934
Additions	—	—	473	521	307	314	3,034	4,649
Disposals	—	—	(65)	(2,369)	(467)	(230)	—	(3,131)
Transfer	—	—	16	1,256	19	12	(1,620)	(317)
Exchange differences	67	437	45	781	51	(32)	20	1,369
At December 31, 2023	5,787	51,024	8,667	91,503	5,220	7,464	2,839	172,504
Depreciation/Impairment								
At January 1, 2022	—	(36,008)	(4,831)	(73,924)	(3,675)	(6,087)	—	(124,525)
Depreciation charge for the year	—	(1,069)	(438)	(2,434)	(435)	(556)	—	(4,932)
Impairment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Disposals	—	—	—	3,783	242	452	—	4,477
Transfer	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Exchange differences	—	1,482	194	3,557	88	438	—	5,759
At December 31, 2022	—	(35,595)	(5,075)	(69,018)	(3,780)	(5,753)	—	(119,221)
Depreciation charge for the year	—	(1,084)	(496)	(2,692)	(379)	(548)	—	(5,199)
Impairment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Disposals	—	—	65	2,310	399	228	—	3,002
Transfer	—	—	—	—	(19)	—	—	(19)
Exchange differences	—	(355)	(33)	(717)	(43)	22	—	(1,126)
At December 31, 2023	—	(37,034)	(5,539)	(70,117)	(3,822)	(6,051)	—	(122,563)
Net book value								
At December 31, 2023	5,787	13,990	3,128	21,386	1,398	1,413	2,839	49,941
At December 31, 2022	5,720	14,992	3,123	22,296	1,530	1,647	1,405	50,713
At January 1, 2022	6,016	12,084	2,006	14,240	1,801	1,460	16,812	54,419

15(a) Impairment of property, plant and equipment

In 2023, 2022 and 2021 our Company recorded an impairment loss of \$0, \$0 and \$7 on property, plant and equipment at SFO facilities. The impairment is presented within other operating expenses in consolidated income statements, other operating expenses in Note 7(b), and the impairment of property, plant and equipment of ROW, North Asia and Thailand segments in Note 5.

Our Company considers the market demand for SFO's products and performed an impairment test on the CGU composed of property, plant and equipment used in the manufacturing of fiber optic cables at SFO. Our Company determined the recoverable amount of the CGU to be \$0 based on the value in use.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)**15(b) Pledge**

Information about the property, plant and equipment that were pledged to others as collaterals is provided in Note 27(e) (i).

16. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS**16(a) Amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets**

	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Right of use assets		
Land	2,054	2,211
Buildings	575	935
Motor vehicles and other assets	86	134
Office equipment	110	152
	2,825	3,432

Our Company leases various assets including land, buildings, business vehicles and multifunction printers. Rental contracts are typically made for periods of 2 to 37 years. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose covenants, but leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

Additions to the right-of-use assets during the 2023 financial year were \$177 (2022: \$863).

16(b) Amounts recognized in the consolidated income statements

	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Depreciation charge of right of use assets		
Land	208	242
Buildings	456	337
Motor vehicles and other assets	82	65
Office equipment	44	38
	790	682
Interest expenses (included in finance cost)	98	80
Expenses relating to short-term leases	15	11
Expenses relating to lease of low-value assets that are not short-term leases	1	3

The total cash outflow for lease in 2023 was \$805 (2022: \$710).

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

17. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**17(a) Net book value of investment properties**

	Land not being used for operation	Office buildings for rent	Warehouse	Land leasehold right	Other	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
As of December 31, 2023						
Cost	407	510	5,055	88	11	6,071
Less: Accumulated depreciation	—	(405)	(545)	(7)	(2)	(959)
Net book value	407	105	4,510	81	9	5,112
As of December 31, 2022						
Cost	403	515	5,018	91	11	6,038
Less: Accumulated depreciation	—	(385)	(397)	(5)	(1)	(788)
Net book value	403	130	4,621	86	10	5,250

A reconciliation of the net book value of investment properties was as follows :

	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Net book value at January 1	5,250	5,809
Additions	—	12
Disposals	—	(30)
Depreciation (included in administrative expenses)	(168)	(176)
Exchange difference	30	(365)
Net book value at December 31	5,112	5,250

17(b) The amount recognized in profit or loss arising from the investment properties

	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Rental income derived from investment properties	267	243	170
Direct operating expenses (including repairs and maintenance) generating rental income	(168)	(157)	(174)
Direct operating expenses (including repairs and maintenance) that did not generate rental income	(1)	(21)	(23)
Net profit (loss) arising from investment properties carried at cost	98	65	(27)

Undiscounted lease payments receivable to be received during the lease terms are immaterial.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

17. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (continued)**17(c) Measuring investment properties at fair value**

The fair value of the investment properties are stated below:

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Land not being used for operation	10,678	10,322
Office buildings for rent	5,068	1,995
Warehouse	5,876	5,291
Land leasehold right	93	158
Other	9	11

The fair value of aforementioned investment properties have been determined based on the valuation and is considered a level 3 measurement. The valuation has been made on the assumption to sell the property interests in the open market in the neighborhood without the benefit of any deferred term contract, leaseback, joint venture, management agreement or any similar arrangement, which would serve to increase the value of the property interests. The valuation adopted market comparison approach to estimate the fair market value of the properties. Under the market comparison approach, the appraisal is based on recent sales and listings of comparable property. Adjustments were made for differences between the subject property and those actual sales and listings regarded as comparable. The factors which used for considering the property valuation include the significant unobservable inputs, such as location, transportation, land uses, facilities, neighboring area, land characteristics, potential, regulations and liquidity.

17(d) Pledge

Information about the investment properties that were pledged to others as collaterals is provided in Note 27(e) (i).

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

18. INTANGIBLE ASSETS**Computer software**

	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Cost		
At January 1	738	696
Additions	40	62
Disposals	(19)	—
Transfer	—	—
Exchange difference	2	(20)
At December 31	<u>761</u>	<u>738</u>
Accumulated amortization		
At January 1	(599)	(567)
Amortization	(54)	(45)
Disposals	19	—
Exchange difference	(3)	13
At December 31	<u>(637)</u>	<u>(599)</u>
Net book value		
At December 31	<u>124</u>	<u>139</u>

19. INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES**19(a) Associates of our Company**

Company Name	Nature of business	Country of incorporation	Percentage of equity interest	
			2023	2022
Shandong Pacific Rubber Cable Co., Ltd. ("SPRC")	Manufacturing of rubber cable	PRC	25.00%	25.00%
Siam Pacific Holding Company Limited ("SPHC")	Investment & holding company	Thailand	49.00%	49.00%
Loxpac (Thailand) Company Limited ("Loxpac") (Formerly known as "Loxley Pacific Co., Ltd.)	Providing telecommunication service	Thailand	21.39%	21.39%
Loxpac Hong Kong Co., Limited ("Loxpac HK") (Formerly known as "Loxley Pacific Hong Kong Co., Limited")	Investment & holding company	Hong Kong	23.10%	23.10%

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

19. INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (continued)**19(b) Carrying amounts of investment in associates**

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
At January 1	805	835
Share of loss of associates	(2)	(1)
Exchange difference	7	(29)
At December 31	810	805

The investments in SPRC, Loypac and Loypac HK have been fully impaired.

19(c) Summarized financial information for associates

The following table summarized financial information of our Company's investments in associates:

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Summarized financial information of SPHC:		
Current assets	4	1
Non-current assets	1,835	1,818
Current liabilities	(2)	(2)
Non-current liabilities	(184)	(176)
Equity	1,653	1,641
Reconciliation to our Company's investments in associates:		
Percentage of equity interest	49%	49%
Carrying amount of the investment	810	805

	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Summarized financial information of SPHC:			
Revenue	—	—	—
Loss for the year	(4)	(3)	(2)
Reconciliation to our Company's investments in associates:			
Percentage of equity interest	49%	49%	49%
Share of the associates' loss for the year:	(2)	(1)	(1)

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, our Company's associates had no contingent liabilities or capital commitments.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

20. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Trade payables	40,977	29,258
Other payables	10,766	10,633
	51,743	39,891

Other payables included refund liabilities arising from contracts with customers, which amounted to \$9,395 and \$8,667 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

21. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT LIABILITIES

	As of December 31,					
	2023			2022		
	Current	Non-current	Total	Current	Non-current	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Employee benefit liabilities						
Pension-Defined benefit plans	1,120	5,891	7,011	1,320	7,576	8,896
Long service leave	719	106	825	627	117	744
Total	1,839	5,997	7,836	1,947	7,693	9,640

21(a) Pension – Defined contribution plans

Our Company has several defined contribution plans covering its employees in Australia, PRC, Singapore, Thailand, and Taiwan. Contributions to the plan are made monthly. Total charges for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, were \$1,222, \$1,182, and \$1,200, respectively.

21(b) Pension – Defined benefit plans

The defined benefit liability recognized in the consolidated balance sheet in respect to defined benefit plans is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting period, together with adjustments for past service costs and actuarial gains or losses. The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using future actuarial assumptions about demographic and financial variables that affect the determination of the amount of such benefits.

In determining the appropriate discount rate, management considers the inactive corporate bond trading in Thailand, taken into account the yields on Thai Government Bonds and extrapolated maturity corresponding to the expected duration of the defined benefit obligation.

The mortality rate is based on the most recent mortality investigation on policyholders of life insurance companies in Thailand. Future salary increases and pension increases are based on expected future inflation rates derived from external economic data, together with historical experience of Charoong Thai.

In accordance with the Thailand labor law, Charoong Thai and its subsidiaries are obliged to make payment to retiring employees, at rates of 1 to 13 times of their final month's salary rate, depending on the length of service. In addition, Charoong Thai also has the extra benefit plan to make payment to qualified retiring employees, at rates of 1 to 26 times of final month's salary. The plan is not funded. Our Company pays to settle the obligations as and when employees retire.

F-67

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

21. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT LIABILITIES(continued)**21(b) Pension – Defined benefit plans (continued)**

The following tables summaries the components of net benefit expense recognized in the income statement and the funded status and amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheet for the plan:

Net benefit cost	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Current service cost	442	447	519
Past service cost	—	48	—
Interest cost on benefit obligation	191	154	127
Net benefit cost	633	649	646

Other comprehensive income	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Actuarial (gain) / loss – experience	(195)	(263)	140
Actuarial loss / (gain) – demographic assumption	(89)	74	(23)
Actuarial (gain) / loss – financial assumption	(1,601)	(543)	(676)
Actuarial gain	(1,885)	(732)	(559)

Change in the defined obligation	For the year ended December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Defined benefit obligation at January 1	8,896	9,854	11,300
Current service cost	442	447	519
Past service cost	—	48	—
Interest cost on benefit obligation	191	154	127
Benefits paid directly by our Company	(701)	(653)	(746)
Actuarial gain in other comprehensive income	(1,885)	(732)	(559)
Exchange differences	68	(222)	(787)
Defined benefit obligation at December 31	7,011	8,896	9,854

Actuarial assumptions

The significant assumptions used in determining the actuarial present value of the defined benefit obligations for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	2023	2022
	%	%
Discount rate	2.4-4.7	2.5-2.7
Rate of salary increase	3.0~6.0	5.0~6.0
Pre-retirement mortality	* Thailand TMO17 Tables, improving with the rate of 3.0% p.a.	* Thailand TMO17 Tables

* TMO represented as Thailand Mortality Ordinary Tables

F-68

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

21. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT LIABILITIES(continued)**21(b) Pension – Defined benefit plans (continued)****Maturity profile of defined benefit obligation**

The following pension benefit payments are expected payments to be made in the future years out of the defined benefit plan obligation:

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Within the next 12 months (next annual reporting period)	1,120	1,320
Between 2 and 5 years	2,856	1,936
Between 6 and 10 years	3,037	4,101
Total expected payments	7,013	7,357
Weighted average duration of defined benefit obligation	9 ~ 14 years	9 years

Sensitivity analysis

A one-percentage point change in the assumed rates would have yielded the following effects:

	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Discount rate – 1% increase	(552)	(699)
Discount rate – 1% decrease	482	818
Rate of salary increase – 1% increase	483	782
Rate of salary increase – 1% decrease	(543)	(685)

The sensitivity result above determines their individual impact on the plan's year-end defined benefit obligation. In reality, the plan is subject to multiple external experience items which may move the defined benefit obligation in similar or opposite directions, while the plan's sensitivity to such changes can vary over time.

21(c) Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognized in the provision for employee benefits and measured as present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on high quality corporate bond with terms to maturity and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the amount of long service leave obligation was \$825 and \$744, respectively.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

22. OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Contract liabilities	3,690	1,325
Dividend payable	220	291
Onerous contracts provisions	2,306	2,110
Other current liabilities	1,019	1,563
Total	7,235	5,289

Other current liabilities include undue value added tax, unpaid withholding tax, and other miscellaneous liabilities.

22(a) Onerous contracts provisions

	For the year ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
At January 1	2,110	9,640
Recognized	2,196	498
Reversed	(2,040)	(7,763)
Exchange differences	40	(265)
At December 31	2,306	2,110

22(b) Contract Liabilities

	As of December 31,		
	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Current contract liabilities			
Advance from customers	3,585	1,222	511
Custodial service	76	47	50
Transportation service	29	56	51
Total current contract liabilities	3,690	1,325	612

Our Company recognizes contract liabilities when it receives advance payments from customers before performance obligations have been performed.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

22. OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES (continued)**22(b) Contract Liabilities (continued)****Revenue recognized in relation to contract liabilities**

	For the year ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Revenue recognized that was included in the contract liabilities balance at the beginning of the year		
Advance from customers	1,222	511
Custodial service	44	49
Transportation service	46	49
	1,312	609

23. EQUITY**23(a) Common shares**

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
Authorized shares		
Common shares of US\$0.01 each	50,000,000	50,000,000
Common shares issued and fully paid	Number of shares	US\$'000
At January 1, 2022	13,830,769	138
Issuance of common shares	6,796,558	68
At December 31, 2022	20,627,327	206
At December 31, 2023	20,627,327	206
Treasury shares	Number of shares	US\$'000
At January 1, 2022	11,100	38
At December 31, 2022	11,100	38
At December 31, 2023	11,100	38

APWC announced the completion of the rights offering on February 2, 2022, which was issued and sold an aggregate of 6,796,558 common shares pursuant to the exercise of subscription rights, raising net proceeds of \$7.9 million after deducting offering expenses. Following the completion of the rights offering, APWC had 20,627,327 common shares issued and 11,100 common shares were repurchased and held by the Company as treasury shares.

23(b) Dividends

On November 11, 2016, APWC announced that the Board of Directors approved the implementation of a dividend policy as part of APWC's ongoing commitment to increasing shareholder value and return on investment. Pursuant to the dividend policy, subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors, APWC may pay cash dividends of at least 25% of its net post-tax audited consolidated profits attributable to shareholders. As APWC is a holding company, its ability to pay dividends is

dependent upon distributions that it receives from its operating subsidiaries and affiliates, which are subject to a number of factors including operating results, capital requirements, expansion

F-71

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

23. EQUITY (continued)

plans, debt covenants, business prospects, consideration for non-recurring items and other factors that are deemed relevant from time to time by the respective boards of our subsidiaries and affiliates. The dividend policy will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and updated at the discretion of the Board of Directors as business circumstances and available capital and capital requirements may change.

APWC did not declare or pay dividends distributed to owners for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021.

23(c) Other comprehensive income – net of tax

The disaggregation of changes of other comprehensive income by each type of reserve in equity is shown below:

	For the year ended December 31, 2023			
	Remeasurement of defined benefit plans	Financial assets at FVOCI reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Exchange difference on translation of foreign operations	—	—	784	784
Re-measuring gains on defined benefit plans	1,508	—	—	1,508
Changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	—	883	—	883
	1,508	883	784	3,175
	For the year ended December 31, 2022			
	Remeasurement of defined benefit plans	Financial assets at FVOCI reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Exchange difference on translation of foreign operations	—	—	(9,506)	(9,506)
Re-measuring gains on defined benefit plans	585	—	—	585
Changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	—	(1,082)	—	(1,082)
	585	(1,082)	(9,506)	(10,003)

For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Remeasurement of defined benefit plans	Financial assets at FVOCI reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Exchange difference on translation of foreign operations	—	—	(15,028)	(15,028)
Re-measuring losses on defined benefit plans	447	—	—	447
Changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	—	587	—	587
	447	587	(15,028)	(13,994)

F-72

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The related parties are defined as affiliates of our Company; entities for which investments are accounted for by the equity method by our Company; the principal owners of our Company; its management; members of the immediate families of the principal owners of our Company and its management.

Moon View Venture Limited (“Moon View”), PEWC, Singapore Branch, PEWC Singapore Co. (Pte) Ltd., Taiwan Submarine Cable Co., Ltd, and PEWC (HK) are controlled by PEWC. Moon View is the immediate holding company of our Company. Italian-Thai Development Public Company Limited (“Italian-Thai”) is the non-controlling shareholder of one of our Company’s operating subsidiaries in Thailand. SPHC is one of our Company’s equity investees. Fujikura Limited is a non-controlling shareholder of one of our Company’s operating subsidiaries in Thailand.

24(a) Outstanding balance with related parties

The following table provided the total amount of outstanding balance at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

		As of December 31,	
		2023	2022
		US\$'000	US\$'000
Amounts due from related parties			
The ultimate parent company	PEWC	107	147
	PEWC, Singapore Branch	14	5
	PEWC (HK)	130	4,177
	Taiwan Submarine Cable Co., Ltd	—	65
	PACIFIC UNION CO., LTD.	13	—
Associate	SPHC	171	170
Non-controlling shareholder of subsidiary	Italian-Thai and its affiliates	933	6,454
		1,368	11,018
Amounts due to related parties			
The ultimate parent company	PEWC	5,849	14,814
	PEWC Singapore Co. (Pte) Ltd.	400	400
	PEWC (HK)	1	26
	SUMI-PAC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LTD.	299	—
	PACIFIC UNION CO., LTD.	17	—
Associate	SPHC	1,362	1,362
Others		13	11
		7,941	16,613
Contract liabilities			
The ultimate parent company	PEWC	—	137

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

On July 10, 2020, APWC entered into a secured loan agreement with PEWC as lender. In August 2020, we borrowed the principal amount of \$6 million under the Secured Loan from PEWC, pledging our Company's 98.3% ownership stake in Sigma Cable as collateral. This loan was a straight loan with a fixed interest rate of 3% per annum. In June 2021, such loan was repaid in full to PEWC, and the facility was terminated.

Our Company applies the IFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The expected loss rates are based on our Company's historical credit loss experience, adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on general economic conditions affecting the ability of the customers to settle the receivables.

See Note 27(b) credit risk of trade receivables for discussions on how our Company manages and measures credit quality of trade receivables that are neither past due nor impaired.

24(b) Transactions with related parties

The transactions undertaken with related parties are summarized as follows:

		For the year ended December 31,		
		2023	2022	2021
		US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
The ultimate parent company				
PEWC	Purchases	23,093	24,914	20,359
	Sales	14	—	5,254
	Fabrication income received	—	—	25
	Construction income received	1,006	3	—
	Management fee received	29	10	—
	Management fee paid	205	172	153
	Information technology service fee paid	132	120	113
	Training fee paid	—	—	110
	Interest expenses paid	—	—	91
	Rental fee paid	104	18	—
	Vehicle sale proceeds received	18	—	—
	Materials purchased for interior office redecorating	—	8	—
SUMI-PAC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LTD.	Rental fee received	26	—	—
	Service fee received	31	—	—
	Purchases	280	—	—
Pacific Charity Foundation	Rental fee received	9	—	—
PACIFIC UNION CO., LTD.	Construction income received	11	—	—

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

		For the year ended December 31,		
		2023	2022	2021
		US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Chung-Tai Technology Development Engineering Corporation	Rental fee received	11	—	—
	Service fee received	1	—	—
	PEWC, Singapore Branch	—	—	14
PEWC (HK)	Sales	7,437	18,309	25,127
	Service fee paid	67	156	219
Non-controlling shareholder of subsidiary				
Italian Thai and its affiliates	Sales	5,230	8,772	6,613
	Construction of factory building expenses	—	—	1,651
	Loss allowance	4,565	—	—
Others	Fabrication cost	150	277	350
	Vehicle sale proceeds received	25	—	—

As of December 31, 2023, our Company has an outstanding balance from product sales to Italian-Thai, amounting to \$5.6 million. The majority of this outstanding payment, amounting to \$4.6 million, was overdue by more than one year. In 2023, our Company recognized a loss allowance of \$4.6 million. This decision was based on several factors, including (1) Italian-Thai's 2023 financial statement being issued with a disclaimer of opinion related to scope limitation, primarily due to a going concern issue; (2) our Company has not obtained any collateral or guarantees related to the unpaid payments; and (3) Italian-Thai's current financial condition, as evidenced by relevant News and credit rating information in Thailand. Considering the aforementioned factors, our management deemed it appropriate to record a full loss allowance in 2023.

24(c) Terms and condition of transactions with related parties

The sales to and purchases from related parties are based on negotiation by the entities. Outstanding balances at the year-end are unsecured and interest free. There have been no guarantees provided or received for any related party receivables or payables. This assessment is undertaken each financial year through examining the financial position of the related party and the market in which the related party operates.

Our Company purchases from PEWC copper rods as raw materials, low to high voltage power cable, and wire for distribution purposes. The purchase price from PEWC is determined by reference to the quoted copper prices on the LME. No sales commission was received from PEWC during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021.

Our Company leased office from PEWC. The lease terms and prices were both determined in accordance with mutual agreements. The rental fee were paid to PEWC monthly; the related expenses were both classified under manufacturing, selling, and administrative , research and development expenses.

F-75

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

Pursuant to the composite services agreement with PEWC:

- (i) PEWC will sell copper rod to our Company, upon our Company's request, (1) at a price consisting of the average spot price of copper on the LME for the one month prior to purchase plus an agreed upon premium, (2) at prices and on terms at least as favorable as it provides copper rod to other purchasers of similar amounts of copper rod in the same markets as PEWC and (3) will give priority in the supply of copper rod to our Company over other purchasers of copper rod from PEWC.
- (ii) PEWC grants to our Company the right to distribute any wire or cable product manufactured by PEWC in all markets in which our Company presently distributes or develops the capability to distribute in the future, such products on such terms as have historically been in effect or on terms at least as favorable as PEWC grants to third parties that distribute such products in such markets. However, PEWC shall not be required to grant to our Company the right to distribute products manufactured by PEWC in the future in markets where our Company does not currently have the capability to distribute unless and until PEWC has no pre-existing contractual rights which would conflict with the grant of such right to our Company.
- (iii) PEWC will make available to our Company, upon our Company's request and on terms to be mutually agreed between PEWC and our Company from time to time, access to certain of PEWC's technology (and PEWC personnel necessary to use such technology) with respect to the design and manufacture of wire and cable products, including, without limitation, certain fiber optic technology. Our Company benefits from research and development conducted by PEWC at little or no cost to our Company.
- (iv) PEWC will make available to our Company, upon our Company's request and on terms to be mutually agreed between PEWC and our Company from time to time, certain services with respect to the design and manufacture of wire and cable products, computerization, inventory control, purchasing, internal auditing, quality control, emergency back-up services, and recruitment and training of personnel; such services may include the training of our Company's employees and managers at PEWC facilities and the secondment of PEWC employees and managers to our Company.
- (v) Each of PEWC and our Company will offer the other party the right to participate in any negotiations with a third party concerning the establishment of any facility or similar venture to manufacture or distribute any wire or cable product outside of the markets where our Company currently manufactures or distributes, or intends to develop the capability to manufacture or distribute, any wire or cable product. Unless our Company and PEWC mutually agree otherwise, our Company shall have the right of first refusal to enter into any definitive agreement with such third party. If, however, such third party would not agree to the substitution of our Company for PEWC or such substitution would prevent the successful completion of the facility or venture, PEWC will arrange for our Company to participate to the extent possible.

24(d) Compensation of key management personnel of our Company

	For the years ended December, 31		
	2023	2022	2021
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Short-term employee benefits	1,898	1,953	2,372
Post-employment benefits	88	48	84
Total compensation paid to key management personnel	1,986	2,001	2,456

The amounts disclosed in the table were recognized as expenses during the reporting periods.

F-76

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

25. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**25(a) Purchase commitments**

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, our Company had commitments to purchase raw materials totaling \$127 million to \$147 million and \$191 million to \$225 million (14,765 to 17,115 metric tons and 22,375 to 26,255 metric tons), respectively, from third parties and PEWC at the prices stipulated in the contracts.

25(b) Capital commitments

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, our Company had capital commitment relating to the construction of factory building improvement and acquisition of machinery, totaling \$0.7 million and \$0.7 million, respectively.

25(c) Guarantees

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, APWC provided a corporate guarantee not exceeding the sum of \$29 million and \$25 million, respectively, for the bond performance and banking facility of Sigma Cable.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were outstanding bank guarantees of \$17 million and \$14 million, respectively, issued by the banks on behalf of Charoong Thai and its subsidiaries in respect of certain performance bonds as required in the normal course of business of the companies. These guarantees generally expire within 1 year.

25(d) Service commitments

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, our Company had commitments in respect of management consulting services with related parties totaling \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

26. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT**Fair value information:**

As of December 31, 2023

	Fair value measurement using			
	Total	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Financial assets (liabilities) - derivatives (Note 11.(a))				
Foreign exchange forward contract	(74)	—	(74)	—
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 11.(a))				
Unquoted equity instrument				
Thai Metal Processing Co., Ltd.	2,663	—	—	2,663
Leijyu Co., Ltd. (transliteration)	239	—	—	239
Assets for which fair values are disclosed:				
Investment properties (Note 17)				
Land	10,678	—	—	10,678
Office buildings	5,068	—	—	5,068
Warehouse	5,876	—	—	5,876
Land leasehold right	93	—	—	93
Other	9	—	—	9

There have been no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the year.

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

26. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (continued)**Fair value information:**

As of December 31, 2022

	Fair value measurement using			
	Total	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Financial assets (liabilities) - derivatives (Note 11.(a))				
Foreign exchange forward contract	(6)	—	(6)	—
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 11.(a))				
Unquoted equity instrument				
Thai Metal Processing Co., Ltd.	1,553	—	—	1,553
Assets for which fair values are disclosed:				
Investment properties (Note 17)				
Land	10,322	—	—	10,322
Office buildings	1,995	—	—	1,995
Warehouse	5,291	—	—	5,291
Land leasehold right	158	—	—	158
Other	11	—	—	11

There have been no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the year.

27. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

Financial risks are those derived from financial instruments our Company is exposed to during or at the closing of each fiscal year. The objective of our Company's financial risk management is to minimize its risk exposure against various financial risks, which include market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. Our Company uses derivative instruments to cover certain risks when it considers them necessary. It is our Company's policy that no trading in derivatives for speculative purposes shall be undertaken.

Our Company manages its exposure to key financial risks, as described in the succeeding paragraphs.

27(a) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market prices comprise four types of risk: interest rate risk, equity price risk, foreign currency risk and commodity price risk. Financial instruments affected by market risk include loans and borrowings, financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss, and financial instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income.

The sensitivity analysis in the following sections relate to the position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

The analysis excludes the impact of movements in market variables on the carrying value of other post-retirement obligations provisions and on the non-financial assets and liabilities of foreign operations.

(i) Interest rate risk

Our Company's exposure to interest rate risk arises from borrowing at floating interest rates. Changes in interest rate will affect future cash flows but not the fair value. Less than 33% of our Company's financial liabilities bear floating

F-79

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

27. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES (continued)**(i) Interest rate risk (continued)**

interest rate, and the rest of its financial liabilities bear fixed interest rate which are close to the market rate or are non-interest bearing.

At the reporting dates, a change of 30 basis points of interest rate in a reporting period could cause the profit for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 to increase/decrease by \$115 and \$128, respectively.

(ii) Equity price risk

Our Company's exposure to equity price risk arises from unquoted instrument held by our Company and classified in the balance sheet as non-current financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income.

The fair value and the sensitivity analysis of the held equity instrument are disclosed in Note 11(d).

(iii) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Our Company's exposure to the risk of changes in foreign exchange rates arise from sales, purchases and borrowings by operating units in currencies other than the unit's functional currency. Our Company's principal operations are located in Thailand, the PRC, Singapore and Australia and a substantial portion of its revenues are denominated in Thai Baht, RMB, Australian dollars or Singapore dollars, whereas a substantial portion of our Company's cost of sales are denominated in U.S. dollars, its reporting currency. Any devaluation of the functional currencies of our Company's principal subsidiaries against the U.S. dollar would likely have an adverse impact on the operations of our Company. Management monitors the foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise. (refer to NTA-11(c)(ii))

The balance of financial assets and liabilities denominated in a currency different from our Company's each functional currency are summarized below.

	Financial Assets		Financial Liabilities	
	As of December 31,		As of December 31	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
United States dollar (USD)	5,135	8,231	4,689	15,057
Thai Baht (THB)	4,254	326	891,587	30
Singapore dollar (SGD)	296	106	11	46
Taiwan dollar (TWD)	28,780	25,282	2,920	4,463
Renminbi (RMB)	18	18	—	—
Hong Kong dollar (HKD)	4,649	7,773	25	25
Euro (EUR)	8	20	—	—

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

27. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES (continued)**(iii) Foreign currency risk (continued)****Foreign currency sensitivity**

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity of our Company's profit before tax and equity to a reasonably possible change of each foreign currency exchange rates against all other non-functional currencies, with all other variables held constant.

	Change rate	USD	THB	SGD	TWD	HKD	EUR
2023	5%	22	(1,303)	11	42	30	—
	-5%	(22)	1,303	(11)	(42)	(30)	—
2022	5%	(341)	—	2	34	50	1
	-5%	341	—	(2)	(34)	(50)	(1)

iv. Commodity price risk

Our Company is affected by the volatility of certain commodities. Copper is the principal raw material used by our Company. Our Company purchases copper at price closely related to the prevailing international spot market on the London Metal Exchange for copper. The price of copper is influenced heavily by global supply and demand as well as speculative trading. Consequently, a change in the price of copper will have a direct effect on our Company's cost of sales. Our Company does not use derivative instruments to hedge the price risk associated with the purchase of this commodity. However, we cover some of these risks through long-term purchase contracts.

Commodity price sensitivity

The following table shows the potential effect of price changes in copper.

	Change in year-end price	Effect on profit before tax	Effect on equity
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
2023			
Copper	-14 %	(3,296)	N/A
	+14 %	3,296	N/A
2022			
Copper	+23 %	5,981	N/A
	-23 %	(5,981)	N/A

On average, copper composes around 73% and 79% of the product cost in December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The above sensitivity analysis is based on the most significant fluctuation rate of the month in December 31, 2023 as compared to the same month in 2022 and the most significant fluctuation rate of the month in 2022 as compared to the same month in 2021 and one month manufacturing lead time to estimate its impact on profit before tax in December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

27(b) Credit risk

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, bank deposits, foreign currency forward contracts, trade receivables, contract assets, other receivables excluding bank deposits, and amounts due from related parties. Our Company's exposure to credit risk arises from default of counterparty, with maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these financial instruments.

F-81

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

27. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES (continued)**(i) Risk management**

Our Company maintains cash and cash equivalents, as well as bank deposits with various financial institutions located in Singapore, Thailand, Australia, Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China. Our Company's policy is designed to limit its exposure to any one institution. Our Company performs periodic evaluations of the relative credit standing of those financial institutions that are considered in our Company's investment strategy.

Foreign currency forward contracts are only used for economic hedging purposes and not as speculative investments. The counterparties on these forward contracts are banks with international operations and good credit quality.

Concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade receivables and contract assets are limited due to the large number of entities comprising our Company's customer base. Our Company analyzes the credit risk for each of the new clients before credit limits are offered. Internal risk control assesses the credit quality of the customers, taking into account their financial position, past experience and other factors. Our Company carefully assesses the financial strength of its customers and generally does not require any collateral. Compliances with credit limits are monitored, and exceptions beyond a certain threshold are discussed regularly. Customers' credit terms are extended over time only when they establish good payment patterns with our Company.

Our Company enters into transactions with related parties in the ordinary course of its business. Refer to Note 24(c) for our Company's general credit risk management practices.

(ii) Definition of default

Our Company considers the following as constituting an event of default for internal credit risk management purposes as historical experience indicates that financial assets that meet either of the following criteria are generally not recoverable:

- ▶ when there is a breach of financial covenants by the debtor; or
- ▶ information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including our Company, in full (without taking into account any collateral held by our Company).

(iii) Measurement and recognition of expected credit losses

Our Company recognizes a loss allowance for expected credit losses on trade receivables and contract assets by using a provision matrix. Refer to Note 12(c) and 24(a) for the approach used to measure expected credit losses of trade receivables, Note 12(b) for the loss allowance recognized, and Note 12(a) for changes in the loss allowance on trade receivables. While contract assets are also subject to the impairment requirements of IFRS 9, the identified impairment loss was immaterial.

Our Company applies the general approach for all other financial assets that are subject to the expected credit loss model. The expected credit losses of the respective financial instruments for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were immaterial. While cash and cash equivalents are also subject to the impairment requirements of IFRS 9, the identified impairment loss was also immaterial.

(iv) Write off policy

Financial instruments are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan

(iv) Write off policy (continued)

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

27. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES (continued)

with our Company, and a failure to make contractual payments for a period of greater than generally 90 days past due.

(v) Concentrations of credit risk

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, trade receivables from one customer represented 12.48% and 14.44% of total trade receivables of our Company, respectively. The credit concentration risk of other trade receivables is insignificant.

27(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the financial liabilities of our Company and their subsequent ability to meet obligations to repay their financial liabilities as and when they fall due. Management manages our Company's liquidity risk by closely monitoring cash flow from the operations. Our Company has about \$38 million in cash and cash equivalents, \$188 million in unutilized amounts of bank loans, and the total financial liabilities is \$119 million at the reporting date, which for financial assets and liabilities results in a net asset position. Liquidity risk is considered not high as of December 31, 2023. Refer to Note 29 for development subsequent to year end.

The table below summarizes the maturity profile of our Company's financial liabilities based on contractual undiscounted payment obligations.

	<u>< 1 year</u>	<u>2 to 3 years</u>	<u>4 to 5 years</u>	<u>> 5 years</u>	<u>Total</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
As of December 31, 2023					
Financial liabilities					
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	57,170	—	—	—	57,170
Trade and other payables	51,743	—	—	—	51,743
Due to related parties	7,941	—	—	—	7,941
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	74	—	—	—	74
Lease liability	676	673	386	355	2,090
	<u>117,604</u>	<u>673</u>	<u>386</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>119,018</u>
As of December 31, 2022					
Financial liabilities					
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	46,087	9,616	400	4,870	60,973
Trade and other payables	39,891	—	—	—	39,891
Due to related parties	16,613	—	—	—	16,613
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	6	—	—	—	6
Lease liability	788	1,073	469	579	2,909
	<u>103,385</u>	<u>10,689</u>	<u>869</u>	<u>5,449</u>	<u>120,392</u>

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

27. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES (continued)**27(d) Capital management**

The primary objectives of our Company's capital management are to safeguard our Company's ability to continue as a going concern and maintain healthy capital ratios in order to support its business, maximize shareholders' value and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

Our Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, in light of changes in economic conditions and the risks characteristics of the underlying assets. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, our Company may adjust the dividend payment to shareholders, return capital to shareholders, issue new shares or conduct stock repurchase programs. Our Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes for managing capital during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

In line with industry practices, our Company monitors capital using a gearing ratio, which is net debt divided by total capital plus net debt. Our Company includes within net debt, interest bearing loans and borrowings, trade and other payables, less cash and cash equivalents.

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Interest bearing loans and borrowings	53,737	57,731
Trade and other payables	51,743	39,891
Less: cash and cash equivalents	(37,970)	(54,017)
Net debt	67,510	43,605
Total Equity	214,621	211,428
Capital and net debt	282,131	255,033
Gearing ratio	23.9%	17.1%

Our Company has no direct business operations other than its ownership of the capital stock of its subsidiaries and equity investees holdings. As a holding company, our Company's ability to pay dividends, as well as to meet its other obligations, depends upon the amount of distributions, if any, received from our Company's operating subsidiaries and other holdings and investments. Our Company's operating subsidiaries and other holdings and investments, from time to time, may be subject to restrictions on their ability to make distributions to our Company, including as a result of restrictive covenants contained in loan agreements, restrictions on the conversion of local currency earnings into U.S. dollars or other hard currency and other regulatory restrictions. For example, PRC legal restrictions permit payments of dividends by our business entities in PRC only out of their retained earnings, if any, determined in accordance with relevant PRC accounting standards and regulations. Under PRC law, such entities are also required to set aside a portion of their net income each year to fund certain reserve funds. These reserves are not distributable as cash dividends. The foregoing restrictions may also affect our Company's ability to fund operations of one subsidiary with dividends and other payments received from another subsidiary.

27(e) Collateral

The credit lines of our Company were collateralized by:

- (i) Mortgage of our Company's land, buildings, machinery and equipment, investment properties and land use rights with a total carrying amount of \$10,211 at December 31, 2023 (2022: \$10,541);
- (ii) Pledge of other receivables of \$1,138 at December 31, 2023 (2022: \$1,118);
- (iii) Corporate guarantee issued by APWC.

F-84

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

27. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES (continued)**27(e) Collateral (continued)**

- (iv) A trading facility was secured by all the assets with total carrying amount of \$41,058 of a subsidiary as of December 31, 2023 (2022: \$35,080).

The weighted average interest rates on bank loans and overdrafts as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 were 4.31% and 2.58% per annum, respectively.

28. CASH FLOW INFORMATION**28(a) Investing activities with partial cash payments****(i) Purchase of PPE**

	For the year end December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	4,649	3,553
Add: Payable for PPE or CIP - Opening	152	173
Less: Payable for PPE or CIP - Ending	(56)	(152)
Less: Prepayment for PPE & CIP - Opening	(599)	(427)
Add: Prepayment for PPE & CIP - Ending	108	599
Cash paid during the year	4,254	3,746

(ii) Dividend paid

	For the year end December 31,	
	2023	2022
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Dividends paid to company's shareholders	284	565
Add: Payable for dividends-Opening	291	670
Less: Payable for dividends-Ending	(220)	(291)
Other	2	(379)
Cash paid during the year	357	565

[Table of Contents](#)

ASIA PACIFIC WIRE & CABLE CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

28. CASH FLOW INFORMATION (continued)**28(b) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities**

	Interest -bearing loans and borrowings	Lease liabilities	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Balance at January 1, 2022	65,387	2,487	67,874
Changes in cash flows	(5,176)	(616)	(5,792)
Foreign exchange adjustments	(2,480)	(44)	(2,524)
Acquisition lease	—	851	851
Other changes	—	(15)	(15)
Remeasurement	—	(89)	(89)
Balance at December 31, 2022	57,731	2,574	60,305
Changes in cash flows	(4,457)	(691)	(5,148)
Foreign exchange adjustments	463	21	484
Acquisition lease	—	177	177
Other changes	—	(1)	(1)
Remeasurement	—	1	1
Balance at December 31, 2023	53,737	2,081	55,818

29. SUBSEQUENT EVENT**29(a) CTW refinancing on a long-term basis of a liability classified as current**

In February 2024, CTW entered into a bank loan agreement extension amounting to USD9 million. The repayment of the principal amount is scheduled to be completed by March 2027, with an interest rate of 4.76% per annum. CTW is required to mortgage its land as collateral and to comply with several covenants, including maintaining the debt-to-equity ratio must not be less than 0 and the debt service coverage ratio not less than 1.20 times on an annual basis.

Other than the above events, our Company is not aware of any matter or circumstance that has significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of our Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of our Company.

30. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorized for issuance by the board of directors on April 25, 2024.