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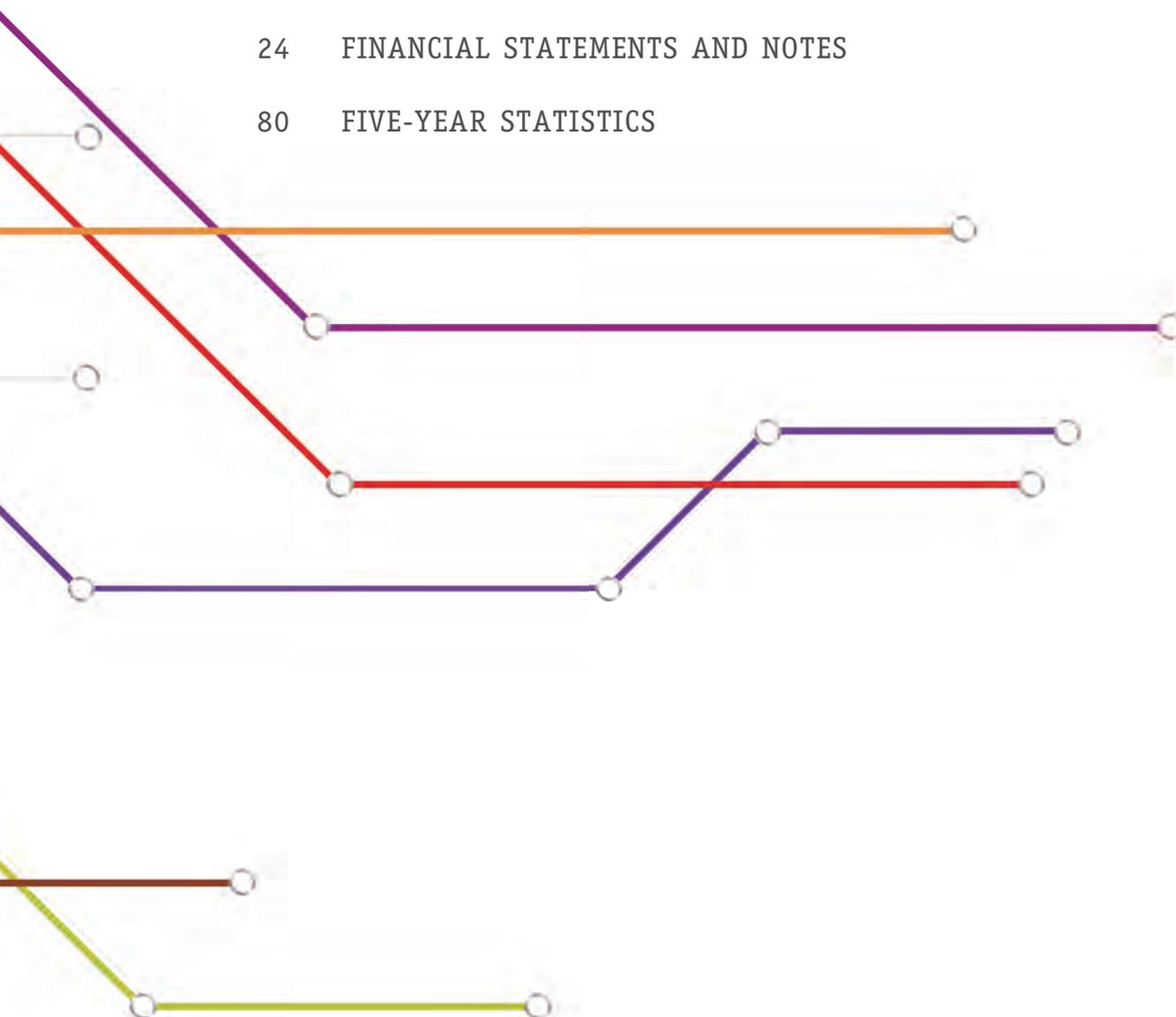


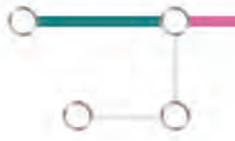
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Chairman
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(up to 30 June 2017)



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Chairman's Statement

2017 marked the 10th Anniversary of the Corporation's Service Concession Agreement with the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) as the Corporation has transferred its railway operation function to the MTRCL since the rail merger in 2007. In the past ten years, the service concession payments from MTRCL have increased steadily, allowing the Corporation to enjoy a growing operating profit.

This year, the Corporation has benefited from the steady growth in the local economy. The Corporation's revenue for the Fixed and Variable Annual Payments from the MTRCL under the Service Concession Agreement recorded an increase of HK\$146 million to HK\$2,683 million in 2017. This is the highest since the rail merger in 2007.

Although the annual accounts of the Corporation continued to show an accounting loss in 2017, most of it is attributed to non-cash depreciation charges on assets. In anticipation of further improvements to its financial performance and the repayment of the remaining outstanding debts in a few years' time, I look forward to the Corporation achieving long-term accounting profitability in the near future.

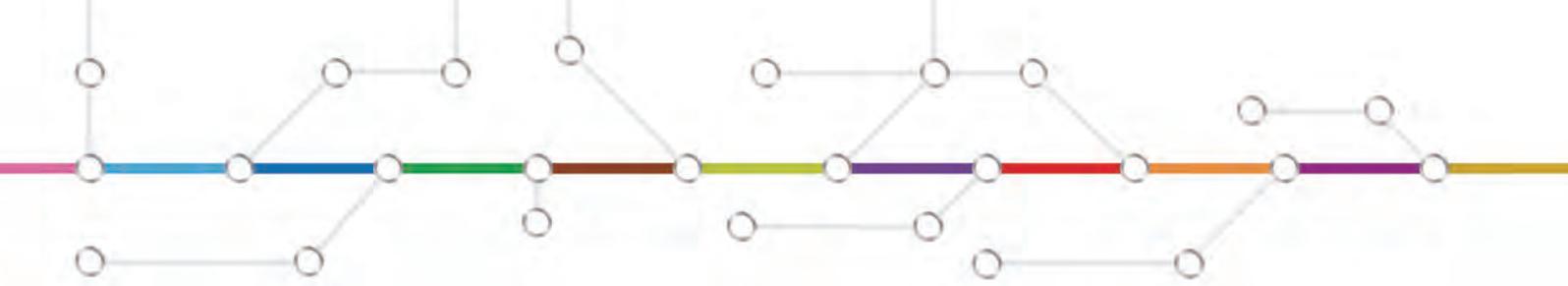
In September 2017, the Government announced that the land or interests or other rights in respect of the land for the operation of the Hong Kong section of the Express Rail Link (XRL) be vested in and the movable assets of XRL be assigned to the Corporation. The Corporation will in turn grant a service concession to MTRCL to operate the XRL. We are excited about the opportunity to participate in and contribute towards the successful operation of the XRL.

I am pleased to see the Corporation having another year of success in 2017 and wish to thank all members on the Board for their continued support and the good work of the management team.

James H. Lau Jr., JP

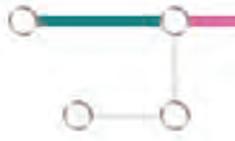
Chairman

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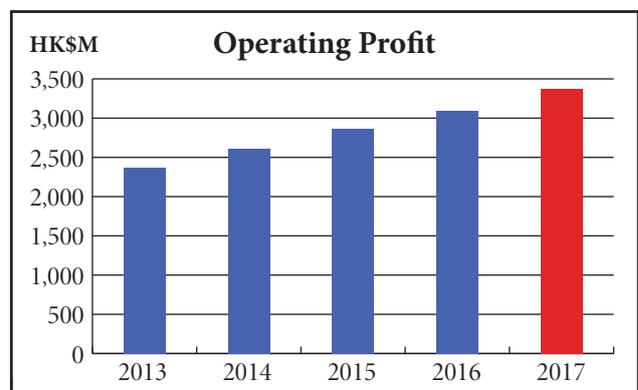
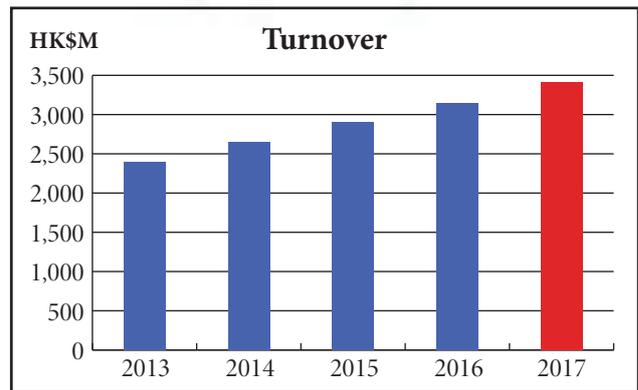
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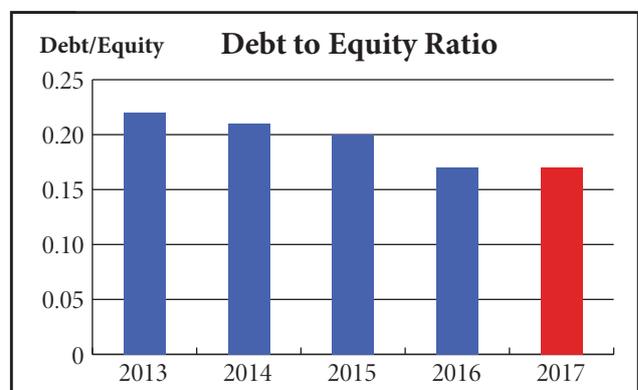
After the rail merger in 2007, the commercial risks faced by the Corporation in railway operation have significantly reduced with its business focuses on investment and asset holding. The Corporation enjoyed a relatively steady income stream under the Service Concession Agreement in the past ten years with a continued increase in service concession payments as the railway network expands and the local economy improves. Although not being publicly listed, the Corporation, for good corporate governance, complies with the requirements for listed companies of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited as far as practicable and has been preparing its annual accounts following the commercial accounting standards as required under the Kowloon–Canton Railway Corporation Ordinance (Cap. 372) (the KCRC Ordinance). The Corporation also continued to fully comply with all relevant laws and regulations in 2017.

Though the Corporation is wholly owned by the Government of the HKSAR, it conducts its business according to prudent commercial principles as required under the KCRC Ordinance. On the other hand, the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) is the Corporation’s business partner in operating the Corporation’s rail network under the Service Concession Agreement. The Corporation has been conducting its business with these two key stakeholders in a spirit of cooperation and mutual support.

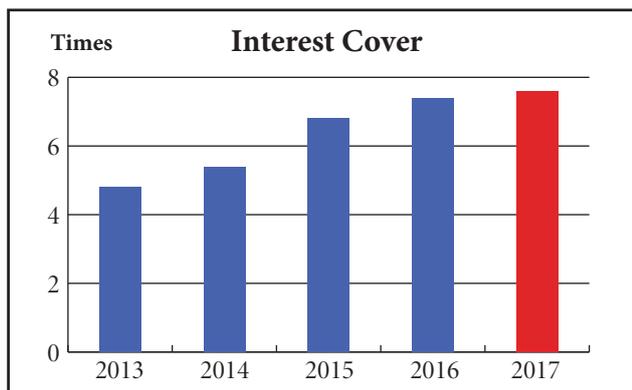
The Corporation adopts five Key Performance Indicators, namely Turnover, Operating Profit, Debt to Equity Ratio, Interest Cover and Accounting Losses. These indicators reflect the financial position of the Corporation which demonstrates a stable and improving financial performance, with the ultimate goal of returning to sustained long-term accounting profitability in the near term.



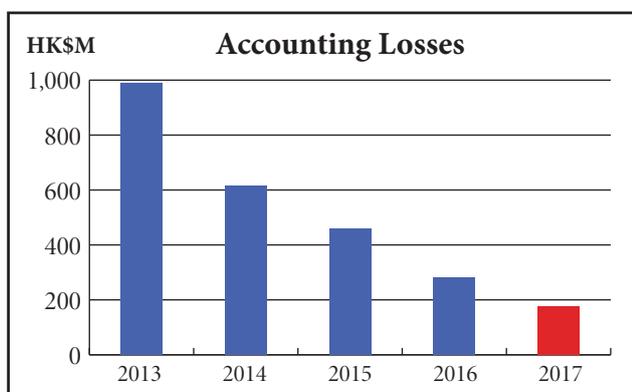
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Note 1: Operating Profit is before depreciation, amortisation and impairment.

Note 2: Debt to Equity Ratio = $\frac{\text{Interest-bearing borrowings}}{\text{Total equity}}$

Note 3: Interest Cover = $\frac{\text{Operating profit before depreciation, amortisation and impairment} + \text{Interest and finance income} + \text{Share of profit of associate}}{\text{Interest and finance expenses}}$

The majority of revenues received by the Corporation arise from the annual payments made by the MTRCL under the Service Concession Agreement, comprising a Fixed Annual Payment of HK\$750 million and a Variable Annual Payment.

The Fixed Annual Payment and the Variable Annual Payment for the Corporation totalled HK\$2,683 million in 2017. The Variable Annual Payment for 2017 increased by about 8% when compared with 2016, from HK\$1,787 million to HK\$1,933 million. The increase in Variable Annual Payment reflects the continued growth in fare and non-fare revenues earned by MTRCL from the Corporation's rail network.

The Corporation also received property rental income of HK\$36 million from leasing the 7th to 10th floors of Citylink Plaza, dividends of HK\$51 million arising from KCRC's 22.1% shareholding in Octopus Holdings Limited and an interest income of HK\$114 million from investment of the Corporation's retained cash.

Operating costs of the Corporation (before depreciation, amortisation and impairment) plus interest and finance expenses amounted to HK\$520 million for 2017, of which HK\$437 million were interest charges on the Corporation's debt portfolio. Other major expenditure items include HK\$8 million of direct staff costs and HK\$31 million for outsourced support services provided by MTRCL and others.

The Corporation's operating profit for the year before depreciation, amortisation and impairment amounted to HK\$3,370 million, an increase of HK\$275 million (8.9%) over 2016.

Non-cash depreciation and amortisation charges for 2017 amounted to HK\$3,269 million, compared with HK\$3,183 million in 2016. The accounting net loss for the year was HK\$177 million, representing a significant decrease of some HK\$103 million when compared with the loss of HK\$280 million recorded in 2016.



The Corporation is not involved in the construction of any new railway projects after the completion of the Kowloon Southern Link and has no major capital cost or railway asset replacement expenditure after the project. Subsequent to the booking of the depreciation charges of the Kowloon Southern Link in the Corporation's accounts in 2009, the Corporation has been able to report steady reductions in accounting losses as the depreciation charges on initial concession assets gradually decreased, coupled with the receipt of Variable Annual Payments from MTRCL from December 2010 onwards.

Not only has the capital expenditure reduced, the Corporation also benefited from the low interest rate environment by swapping a significant portion of the Corporation's fixed rate interest on debt instruments to floating rates in the past few years. With the last floating rate debt maturing in 2019, the Corporation would then be servicing only fixed rate debts. The Corporation has sufficient cash to fully repay the maturing notes and bonds without the need for refinancing. Against this background, the Corporation is expecting to return to sustainable long-term accounting profitability in the near future.

Under the West Rail Shareholding Agreement signed with the Government in February 2000, the Corporation is the majority shareholder of the West Rail Property Development Limited and its subsidiary companies. These companies, employing the MTRCL as their project management agent, are responsible for developing 11 residential and commercial sites along the West Rail.

Following the award of the tender for the development of the site at Kam Sheung Road in May 2017, only the site at Pat Heung Maintenance Depot remains for development. The property developments adjacent the Tsuen Wan West Station and Nam Cheong Station have been completed and the pre-sale of residential units in these

developments is currently in progress with good response from the market. All residential units of the development adjacent to the Tuen Mun Station and a few developments close to Tsuen Wan West Station have been sold. For the development site adjacent to the Long Ping Station, over 96% of the units have been sold at the time of this report.

The Government announced in September 2017 that the land or interests or other rights in respect of the land for the operation of the Hong Kong section of the Express Rail Link (XRL) be vested in and the movable assets of XRL be assigned to the Corporation. The XRL, targeted to be commissioned in the third quarter of 2018, is likely to have an impact on the existing East Rail intercity services and cross-boundary services. The Corporation is working closely with the Government in finalising the detailed arrangements for the operation of the XRL.

Separately, the Government announced in February 2018 that the land or interests or other rights in respect of the land for the operation of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) be vested in and the movable assets of SCL be assigned to the Corporation. We will continue to monitor developments in respect of the construction of the SCL, which will be fully integrated with the Corporation's existing rail network, i.e. East Rail, Ma On Shan Rail and West Rail.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Members of the Managing Board for their support to the management team over the past 12 months.

Edmund K H Leung, SBS, OBE, JP

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Chief Officer
29 March 2018



Corporate Governance

The Corporation maintains high standards of corporate governance. Being a statutory corporation established in Hong Kong by the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Ordinance (Chapter 372 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the KCRC Ordinance), it is not bound by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the Listing Rules). As a matter of policy, the Corporation complies with the Corporate Governance Code (the Code) as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules issued by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited to the extent that they are applicable to the Corporation, International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the applicable disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The Managing Board

The Corporation and its wholly or majority owned subsidiary companies are controlled through its Managing Board (the Board). The Board's main roles are to ensure that the Corporation complies in every respect with the provisions of the KCRC Ordinance to create value for its sole shareholder, to provide leadership to the Corporation, to approve the Corporation's strategic objectives and to ensure that the necessary financial and other resources are made available to Management to enable them to meet those objectives. The Board has a schedule of matters reserved for its approval. The specific responsibilities reserved for the Board include but are not limited to:

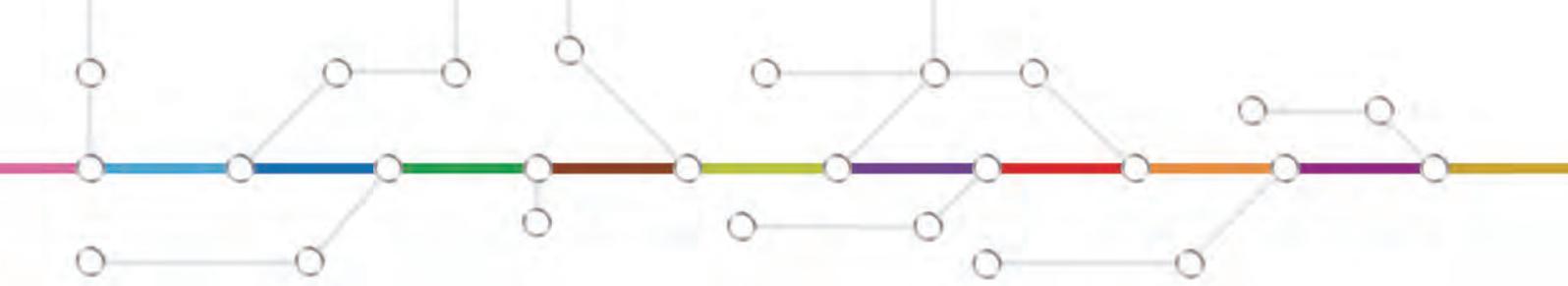
- (a) rules for conduct of the Corporation's business;
- (b) Three Year Business Plan, including revenue, expenses and capital budget for the ensuing year, annual manpower plan and pay review;

- (c) annual budget;
- (d) annual report and audited financial statements;
- (e) recommendations with respect to dividend payments;
- (f) major business strategies; and
- (g) award of major contracts and significant variations to those contracts.

In addition to the above, Management must report to the Board monthly on significant developments, together with the operating and financial results, information on use of the Corporate Seal, awarding of major contracts, and any other matters which may be required by the Board from time to time. The Board has delegated all other authorities to carry out the Corporation's activities to the Chief Officer.

The Roles of the Chairman and the Chief Officer

The division of responsibilities between the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Officer is clearly defined and has been approved by the Board. The non-executive Chairman leads the Board in the determination of its strategy and in the achievement of its objectives. The Chairman is responsible for the conduct of the business of the Board, ensuring its effectiveness and setting its agenda. The Chairman is not involved in the day-to-day business of the Corporation. The Chairman facilitates the effective contribution of non-executive Members of the Board and constructive relations between executive management and Members, ensuring that Members receive accurate, timely and clear information, as well as ensuring effective communication with the Corporation's sole shareholder. The Chief Officer has direct charge of the Corporation on a day-to-day basis and is accountable to the Board for the Corporation's financial and operational performance.



Members and Members' Independence

The Board currently comprises the Chairman and five other non-executive Members, all of whom are senior public office holders in the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. All are appointed to the Board on an ex-officio basis by the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Members have, if required, access to independent professional advice at the Corporation's expense, in order for them to carry out their responsibilities. Notwithstanding that they are public office holders, Members are expected to be independent in their judgement. The names of Members together with their biographical details are set out on pages 2 to 3.

Professionalism

Each Member receives information about the Corporation, the role of the Board and the matters reserved for its decision, the terms of reference and membership of the Board and its committees, and the powers delegated to those committees, the Corporation's corporate governance practices and procedures, including the powers reserved for the Corporation's senior executives, and the latest financial information about the Corporation. Throughout their period in office, Members are continually updated on the Corporation's business, the competitive and regulatory environments in which it operates, corporate social responsibility matters and other changes affecting the Corporation, and the industry it operates in as a whole, by written briefing papers and meetings with senior executives. Members are also advised of their legal and other duties and obligations as a Member of the Board by the Company Secretary. They are regularly reminded of these duties and updated on changes to the legal and governance requirements

which impact on the Corporation and themselves as Members of the Board. Regular reports and papers are circulated to Members in a timely manner in preparation for Board and Committee meetings. These papers are supplemented by information specifically requested by Members from time to time. All Members receive monthly management accounts and regular management reports, which enable them to scrutinise the Corporation's and management's performance against agreed objectives.

The Company Secretary

The Company Secretary is responsible for advising the Board, through the Chairman, on all governance matters. Members have access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary.

Relations with the Sole Shareholder

To fulfil the Chairman's obligations under the KCRC Ordinance and the Code, the Chairman gives feedback to the Board on issues raised with him by the Corporation's sole shareholder. The Corporation maintains a corporate website, www.kcrc.com, containing a wide range of information of interest to all stakeholders.

Internal Control and Risk Management

The Board is ultimately responsible for the Corporation's system of internal control. It ensures through the Audit Committee and the outsourced internal audit function that appropriate policies on internal control are in place and through this team seeks assurance that enables it to satisfy itself that the system is functioning effectively, and that the system of internal control is effective in managing material controls in the manner which they are approved. The Board is required to review on an annual basis the



effectiveness of the Corporation's system of internal controls through the Audit Committee, including financial, operational and compliance controls, and the Corporation's internal control arrangements, and to consider and take appropriate action in respect of reports received from the external auditor on matters identified during the course of statutory audit work.

The Corporation views the careful management of risk as a key management activity and the Board is also ultimately responsible for the effectiveness of risk management. The Board ensures through the Audit Committee that opportunities be captured through managing business risk. This is done using a simple and flexible framework that provides a consistent and sustained way of implementing the Corporation's values. These business risks, which may be strategic, operational, or reputation-related, are made known to Members. The business context determines in each situation the level of acceptable risk and controls. The Board is required to review the effectiveness of risk management on an annual basis through the Audit Committee.

The annual review in 2017 concluded that the existing risk management and internal control systems are effective and adequate.

Board and Audit Committee Meetings

The Board usually meets quarterly, and on an ad hoc basis when appropriate. It is responsible, inter alia, for overall corporate strategy, approval of the Corporation's annual budget, major financing arrangements, and ensuring that sound administrative systems and procedures are in place. It reviews monthly the Corporation's operating results, and the progress made towards annual targets. With the position of Chief Executive Officer being left vacant from December 2007, the Board has delegated to the Chief Officer the authority for the management of day-to-day operations.

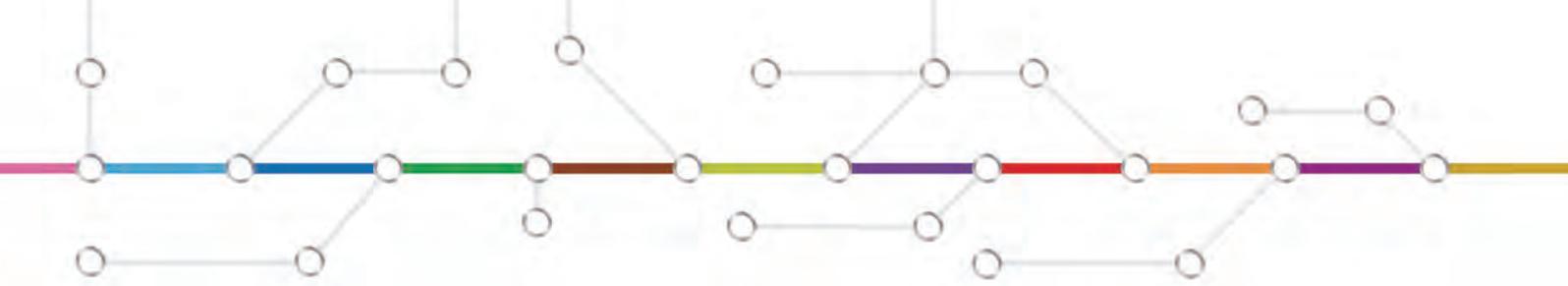
There were four Board and three Audit Committee Meetings held during the year up to 31 December 2017 and attended by Members as listed in the following table.

	Board Meetings	Audit Committee Meetings
Professor K C Chan (Note 1)	2	N.A.
Mr James H. Lau Jr. (Note 2)	2	N.A.
Mr Joseph Lai Yee-tak	3	N.A.
Ms Carol Yuen Siu-wai	4	3
Mr Martin Siu Man-tat (Note 3)	4	3
Mr Tommy Yuen Man-chung	4	3
Mr Wallace Lau Ka-ki	4	N.A.

Note 1. Chairman of the Board till 30 June 2017

Note 2. Chairman of the Board from 1 July 2017

Note 3. Chairperson of the Audit Committee



In 2017, a total of 49 decision and information papers were considered by Board Members.

Audit Committee

During the year, the Audit Committee comprised Mr Martin Siu Man-tat (Chairperson), Ms Carol Yuen Siu-wai, and Mr Tommy Yuen Man-chung. All members of the Audit Committee are non-executive Members. The Audit Committee has at least one member possessing “recent and relevant experience”, namely, Mr Martin Siu Man-tat, who is a certified public accountant and is also the Director of Accounting Services of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Under its terms of reference, the Audit Committee monitors the integrity of the financial statements and any formal announcements relating to the Corporation’s performance. The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of the external audit process and making recommendations to the Board in relation to the appointment, reappointment and remuneration of the external auditor. It is responsible for ensuring that an appropriate relationship between the Corporation and the external auditor is maintained, including reviewing non-audit services and fees. It also monitors the effectiveness of the Corporation’s systems of internal control and the processes for monitoring and evaluating the risks facing the Corporation. The Audit Committee reviews the effectiveness of the internal audit function, which is currently provided by the internal audit department of MTRCL under an outsourcing arrangement, and is responsible for recommending to the Managing Board the renewal and termination of that outsourced service function. The Audit Committee has undertaken to review its terms of reference at least once every three years and its effectiveness and, if appropriate, will recommend to the Board any changes required as a result of the review.

The Audit Committee meets with Management, as well as privately with both the external and internal auditors. The Audit Committee’s terms of reference are available from the Company Secretary and are displayed on the Corporation’s website, www.kcrc.com. In 2017 the Audit Committee discharged its responsibilities by:

- (a) reviewing the Corporation’s draft financial statements prior to Board approval;
- (b) reviewing the external auditor’s report thereon;
- (c) reviewing the appropriateness of the Corporation’s accounting policies;
- (d) reviewing the potential impact of the generally accepted accounting principles in Hong Kong on the Corporation’s financial statements;
- (e) reviewing, recommending or pre-approving audit fees or non-audit fees;
- (f) reviewing the external auditor’s plan for the audit of the Corporation’s financial statements; and
- (g) approving the annual internal audit plan and reviewing reports on the adequacy and effectiveness of systems of internal control, financial reporting and risk management.

The Audit Committee has taken on responsibility for monitoring the Corporation’s whistle blowing procedures, which ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place for employees to be able to raise matters of possible impropriety in confidence, with suitable subsequent follow-up action.



Auditor's Independence and Objectivity

The Audit Committee monitors regularly and closely the non-audit services being provided to the Corporation and its subsidiary companies by its external auditor, who is appointed by the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, to ensure that the provision of such services does not impair the external auditor's independence or objectivity. If and when appropriate the Audit Committee will engage the services of alternative, appropriately qualified accounting firms to undertake non-audit services. When considering any non-audit work to be undertaken by the external auditor, the Audit Committee is mindful of the need to be satisfied that the external auditor should not audit its own work, make management decisions for the Corporation or its subsidiaries, have a mutuality of financial interest with the Corporation or its subsidiaries, or be put in the role of advocate for the Corporation or its subsidiaries. The Audit Committee also takes into consideration relevant professional and regulatory requirements so that these are not impaired by the provision of permissible non-audit services by the external auditor. Prior approval by the Audit Committee is required for any services provided by the external auditor. Any activities that may be perceived to be in conflict with the role of the external auditor must be submitted to the Audit Committee for its consideration and approval prior to engagement. Details of the amounts paid to the external auditor during the year for audit and other services are set out in Note 7 (a) to the Financial Statements.



The Members of the Managing Board have pleasure in submitting herewith their report and audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2017.

Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Ordinance

The Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Ordinance (the KCRC Ordinance), enacted in 1982, established the Corporation and empowered it to operate the Kowloon-Canton Railway. Amendments in 1986 and 1998 empowered the Corporation to construct and operate Light Rail and new railways, and enabled the Government to inject equity into the Corporation to fund the construction of such new railways. Inter alia, the KCRC Ordinance contains provisions covering the appointments and roles of the Members of the Managing Board.

An amendment of the KCRC Ordinance in December 2001 provided for the separation of the functions and duties of the Chairman from those of the Chief Executive by creating the office of Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. The Chief Executive Officer was also appointed as a Member of the Managing Board.

On 2 December 2007, following the enactment of the Rail Merger Ordinance, the MTR Corporation Limited commenced operating KCRC's railway assets by way of a service concession for an initial period of 50 years, which is extendable. KCRC retains ownership of the railway assets covered in the Service Concession Agreement and should the MTR Corporation Limited fail to observe the terms of the agreement, there is provision for KCRC to take back and operate its assets. The Rail Merger Ordinance also made provision for the position of Chief Executive Officer to be left vacant, which the Managing Board agreed should be the case from 2 December 2007. Instead the Corporation appointed a Chief Officer, who is not a Member of the Managing Board, to head the executive management team.

Principal Activities of the Corporation

The principal activities of the Corporation are –

- railway asset holder, with responsibility for monitoring that the MTR Corporation Limited complies with the terms of the Service Concession Agreement
- investing the annual payments from the MTR Corporation Limited
- servicing the Corporation's outstanding debts
- managing its subsidiaries

The principal activities of the subsidiary companies incorporated to facilitate the undertaking of the above activities are set out in Note 17 to the Financial Statements.

The Managing Board

The Board is the governing body of the Corporation with authority to exercise the duties conferred upon it by the KCRC Ordinance.

Members of the Board are all public officers (appointed ex-officio), being –

- Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Professor K C Chan (Chairman) (up to 30 June 2017) and Mr James H. Lau Jr. (Chairman) (from 1 July 2017);
- Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport), Mr Joseph Lai Yee-tak;
- Director of Accounting Services, Mr Martin Siu Man-tat (up to 2 January 2018) and Mr Charlix Wong Shing-hei (from 3 January 2018);
- Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) 1, Ms Carol Yuen Siu-wai;



- Government Property Administrator, Mr Tommy Yuen Man-chung; and
- Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) 4, Mr Wallace Lau Ka-ki.

Brief biographical details of Board Members are set out on pages 2 and 3.

Long-Term Planning, Business Planning and Financial Management Framework

Business plans, incorporating triennial forecasts of income and expenditure, are prepared each year for submission to the Managing Board. The first year of the Business Plan forms the basis for formulating the Budget for that year.

There are defined procedures and regular quality reviews of the operation of the Corporation's computerised systems to ensure the accuracy and completeness of financial records and the efficiency of data processing. There are defined procedures for the appraisal, review and approval of all major capital projects, and all major expenditure and revenue contracts. All contracts over HK\$50 million and all consultancy services over HK\$10 million require the approval of the Managing Board. Operating and financial reports, comparing results against their respective budgets and providing updates on significant events, are put to and considered by the Managing Board on a monthly basis.

Corporate Governance

As set out in the Corporate Governance Report, the Managing Board maintains high standards of corporate governance.

Indemnity of Members of the Managing Board

A permitted indemnity provision (as defined in section 469 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance) for the benefit of the Members of the Managing Board of the Corporation is currently in force and was in force throughout this year.

Interests in Transactions, Arrangements or Contracts of Members of the Managing Board and Senior Executive Staff

No transactions, arrangements or contracts of significance to which the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries was a party and in which a Member of the Managing Board, or Senior Executive Staff, had a material interest subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

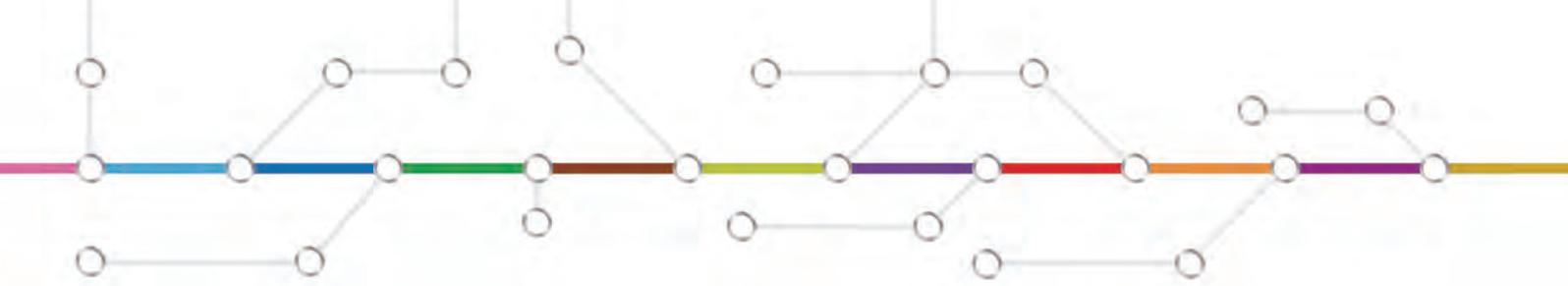
At no time during the year was the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable Members of the Managing Board, or Senior Executive Staff, to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debt securities of the Corporation or subsidiaries of the Corporation.

Financial Statements

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2017 and the Group's financial position at that date are set out in the Financial Statements on pages 24 to 79.

Fixed Assets

Movements in fixed assets during the year are set out in Note 14 to the Financial Statements.



Share Capital

Details of the Corporation's share capital are set out in Note 26 to the Financial Statements. Any further contributions of capital will be determined by the Government in consultation with the Corporation.

Dividend

No dividend to the Government is proposed.

Interest and Finance Income/Expenses

Details of the Corporation's interest and finance income/expenses are set out in Note 9 to the Financial Statements.

Interest-Bearing Borrowings

Details of the Corporation's interest-bearing borrowings are set out in Note 24 to the Financial Statements.

Turnover, Financial Results and Financial Position

Details of the Corporation's turnover, financial results and financial position are set out in the Financial Statements, the Chief Officer's Statement and Business Review, and the Five-Year Statistics of the Annual Report.

Going Concern

The Financial Statements on pages 24 to 79 have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Managing Board has approved the Corporation's budget for 2018 and is satisfied that the Corporation can operate in a viable manner for the foreseeable future.

Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The KCRC Ordinance requires the Corporation to produce financial statements. In doing so, the Corporation complies with International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong, the applicable disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and produces financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Corporation's financial results and position for the financial year to which they relate.

Auditor

In accordance with section 14B (4) of the KCRC Ordinance, KPMG were appointed as the auditor by the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

By order of the Managing Board

K.K. Kwok

Company Secretary
29 March 2018



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Independent Auditor's Report



Independent auditor's report to the members of the Managing Board of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation ("the Corporation") and its subsidiaries ("the Group") set out on pages 24 to 79, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2017 and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSA") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("the Code") and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.





Recognition of the variable annual payment under the Service Concession	
<i>Refer to note 5 and the accounting policies in note 3(w) to the consolidated financial statements</i>	
The Key Audit Matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
<p>In consideration for the Service Concession, as defined in note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, MTR Corporation Limited (“MTRCL”) agreed to pay the Corporation a fixed annual payment of \$750 million and an additional variable annual payment calculated based on the revenue generated from the operation of the Corporation’s rail network and other rail-related businesses (“the KCR network revenue”). The Corporation recognised a variable annual payment receivable from MTRCL of \$1,933 million as revenue for the year ended 31 December 2017.</p> <p>MTRCL is responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls over the KCR network revenue and for reporting the amount of such revenue to the Corporation. MTRCL has appointed its external auditors and another independent expert, pursuant to and as defined in the Service Concession Agreement, to perform certain procedures on the calculation of the KCR network revenue and to report thereon.</p> <p>We identified the recognition of the variable annual payment under the Service Concession as a key audit matter because of its significance to the Corporation’s total revenue and its significance in assessing the recoverable amount of the KCR network and because the amount is recognised in reliance on the information reported by MTRCL and the reports issued by the two independent experts.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures to assess the recognition of the variable annual payment under the Service Concession included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inspecting the documentation provided by MTRCL to the Corporation in relation to the amount of the KCR network revenue and discussing with the Corporation’s management their review procedures exercised thereon; • evaluating the competence and objectivity of the two independent experts; • assessing the adequacy of the procedures performed by the two independent experts for the purposes of our audit; and • obtaining the reports issued by the two independent experts and inspecting the findings and conclusions therein. <p>In addition, our audit procedures included comparing the variable annual payment to the forecasts prepared by management in order to assess whether there was any indication of impairment of the KCR network.</p>

Recoverability of deferred expenditure related to the Shatin to Central Link (“SCL”)

Refer to note 16 and the accounting policies in note 3(n) to the consolidated financial statements

The Key Audit Matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
<p>Deferred expenditure of \$1,188 million at 31 December 2017 relates to costs incurred by the Corporation between 2001 and 2005 in connection with the planning, design and construction of the SCL.</p> <p>Following the rail merger with MTRCL in 2007, MTRCL took over the responsibility for the construction and commissioning of the SCL pursuant to an agreement entered into by MTRCL with the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“the Government”).</p> <p>The Corporation’s ability to recover the expenditure incurred in prior years depends on the arrangements to be entered into for the vesting and operation of the SCL upon its completion.</p> <p>We identified the recoverability of deferred expenditure related to the SCL as a key audit matter due to the significant level of management judgement involved given that the terms of vesting and supplemental service concession arrangements for the SCL have not yet been agreed and finalised.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures to assess the recoverability of deferred expenditure related to the SCL included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">inspecting publicly available information, including Hong Kong Legislative Council Papers, in relation to the SCL and assessing any potential implications as regards the future recoverability of the deferred expenditure incurred by the Corporation; andevaluating management’s conclusion that the deferred expenditure is likely to be recovered over the duration of a supplemental service concession arrangement with MTRCL by discussing the issue with the management and obtaining an understanding of their communications with the Government in relation to the future arrangements for the SCL.

Information other than the consolidated financial statements and auditor’s report thereon

The Board Members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all the information included in the annual report, other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



Responsibilities of the Board Members for the consolidated financial statements

The Board Members are responsible for the preparation of consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRSs issued by the IASB, HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA and the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Ordinance and for such internal control as the Board Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Board Members are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board Members either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board Members are assisted by the Audit Committee in discharging their responsibilities for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

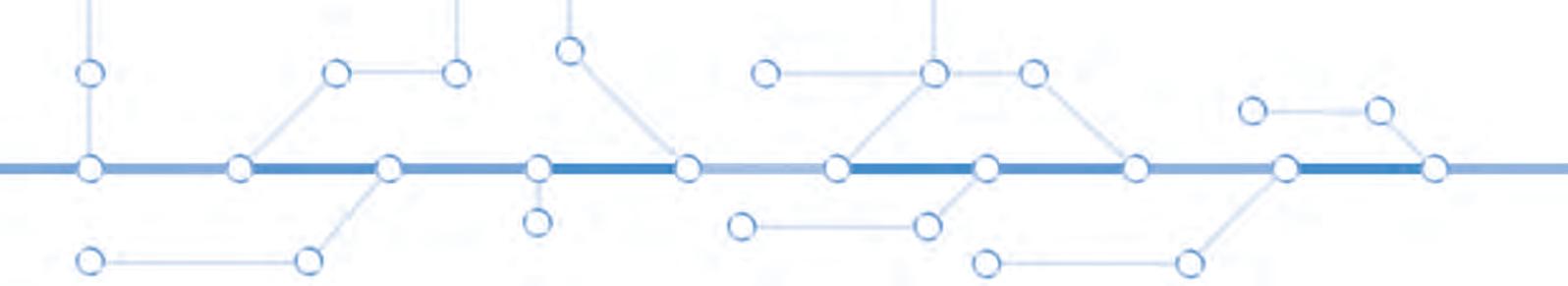
Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. This report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with section 14B(3) of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Ordinance, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board Members.

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- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board Members' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
 - Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
 - Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Audit Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Audit Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and, where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Audit Committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Stephen George Mercer.

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29 March 2018

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 31 December 2017 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)



	Note	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Turnover	5	3,412	3,147
Operating costs before depreciation, amortisation and impairment	6	(42)	(52)
Operating profit before depreciation, amortisation and impairment	7	3,370	3,095
Depreciation and amortisation	8	(3,269)	(3,183)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets		(55)	(64)
Operating profit/(loss) after depreciation, amortisation and impairment		46	(152)
Interest and finance income	9(a)	177	132
Interest and finance expenses	9(b)	(478)	(448)
Share of profit of associate	18	67	96
Loss before unrealised gains/losses		(188)	(372)
Net (losses)/gains on changes in fair value of financial instruments	10	(48)	10
Loss before taxation		(236)	(362)
Income tax	11(a)	59	82
Loss and total comprehensive income for the year wholly attributable to the sole shareholder of the Corporation	12	(177)	(280)

The notes on pages 28 to 79 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated statement of financial position

at 31 December 2017 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Assets			
Fixed assets	14(a)	55,689	56,561
Interest in leasehold land held for own use under operating leases	14(a)	3,823	3,938
Construction in progress	15	4,402	4,295
Deferred expenditure	16	1,188	1,188
Interest in associate	18	351	335
Derivative financial assets	27(e)	118	166
Other financial assets	19	556	552
Interest and other receivables	20	2,026	1,875
Cash and cash equivalents	21	10,279	7,977
		78,432	76,887
Liabilities			
Interest and other payables	22	85	83
Accrued charges and provisions for capital projects	23	43	46
Interest-bearing borrowings	24	9,263	9,208
Deferred income	25	14,301	12,574
Deferred tax liabilities	11(c)	401	460
		24,093	22,371
Net Assets		54,339	54,516
Capital and Reserves			
Share capital	26(b)	39,120	39,120
Reserves		15,219	15,396
Total Equity		54,339	54,516

Approved and authorised for issue by the Managing Board on 29 March 2018

James H. Lau Jr.

Chairman of the Managing Board

Wallace Lau Ka-ki

Member of the Managing Board

Edmund K H Leung

Chief Officer

The notes on pages 28 to 79 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 31 December 2017 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)



	Share capital \$ million	Retained profits \$ million	Total equity \$ million
Balance at 1 January 2016	39,120	15,676	54,796
Changes in equity for 2016:			
Loss for the year	–	(280)	(280)
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	(280)	(280)
Balance at 31 December 2016 and 1 January 2017	39,120	15,396	54,516
Changes in equity for 2017:			
Loss for the year	–	(177)	(177)
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	(177)	(177)
Balance at 31 December 2017	39,120	15,219	54,339

The notes on pages 28 to 79 form part of these financial statements.



Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

for the year ended 31 December 2017 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)



	Note	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Operating activities			
Net cash inflow from operations	28(a)	2,526	2,376
Investing activities			
(Increase)/decrease in deposits with banks with more than three months to maturity when placed		(3,007)	2,055
Payments for capital expenditure		(16)	(20)
Interest received		108	73
Payment for purchase of other financial assets		(555)	-
Proceeds from maturity of other financial assets		556	-
Dividend received from associate		51	62
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from investing activities		(2,863)	2,170
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before financing activities		(337)	4,546
Financing activities			
Repayment of loans		-	(1,500)
Interest paid	28(b)	(427)	(434)
Net interest received relating to derivative financial instruments	28(b)	63	66
Finance expenses paid		(4)	(4)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(368)	(1,872)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(705)	2,674
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		3,508	834
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		2,803	3,508
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statement of financial position		10,279	7,977
Less: deposits with banks with more than three months to maturity when placed		(7,476)	(4,469)
Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated cash flow statement	21	2,803	3,508

The notes on pages 28 to 79 form part of these financial statements.



Notes to the Financial Statements

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)



1 Establishment of the Corporation

The Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (“the Corporation”) was incorporated in Hong Kong under the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Ordinance (“the KCRC Ordinance”) on 24 December 1982 to undertake the operation of the Hong Kong section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. The assets, rights and liabilities of the then existing railway were vested in the Corporation on 1 February 1983 in accordance with Section 7 of the KCRC Ordinance.

On 8 June 2007, the Legislative Council passed the Rail Merger Bill. Following agreement by the respective parties to the detailed merger transaction terms, the Rail Merger took place on 2 December 2007 (the “Appointed Day”). The Chief Executive of the HKSAR appointed six public officers as members of the Managing Board with effect from the Appointed Day. As provided for under the amendments made to the KCRC Ordinance by the Rail Merger Bill, the position of Chief Executive Officer has been left vacant, with a Chief Officer, who is not a Member of the Managing Board, being appointed by the Board to be responsible for managing the day-to-day business of the Corporation.

2 Rail Merger with MTR Corporation Limited (“MTRCL”)

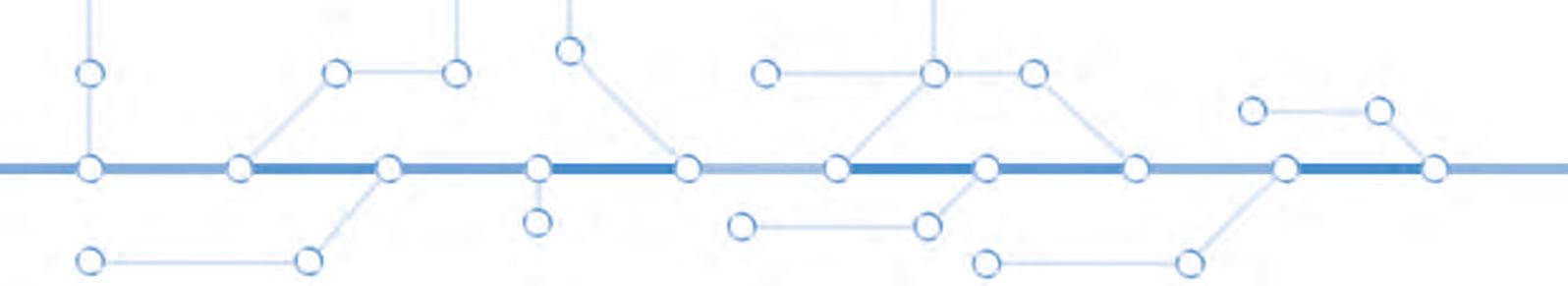
The Rail Merger Ordinance permitted the granting of a long-term service concession (the “Service Concession”) in respect of the Corporation’s rail and bus operations and the sale of certain rail-related assets (the “Purchased Rail Assets”), certain subsidiaries and property-related rights and interests of the Corporation, to MTRCL.

Since the Appointed Day, the Corporation has been responsible for monitoring MTRCL’s compliance with its obligations under the merger transaction, including revenue sharing, annual payments and the specified day-to-day activities of the Corporation outsourced to MTRCL. The Corporation, besides meeting its obligations under the merger transaction, retains responsibility for the management and financing of its debts, for investing any available funds and for managing its remaining subsidiaries and other assets excluded from the merger transaction (the “Excluded Assets”).

Service Concession

The Service Concession grants MTRCL the right to operate the Corporation’s existing railway lines (including the Kowloon Southern Link which was completed in August 2009) and other rail-related businesses (“concession assets”) for a period of 50 years (the “Concession Period”). Under the Service Concession, MTRCL receives all revenues generated from the operation of the Corporation’s rail network and other rail-related businesses. During the Concession Period, MTRCL is responsible for the daily operations and maintenance of the transport operations and will fund all related operating capital expenditure, including the improvement and replacement of the Corporation’s railway network assets. The Corporation does not have responsibility for any railway or bus operations during the Concession Period.

In consideration for the Service Concession, MTRCL agreed to make a fixed annual payment of \$750 million and, commencing after the first 36 months, an additional variable annual payment based on revenue generated above the first \$2.5 billion from the operation of the Corporation’s rail network and other rail-related businesses during each financial year of MTRCL. The variable payments are computed at 10% of such revenue between \$2.5 billion and \$5 billion; 15% of such revenue between \$5 billion and \$7.5 billion; and 35% of such revenue above \$7.5 billion.



2 Rail Merger with MTR Corporation Limited (“MTRCL”) (continued)

Service Concession (continued)

The Corporation’s role during the Concession Period essentially comprises the following duties:

- (i) acting as the grantor of the Service Concession to MTRCL, monitoring the compliance of MTRCL with the terms of the Service Concession and receiving concession payments from MTRCL;
- (ii) holding legal and beneficial title to all assets not forming part of the sale to MTRCL, such as the initial concession assets, which are defined as the physical assets including the Corporation’s railway land required for the operation of the Corporation’s railway system which were capitalised by the Corporation immediately prior to the Appointed Day, the Corporation’s shares in the associate and the Excluded Assets; and
- (iii) acting as the borrower and obligor in relation to the Corporation’s existing financial obligations and contingent liabilities.

Should the Corporation undertake any new railway projects during the Concession Period, these would be subject to a service concession granted by the Corporation in favour of MTRCL, with the parties entering into a Supplemental Service Concession Agreement.

In September 2017, the Government announced that the land or interests or other rights in respect of the land for the operation of the Hong Kong section of the Express Rail Link (“XRL”) be vested in and the movable assets of the XRL be assigned to the Corporation. The Corporation will in turn grant a service concession to MTRCL to operate the XRL.

3 Significant accounting policies

(a) Statement of compliance

Although not required to do so under the KCRC Ordinance, the Corporation has prepared these financial statements in accordance with all applicable International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”). These financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. These financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Corporation and its controlled subsidiaries (the “Group”) is set out below.

The IASB has issued certain new and revised IFRSs that are first effective or available for early adoption for the current accounting period of the Group and the Corporation. The equivalent new and revised HKFRSs consequently issued by the HKICPA have the same effective date as those issued by the IASB and are in all material respects identical to the pronouncements issued by the IASB. Note 4 provides information on any changes in accounting policies resulting from initial application of these developments to the extent that they are relevant to the Group and the Corporation for the current and prior accounting periods reflected in these financial statements.



3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the financial statements is the historical cost basis except where stated otherwise in the accounting policies set out below.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs and HKFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Judgements with significant effect on the financial statements and major sources of estimation uncertainty are discussed in note 37.

(c) Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the Corporation and its controlled subsidiaries and the Group's interest in associate made up to 31 December each year.

The financial statements of certain entities held by the Corporation for the sole purpose of developing, on behalf of the Government of the HKSAR ("the Government"), commercial or residential properties along the West Rail, Phase I route are excluded from consolidation on the basis that these are not considered to be controlled subsidiaries as the Corporation has no effective control over nor beneficial interests in the net assets of these entities, other than the amount of capital provided. The Corporation is not entitled to any earnings distribution, nor is it required to ultimately fund any losses which may be sustained by these entities.

Furthermore, the financial statements of The Metropolis Management Company Limited ("MMC"), which was established for the sole purpose of rendering property management services to a commercial property, are also excluded from consolidation on the basis that, under the Equity Sub-participation Agreement which formed part of the merger transaction, the Corporation is obliged to act on MTRCL's instructions in respect of the exercise of any and all rights the Corporation has as a shareholder of MMC. All the beneficial interests to which the Corporation was previously entitled now rest with MTRCL although there has been no direct disposition of the shares of MMC to MTRCL.



3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(d) Investments in subsidiaries

An investment in a controlled subsidiary is consolidated into the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. The Corporation controls an entity when it is exposed, 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. When assessing whether the Corporation has power, only substantive rights (held by the Corporation and other parties) are considered.

An investment in an entity in which the Corporation, directly or indirectly, holds more than half of the issued share capital but does not have control or significant influence is excluded from consolidation or equity accounting and is stated at cost less impairment losses, if any, in the Group's and the Corporation's statements of financial position.

Intra-group balances, transactions and cash flows and any unrealised profits arising from intra-group transactions with controlled subsidiaries are eliminated in full in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised losses resulting from intra-group transactions with controlled subsidiaries are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

In the Corporation's statement of financial position, an investment in a controlled subsidiary is stated at cost less impairment losses, if any.

(e) Interest in associate

An associate is an entity in which the Group or the Corporation has significant influence, but not control or joint control, over its management, including participation in the financial and operating policy decisions.

An investment in an associate is accounted for in the Group's consolidated financial statements under the equity method and is initially recorded at cost, adjusted for any excess of the Group's share of the acquisition-date fair values of the associate's identifiable net assets over the cost of the investment (if any). Thereafter, the investment is adjusted for the post acquisition change in the Group's share of the associate's net assets and any impairment losses relating to the investment (see note 3(l)). The Group's share of the post-acquisition post-tax results of an associate and any impairment losses for the year are recognised in profit or loss, whereas the Group's share of the post-acquisition post-tax items of an associate's other comprehensive income is recognised in other comprehensive income.

Unrealised profits and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and its associates are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the associate, except where unrealised losses provide evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred, in which case they are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

When the Group ceases to have significant influence over an associate, it is accounted for as a disposal of the entire interest in that associate, with a resulting gain or loss being recognised in profit or loss. Any interest retained in that former associate at the date when significant influence is lost is recognised at fair value and this amount is regarded as the fair value on initial recognition of a financial asset.



3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(e) Interest in associate (continued)

In the Corporation's statement of financial position, an investment in an associate is stated at cost less impairment losses, if any.

The results of the associates are included in the Corporation's statement of comprehensive income to the extent of dividends received and receivable, providing the dividend is in respect of a period ending on or before the Corporation's financial year end and the Corporation's right to receive the dividend is established before the end of the reporting period.

(f) Investments in debt securities

The Group's and the Corporation's policies for investments in debt securities, other than investments in subsidiaries and associates, are as follows.

Investments in debt securities are initially stated at fair value, which is their transaction price unless it is determined that the fair value at initial recognition differs from the transaction price and that fair value is evidenced by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability or based on a valuation technique that uses only data from observable markets. These investments are subsequently accounted for as follows:

- dated debt securities that the Group and the Corporation have the positive ability and intention to hold to maturity are classified as held-to-maturity securities. Held-to-maturity securities are stated at amortised cost less impairment losses, if any.

Investments are recognised/derecognised on the trade date, which is the date the Group commits to purchase/sell the investments or when the investments expire.

(g) Derivative financial assets and liabilities

The Group uses derivative financial instruments to hedge its exposure to currency and interest rate risks arising from operational, financing and investment activities. In accordance with its policies, the Group does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

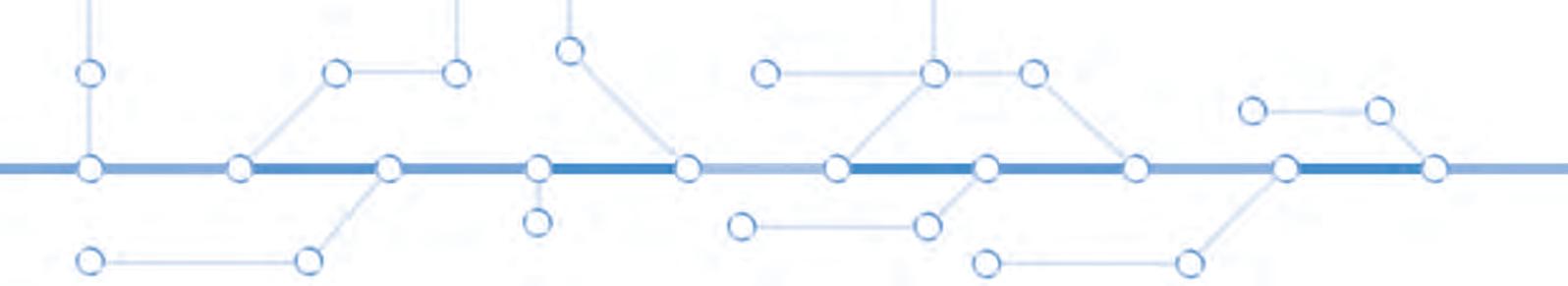
All the Group's derivative financial instruments are recognised initially as derivative financial assets or liabilities at fair value. The fair value of each derivative financial instrument is remeasured at the end of each reporting period, with any resultant gain or loss recognised immediately in profit or loss.

- Fair value hedges

Interest rate swaps are designated as hedges of the variability in the fair value attributable to interest rate risk of certain of the Group's fixed rate interest-bearing borrowings recognised in the financial statements.

Changes in fair value of interest rate swaps designated as hedging instruments in a fair value hedge are recognised in profit or loss.

When a hedging relationship ceases to meet the requirements for hedge accounting, any adjustment to the carrying amount of the then hedged item is amortised to profit or loss over the remaining life of the item based on a recalculated effective interest rate from the date the hedging relationship ceases.



3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(h) Fixed assets — investment properties

Investment properties comprise land and/or buildings which are owned or held under a leasehold interest to earn rental income and are held for their investment potential.

Investment properties are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of investment properties, using the straight-line method over the shorter of the unexpired term of leases and their estimated useful lives.

Gains or losses arising from the retirement or disposal of an investment property are determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the item and are recognised in profit or loss on the date of retirement or disposal.

(i) Fixed assets — property, plant and equipment

- (i) Property, plant and equipment, including those assets which are the subject of the Service Concession with MTRCL, is stated in the statement of financial position at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any.

During the Concession Period, MTRCL is responsible for the daily operations and maintenance of the railway operations and will fund all related expenditure including the improvement and replacement of the Corporation's railway network assets. Such expenditure on improvement and replacement of the Corporation's railway network assets is defined as Additional Concession Property ("ACP") pursuant to the Service Concession Agreement. According to the Service Concession Agreement, the ACP will be returned to the Corporation at no cost, together with the initial concession assets acquired by the Corporation, upon the expiry or termination of the Concession Period subject to a threshold of \$115.8 billion of cumulative expenditure funded by MTRCL which will be adjusted from time to time pursuant to the provisions of the Service Concession Agreement. As the ACP will be returned together with the initial concession assets acquired by the Corporation before the Rail Merger, the ACP, although funded by MTRCL, is treated in the same way as the initial concession assets and is capitalised in the statement of financial position at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any. The cost of ACP that is funded by MTRCL is credited to deferred income and amortised to profit or loss over the shorter of the useful life of the ACP and the remaining Concession Period.

Property, plant and equipment relating to rail networks and ancillary commercial activities which is the subject of the Service Concession comprises:

- buildings which are situated on leasehold land being classified as held under operating leases (see note 3(k)); and
- other items of plant and equipment including tunnels, bridges, roads, permanent way, rolling stock and other equipment.



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3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Fixed assets — property, plant and equipment (continued)

The cost of property, plant and equipment vested by the Government has been determined as follows:

- for property, plant and equipment vested on 1 February 1983 — as determined by the Financial Secretary; and
- for property, plant and equipment vested subsequent to 1 February 1983 — based on actual cost as reflected in the Government's records.

The cost of property, plant and equipment acquired by the Group and ACP funded by MTRCL comprises:

- its purchase price, including import duties and non-refundable purchase taxes, after deducting trade discounts and rebates; and
- any costs, such as the costs of material, direct labour, an appropriate proportion of production overheads and interest and finance income/expenses directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Expenditure incurred by the Group on property, plant and equipment, which is below \$20,000 per item or expected to be fully used within one year, is expensed to profit or loss when incurred.

- (ii) Subsequent expenditure on existing property, plant and equipment, for both concession assets and non-concession assets, is added to the carrying amount of the asset if either future economic benefits will flow to the Group or the condition of the asset will improve beyond its originally assessed standard of performance.

Expenditure incurred by the Group on repairs or maintenance of existing property, plant and equipment to restore or maintain the originally assessed standard of performance of the asset is recognised as an expense when incurred.

Expenditure incurred by MTRCL after the Appointed Day on repairs or maintenance of concession assets is borne by MTRCL.

- (iii) Gains or losses arising from the retirement or disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment, including concession assets, are determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds attributable to the Group, if any, and the carrying amount of the item and are recognised in profit or loss on the date of retirement or disposal.

3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(j) Depreciation and amortisation

- (i) Depreciation for property, plant and equipment is calculated to write off the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment less its estimated residual value, if any, using the straight-line method over its estimated useful life as follows:

	No. of years
Tunnels, bridges and roads (see note 3(j)(iii))	15-64
Buildings (see note 3(j)(iii))	7-50
Rolling stock	2-50
Locomotives and wagons.	5-35
Lifts and escalators	20-25
Permanent way comprising rails, ballast, sleepers and concrete civil works (see note 3(j)(iii))	10-50
Machinery and equipment	3-45
Telecommunication and signalling systems and air-conditioning plant	3-50
Fare collection systems.	5-20
Mobile phone systems	7-15
Tools.	10-40
Furniture and fixtures	3-40
Computer and office equipment (including computer software)	3-20
Buses.	4-17
Other motor vehicles	4-15

- (ii) Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, the cost of the item is allocated on a reasonable basis between the parts and each part is depreciated separately. Both the useful life of an asset and its residual value, if any, are reviewed annually. The residual value of an asset is the estimated amount that the Group could currently obtain from disposal of the asset, after deducting the estimated costs of disposal, if the asset was already of the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life.
- (iii) Tunnels, bridges, roads, concrete civil works and buildings situated on leasehold land are depreciated over the shorter of the unexpired term of the related lease and their estimated useful lives.

(k) Leased assets

- (i) Classification of leased assets

Leases of assets under which the lessee assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Leases of assets under which the lessor has not transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as operating leases, except that property held under an operating lease that would otherwise meet the definition of an investment property may be classified as an investment property on a property-by-property basis.



3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(k) Leased assets (continued)

(ii) Operating lease charges

Where the Group has the use of assets held under operating leases, payments made under the leases are charged to profit or loss in equal instalments over the accounting periods covered by the lease term, except where an alternative basis is more representative of the pattern of benefits to be derived from the leased asset.

Land lease premiums, land resumption costs and other costs directly associated with the acquisition of leasehold land held for own use under operating leases are amortised on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease term. The cost in relation to leasehold land vested by the Government has been determined as follows:

- vested on 1 February 1983 — as determined by the Financial Secretary; and
- vested subsequent to 1 February 1983 — based on actual cost as reflected in the Government's records or the costs incurred by the Corporation directly associated with the acquisition of leasehold land.

(l) Impairment of assets

(i) Impairment of financial assets

All financial assets are reviewed at the end of each reporting period to determine whether there is objective evidence of impairment. Objective evidence of impairment includes observable data that comes to the attention of the Group about one or more of the following loss events:

- significant financial difficulties being experienced by a debtor;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- it becomes probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or some form of financial reorganisation; and
- significant changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment that have an adverse effect on the debtor.

If any such evidence exists, an impairment loss is determined and recognised as follows:

- For interest and other receivables that are carried at cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the financial asset and the estimated future cash flows, discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset where the effect of discounting is material.



3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(l) Impairment of assets (continued)

(i) Impairment of financial assets (continued)

- For interest and other receivables and other financial assets carried at amortised cost, an impairment loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (taking into account bad and doubtful debts), discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate (i.e. the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition of these assets), where the effect of discounting is material. This assessment is made collectively where these financial assets share similar risk characteristics, such as similar past due status, and have not been individually assessed as impaired. Future cash flows for financial assets which are assessed for impairment collectively are based on historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics similar to the collective group.
- Impairment losses on interest and other receivables, and other financial assets are reversed if the subsequent increase in fair value can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised. Reversals of impairment losses in such circumstances are recognised in profit or loss to the extent that the cumulative impairment loss has been charged to profit or loss.

(ii) Impairment of other assets

Internal and external sources of information are reviewed at the end of each reporting period to identify indications that any assets, other than financial assets, may be impaired or an impairment loss previously recognised no longer exists or may have decreased.

If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

- Calculation of recoverable amount

The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. 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. Where an asset does not generate cash inflows largely independent of those from other assets, the recoverable amount is determined for the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows independently (i.e. a cash-generating unit).

- Recognition of impairment losses

An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss if the carrying amount of an asset, or the cash-generating unit to which it belongs, exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash-generating units are allocated to reduce the carrying amount of the assets in the unit (or group of units) on a pro rata basis, except that the carrying value of an asset will not be reduced below its individual fair value less costs of disposal, or value in use, if determinable.



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3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(l) Impairment of assets (continued)

(ii) Impairment of other assets (continued)

- Reversals of impairment losses

An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a favourable change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

A reversal of an impairment loss is limited to the asset's carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised in prior years. Reversals of impairment losses are credited to profit or loss in the year in which the reversals are recognised.

(m) Construction in progress

Assets under construction and capital works for the operating railways are stated at cost incurred by the Corporation (or by MTRCL in the case of ACP) less impairment losses, if any. Costs comprise direct costs of construction, including materials, staff costs and overheads, interest and finance income/expenses and gains or losses arising from changes in fair value of pre-funding investments capitalised during the period of construction or installation and testing. Capitalisation of these costs is suspended or ceases when substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the qualifying asset for its intended use are interrupted or completed. The assets concerned are transferred to fixed assets when substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the assets for their intended use are completed, at which time the assets begin to be depreciated in accordance with the relevant policies. Land lease premiums, land resumption costs and other related costs incurred by the Corporation for the purpose of acquiring the land on which the new railways or extensions to existing railways are to be operated are initially included in construction in progress. These costs are transferred to interest in leasehold land held for own use under operating leases when the related assets are completed and ready for their intended use at which time the costs begin to be amortised in accordance with the relevant policies.

Costs incurred by the Corporation (or MTRCL in the case of ACP) in respect of feasibility studies on proposed railway related construction projects (including consultancy fees, in-house staff costs and overheads) are dealt with as follows:

- where the proposed projects are at a preliminary review stage with no certainty of the proposed project proceeding, the costs concerned are written off to profit or loss as incurred; and
- where the proposed projects are at a detailed study stage, having demonstrated an acceptable financial viability and having obtained the Managing Board's approval to proceed further, the costs concerned are initially dealt with as deferred expenditure and then transferred to construction in progress after the relevant project agreements are reached with the Government.

(n) Deferred expenditure

Deferred expenditure relates to costs incurred for proposed railway related construction projects which will be transferred to construction in progress after the relevant project agreements are reached with the Government. The composition of costs and their capitalisation criteria follow that of construction in progress as set out in note 3(m).



3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(o) Property development

When the Corporation determines or reaches agreement with property developers to develop a site for resale or for rent, the carrying amount of the leasehold land and existing buildings on the development site are transferred to properties under development. Costs related to the respective projects incurred by the Corporation are also dealt with as properties under development until such time that profit on the development is recognised by the Corporation.

Profits on property development undertaken in conjunction with property developers are recognised in profit or loss as follows:

- where the Corporation receives payments from property developers as a consequence of their participation in a project to develop a property, such payments are set off against the balance in properties under development in respect of that project. Any surplus amounts of payments received from property developers in excess of the balance in properties under development are transferred to deferred income. In such circumstances, further costs subsequently incurred by the Corporation in respect of that project are charged against the related balance of deferred income and any excess is charged to properties under development to the extent it is considered to be recoverable. The balance of deferred income is credited to profit or loss when the property enabling works are completed and acceptable for development and after taking into account the outstanding risks and obligations in connection with the development, if any, retained by the Corporation. The balance of properties under development not previously offset by payments received from property developers is charged to profit or loss where the costs are considered to be irrecoverable, together with provision for losses, if any, borne by the Corporation in respect of the development; and
- where the Corporation retains certain assets of the development, profits are measured based on the fair value of such assets and are recognised at the time of receipt after taking into account the costs incurred by the Corporation in respect of the development and the outstanding risks, if any, retained by the Corporation in connection with the development.

(p) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand, demand deposits with banks and other financial institutions and short-term, highly liquid investments. Cash equivalents are readily convertible into known amounts of cash with an insignificant risk of changes in value and have a maturity of less than three months at acquisition.

For the purposes of the consolidated cash flow statement, cash equivalents exclude bank deposits with a maturity of more than three months when placed but include bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management.

(q) Interest and other receivables

Interest and other receivables are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment losses, if any, except where the present value is not determinable because there are no fixed repayment terms. In such cases, interest and other receivables are stated at cost less impairment losses, if any.



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3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(r) Interest-bearing borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at fair value less attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, the unhedged portion of interest-bearing borrowings is stated at amortised cost with any difference between the cost and redemption value being recognised in profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

(s) Interest and other payables

Interest and other payables are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter are stated at amortised cost except where the present value is not determinable because there are no fixed payment terms. In such cases, other payables are stated at cost.

(t) Employee benefits

- (i) Short term employee benefits and contributions to defined contribution retirement plans

Salaries, annual bonuses, paid annual leave, contributions to defined contribution retirement plans and the cost of non-monetary benefits are accrued in the year in which the associated services are rendered by employees.

- (ii) Termination benefits

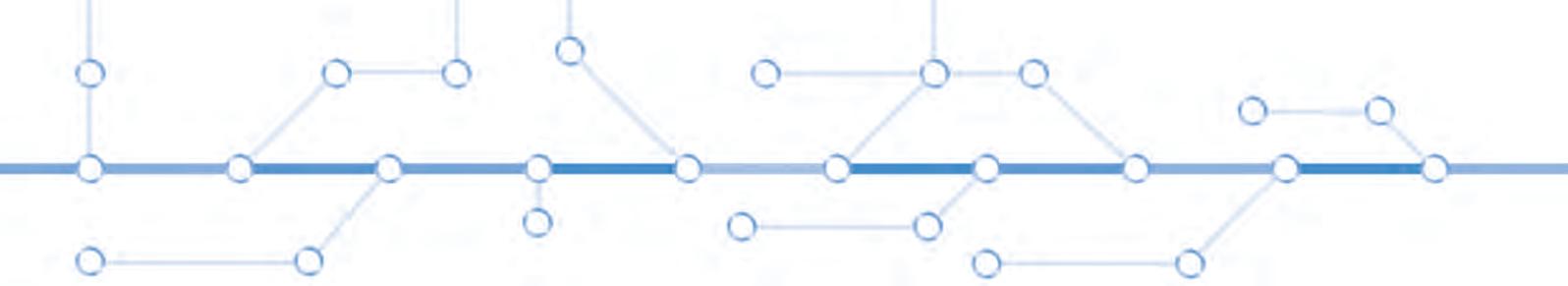
Termination benefits are recognised when, and only when, the Group demonstrably commits itself to terminate employment or to provide benefits as a result of voluntary redundancy by having a detailed formal plan which is without realistic possibility of withdrawal.

(u) Income tax

- (i) Income tax for the year comprises current tax and movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities. Current tax and movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that they relate to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case the relevant amounts of tax are recognised in other comprehensive income or direct in equity, respectively.
- (ii) Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.
- (iii) Deferred tax assets and liabilities arise from deductible and taxable temporary differences respectively, being the differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets also arise from unused tax losses and unused tax credits.

All deferred tax assets, to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the assets can be utilised, are recognised. All deferred tax liabilities are recognised.

The amount of deferred tax recognised is measured based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of the assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.



3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(u) Income tax (continued)

The carrying amount of a deferred tax asset is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and is reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow the related tax benefit to be utilised. Any such reduction is reversed to the extent that it becomes probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available.

- (iv) Current tax balances and deferred tax balances, and movements therein, are presented separately from each other and are not offset. Current tax assets are offset against current tax liabilities, and deferred tax assets against deferred tax liabilities if the Group or the Corporation has the legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the following additional conditions are met:
- in the case of current tax assets and liabilities, the Group or the Corporation intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously; or
 - in the case of deferred tax assets and liabilities, if they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either:
 - the same taxable entity; or
 - different taxable entities which intend to realise the current tax assets and settle the current tax liabilities on a net basis in the same period.

(v) Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised for liabilities of uncertain timing or amount when the Group or the Corporation has a legal or constructive obligation arising as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made. Where the time value of money is material, provisions are stated at the present value of the expenditure expected to settle the obligation.

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, the obligation is disclosed as a contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote. Possible obligations, whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future events are also disclosed as contingent liabilities unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote.



3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(w) Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Provided it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue and costs, if applicable, can be measured reliably, revenue is recognised in profit or loss as follows:

(i) Concession income

Different components of concession income are recognised in profit or loss as follows:

- Fixed annual payments of \$750 million and variable annual payments based on revenue generated from the operation of the Corporation's rail network and other rail-related businesses are recognised when earned during the Concession Period;
- The upfront payment received less the cost of Purchased Rail Assets for the Service Concession and the assets and liabilities assumed by MTRCL are amortised over the Concession Period on a straight-line basis; and
- ACP funded by MTRCL is recognised as deferred income and amortised over the shorter of its useful life and the remaining Concession Period.

(ii) Interest income

Interest income is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method.

(iii) Rental income

Rental income receivable under operating leases is recognised in profit or loss in equal instalments over the periods covered by the lease term, except where an alternative basis is more representative of the pattern of benefits to be derived from the use of the leased asset. Lease incentives granted are recognised in profit or loss as an integral part of the aggregate net lease payments receivable. Contingent rentals are recognised as income in the accounting period in which they are earned.

(iv) Other income

Other income is recognised once the related services or goods are delivered and the related risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred.

(x) Lease out and lease back transactions

A series of lease out and lease back transactions with third parties is linked and accounted for as one arrangement when the overall economic effect cannot be understood without reference to the series of transactions as a whole and when the series of transactions is closely interrelated, negotiated as a single arrangement and takes place concurrently or in a continued sequence.



3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(x) Lease out and lease back transactions (continued)

The primary purpose of such arrangements is to achieve a particular tax result for the third parties in return for a fee. The arrangements do not, in substance, involve a lease under IAS 17 and HKAS 17 since the Group retains all the risks and rewards incidental to the ownership of the underlying assets and enjoys substantially the same rights to their use as before the transactions were entered into. The transactions are, therefore, not accounted for as leases.

Where commitments to make long-term lease payments have been defeased by the placement of security deposits or by the advances of loans to third parties, they are not recognised in the statement of financial position. Where commitments and deposits or advances of loans to third parties meet the definition of a liability and an asset, they are recognised in the statement of financial position.

The income and expenses arising from the arrangements are accounted for on a net basis in order to reflect the overall commercial effect of the transactions. The net amounts are accounted for as deferred income and are amortised over the applicable lease terms of the transactions.

(y) Translation of foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions during the year are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the end of the reporting period.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are translated into Hong Kong dollars using the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was determined.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss.



3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(z) Interest and finance income/expenses

(i) Interest and finance income includes:

- interest income from bank deposits and investments;
- realised gains arising from derivative financial instruments designated as hedges for borrowings;
- net gains on redemption and disposal of investments; and
- net exchange gains arising from foreign currency transactions.

(ii) The Group's interest and finance income arising from non-derivative financial assets are not classified as at fair value through profit or loss.

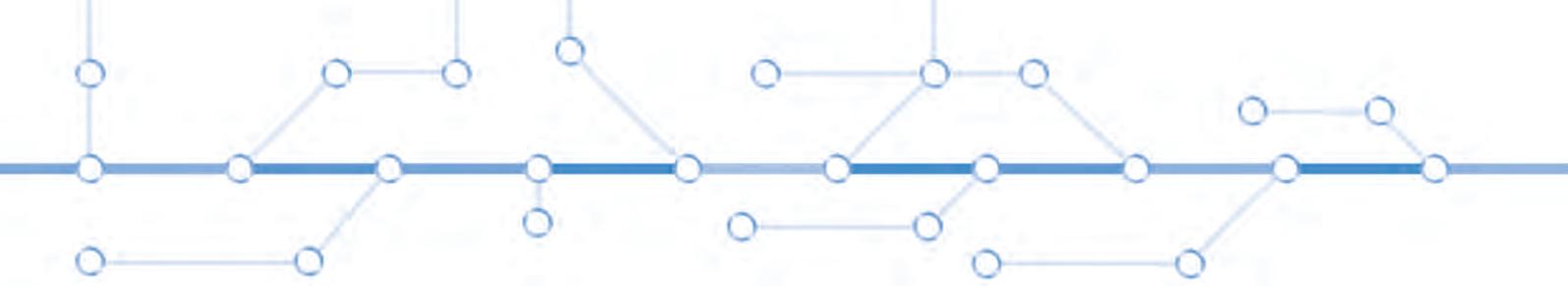
Interest and finance income is credited to profit or loss in the period in which it is earned.

(iii) Interest and finance expenses include:

- interest payable on borrowings;
- finance expenses including amortisation of discounts/premiums and ancillary costs incurred in connection with the arrangement of borrowings calculated using the effective interest rate;
- realised losses arising from derivative financial instruments designated as hedges for borrowings;
- net losses on redemption and disposal of investments; and
- net exchange losses arising from foreign currency transactions.

(iv) The Group's interest and finance expenses arising from non-derivative financial liabilities are not classified as at fair value through profit or loss.

Interest and finance expenses are expensed in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred, except to the extent that they are capitalised as being directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset which necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale.



3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(aa) Related parties

- (a) A person, or a close member of that person's family, is related to the Group if that person:
- (i) has control or joint control over the Group;
 - (ii) has significant influence over the Group; or
 - (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Group or the Group's parent.
- (b) An entity is related to the Group if any of the following conditions applies:
- (i) The entity and the Group are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidiary and fellow subsidiary is related to the others).
 - (ii) One entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member).
 - (iii) Both entities are joint ventures of the same third party.
 - (iv) One entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity.
 - (v) The entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Group or an entity related to the Group.
 - (vi) The entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a).
 - (vii) A person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity).
 - (viii) The entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the Group or to the Group's parent.

Close members of the family of a person are those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with the entity.

(ab) Segment reporting

Operating segments, and the amounts of each segment item reported in the financial statements, are identified from the financial information provided regularly to the Group's direct management team for the purposes of allocating resources to, and assessing the performance of, the Group's various lines of business and geographical locations.



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4 Changes in accounting policies

The IASB has issued a number of amendments to IFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group and the Corporation. The equivalent revised HKFRSs consequently issued by the HKICPA have the same effective date as those issued by the IASB and are in all material respects identical to the pronouncements issued by the IASB. Of these, amendments to IAS 7 and HKAS 7, *Statement of cash flows: Disclosure initiative* are relevant to the Group's financial statements.

The amendments require entities to provide disclosures that enable users of financial statements to evaluate changes in liabilities arising from financing activities, including both changes arising from cash flows and non-cash changes. A reconciliation between the opening and closing balances for liabilities arising from financing activities has been included in note 28(b) to satisfy the new disclosure requirements introduced by the amendments.

The Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

5 Turnover

Turnover principally represents revenue from the Service Concession. The amounts of revenue recognised in turnover during the year are as follows:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Service Concession income		
— fixed and variable annual payments	2,683	2,537
— amortisation of upfront payment and net liabilities transferred to MTRCL	83	83
Income relating to ACP funded by MTRCL	610	486
Property services (including rental income from MTRCL of \$14 million (2016: \$14 million))	36	37
Income from lease out and lease back transactions	—	4
	3,412	3,147

6 Operating costs before depreciation, amortisation and impairment

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Staff costs	8	8
Government rent and rates	1	1
Cost of services acquired (including services outsourced to MTRCL of \$18 million (2016: \$17 million))	31	35
Others	2	8
	42	52

7 Operating profit before depreciation, amortisation and impairment

- (a) Operating profit before depreciation, amortisation and impairment is arrived at after charging/ (crediting):

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Auditor's remuneration	2	2
Emoluments of the Chief Officer who is not a Member of the Managing Board	2	2
and after crediting:		
Rentals receivable from operating leases less direct outgoings of \$1 million (2016: \$1 million) (including contingent rentals of nil (2016: nil))	(35)	(36)

- (b) No fees have been paid nor are payable to any Member of the Managing Board, including the Chairman, in 2017 and 2016.
- (c) Emoluments of the Chief Officer, who is not a Member of the Managing Board, include fixed remuneration which comprises base pay, allowances and gratuities and benefits-in-kind. Details of emoluments are shown below:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Mr Edmund K H Leung	1.69	1.57

The ranges of remuneration set out below include the five highest paid employees of the Corporation.

	No. of employees	
	2017	2016
The remuneration of the highest five employees ranges from		
\$3,000,001 – \$3,500,000	–	1
\$2,500,001 – \$3,000,000	1	–
\$1,500,001 – \$2,000,000	2	2
Nil – \$1,000,000	2	2



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8 Depreciation and amortisation

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Depreciation:		
— investment properties	2	2
— other assets	3,159	3,072
	3,161	3,074
Amortisation:		
— amortisation of interest in leasehold land held for own use under operating leases	108	109
	3,269	3,183

9 Interest and finance income/expenses

(a) Interest and finance income

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Interest income from deposits	109	64
Interest income from other financial assets	5	4
Interest income from non-derivative financial assets	114	68
Realised gains arising from derivative financial instruments (net)	63	64
	177	132

(b) Interest and finance expenses

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Interest expenses on loans	437	443
Finance expenses	2	2
Interest and finance expenses on non-derivative financial liabilities	439	445
Exchange loss (net)	39	3
	478	448

10 Net (losses)/gains on changes in fair value of financial instruments

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Net (losses)/gains on derivative financial instruments	(48)	10

11 Income tax

(a) Income tax in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income represents:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
<i>Current tax</i>		
Provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax at 16.5% (2016: 16.5%) of the estimated assessable profits for the year	-	-
<i>Deferred tax credit</i>		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(59)	(82)
	(59)	(82)

The Corporation sustained a loss for tax purposes during the year and has accumulated tax losses carried forward of approximately \$34,800 million at 31 December 2017 (2016: approximately \$34,300 million) which are available to set off against future assessable profits. The tax losses do not expire under current tax legislation.

(b) Reconciliation between tax credit and accounting loss at applicable tax rates:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Loss before taxation	(236)	(362)
Tax credit on accounting loss before taxation at 16.5% (2016: 16.5%)	(39)	(60)
Tax effect of non-deductible expenses	124	99
Tax effect of non-taxable income	(144)	(121)
Actual tax credit	(59)	(82)

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11 Income tax (continued)

(c) Deferred tax assets and liabilities recognised:

The components of deferred tax (assets)/liabilities recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position and the movements during the year are as follows:

	Future benefit of tax losses \$ million	Depreciation allowances in excess of the related depreciation \$ million	Total \$ million
At 1 January 2016	(5,559)	6,101	542
(Credited)/charged to profit or loss	(102)	20	(82)
At 31 December 2016	(5,661)	6,121	460
At 1 January 2017	(5,661)	6,121	460
(Credited)/charged to profit or loss	(77)	18	(59)
At 31 December 2017	(5,738)	6,139	401

12 Loss for the year wholly attributable to the sole shareholder of the Corporation

Of the consolidated loss for the year amounting to \$177 million (2016: \$280 million), a loss of \$193 million (2016: \$314 million) has been dealt with in the financial statements of the Corporation.

13 Segment reporting

The Group manages its businesses as a whole as the Service Concession is the only reporting segment and virtually all of the turnover and operating loss is derived from activities in Hong Kong. The financial statements are already presented in a manner consistent with the way in which information is reported internally to the Group's direct management team for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment. Accordingly, no business and geographical segment information is disclosed in accordance with IFRS 8 and HKFRS 8.

14 Fixed assets and interest in leasehold land held for own use under operating leases

- (a) Movements in fixed assets and interest in leasehold land held for own use under operating leases comprise:

	Fixed assets					Total \$ million	Interest in leasehold land held for own use \$ million
	Investment properties \$ million	Tunnels, bridges, roads and permanent way \$ million	Buildings \$ million	Rolling stock \$ million	Other equipment \$ million		
Cost:							
At 1 January 2016	70	29,231	31,230	11,835	21,782	94,148	5,600
Transfer from construction in progress	-	98	10	483	715	1,306	-
Additions/(reversal of over-accruals)	-	2	-	-	-	2	(2)
Purchase of ACP by MTRCL	-	-	-	-	58	58	-
Disposals	-	(35)	(50)	(99)	(385)	(569)	-
Reclassification	-	-	3	(4)	1	-	-
At 31 December 2016	70	29,296	31,193	12,215	22,171	94,945	5,598
At 1 January 2017	70	29,296	31,193	12,215	22,171	94,945	5,598
Transfer from construction in progress	-	119	47	1,070	1,042	2,278	-
Additions/(reversal of over-accruals)	-	3	-	-	-	3	(3)
Purchase of ACP by MTRCL	-	-	-	1	58	59	-
Disposals	-	(50)	(11)	(108)	(308)	(477)	-
Reclassification	-	-	-	-	4	4	(4)
At 31 December 2017	70	29,368	31,229	13,178	22,967	96,812	5,591
Accumulated depreciation, amortisation and impairment:							
At 1 January 2016	46	7,131	8,763	6,597	13,278	35,815	1,551
Charge for the year	2	701	766	680	925	3,074	109
Written back on disposals	-	(27)	(20)	(91)	(367)	(505)	-
At 31 December 2016	48	7,805	9,509	7,186	13,836	38,384	1,660
At 1 January 2017	48	7,805	9,509	7,186	13,836	38,384	1,660
Charge for the year	2	698	767	763	931	3,161	108
Written back on disposals	-	(44)	(5)	(80)	(293)	(422)	-
At 31 December 2017	50	8,459	10,271	7,869	14,474	41,123	1,768
Carrying amount:							
At 31 December 2017	20	20,909	20,958	5,309	8,493	55,689	3,823
At 31 December 2016	22	21,491	21,684	5,029	8,335	56,561	3,938



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14 Fixed assets and interest in leasehold land held for own use under operating leases (continued)

- (b) Permanent way principally comprises the cost of rail tracks, sleepers, track base and ballast.
- (c) Other equipment comprises lifts and escalators, telecommunication and signalling systems, machinery, furniture and fixtures, motor vehicles and computer and office equipment.
- (d) The minimum total future amounts receivable under non-cancellable operating leases are expected to be received as follows:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Within one year	35	34
After one year but within five years	27	43
	62	77

- (e) The Group has previously entered into a number of individually structured transactions or arrangements with unrelated parties to lease out and lease back assets which include rolling stock, signalling equipment, revenue collection equipment and railway infrastructure. Under each arrangement, the Group has leased the assets to an overseas investor, who has prepaid all the rentals in relation to a lease agreement. Simultaneously, the Group has leased the assets back from the overseas investor and the commitments to make long-term lease payments as set out in pre-determined schedules have been defeased by the placement of security deposits or by the advance of loans to third parties that are not recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position (see note 3(x)). The Group has an option to purchase the overseas investor's leasehold interest in the assets at a pre-determined date for a fixed or agreed amount and it is the intention of the Group to exercise such purchase options. As long as the Group complies with the requirements of the lease agreements, the Group will continue to be entitled to quiet enjoyment of and continued possession, use or operation of the assets subject to these arrangements. The arrangements have been entered into with investors in the United States.

As at 31 December 2017, a portion of the Group's assets (including assets replaced during the lease periods) with a total cost of \$3,634 million (2016: \$5,876 million) and net book value of \$1,438 million (2016: \$2,208 million) is covered by two arrangements (2016: four arrangements). One of the arrangements involves rolling stock, with a basic lease term of 28 years. The other arrangement involving railway infrastructure has basic lease terms of between 24 years and 27 years from the date of inception. Since the Group retains risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying assets in respect of each arrangement and enjoys substantially the same rights to their use as before the arrangements were entered into, no adjustment has been made to fixed assets. As a result of these arrangements, the Group has received cash of \$3,327 million at the inception of the arrangements. Assuming exercise of the purchase option in each arrangement, the obligations to make long-term lease payments over the duration of the relevant leases by the Group are expected to be funded by the proceeds to be generated from existing deposits and investments, which are not recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position, over the relevant lease periods. The total estimated net present value of these obligations at the inception of the arrangements amounted to \$3,156 million.

14 Fixed assets and interest in leasehold land held for own use under operating leases (continued)

- (e) An arrangement involving the revenue collection system and an arrangement involving rolling stock expired in January 2016 and January 2017 respectively. Another arrangement involving rolling stock was terminated in June 2017.

The total net amounts of cash received by the Group from the arrangements have been recorded as deferred income and are being amortised to profit or loss over the applicable lease terms of the arrangements.

Under these lease arrangements, letters of credit were arranged by the Group to secure the lease obligations. In 2012, a letter of credit arranged under one of the lease arrangements expired and the Group acquired other financial assets as replacement to pledge against the lease obligations (see note 19).

- (f) In compliance with IAS 16 and HKAS 16, *Property, plant and equipment* which require an annual review of the estimated useful lives of fixed assets, a review of the estimated useful lives of all major fixed asset categories was undertaken by in-house engineers of MTRCL during the year. As a result, the depreciation charge for the year increased by \$7 million.
- (g) The Group's interest in leasehold land held in Hong Kong under medium-term leases (less than 50 years) amounted to \$3,823 million (2016: \$3,938 million) at 31 December 2017.
- (h) As at 31 December 2017, the Corporation held certain floors of Citylink Plaza at Sha Tin Station as investment properties. The carrying amount and fair value of these investment properties and the level of fair value hierarchy (as defined in note 27(e)) are disclosed as below:

	Carrying amount at 31 December 2017 \$ million	Fair value at 31 December 2017 \$ million	Fair value measurements as at 31 December 2017 categorised into		
			Level 1 \$ million	Level 2 \$ million	Level 3 \$ million
Investment properties	20	2,071	-	2,071	-
	20	2,071	-	2,071	-



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14 Fixed assets and interest in leasehold land held for own use under operating leases (continued)

	Carrying amount at 31 December 2016	Fair value at 31 December 2016	Fair value measurements as at 31 December 2016 categorised into		
			Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	\$ million	\$ million	\$ million	\$ million	\$ million
Investment properties	22	2,071	–	2,071	–
	22	2,071	–	2,071	–

Valuation techniques and inputs used in Level 2 fair value measurements:

- The fair value of the investment properties was estimated with reference to recent average transaction prices of properties with comparable rental value.

15 Construction in progress

Construction in progress comprises:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Balance at 1 January	4,295	3,371
Costs incurred by the Corporation during the year	7	23
Costs incurred for ACP funded by MTRCL	2,378	2,207
Transfer to fixed assets	(2,278)	(1,306)
Balance at 31 December	4,402	4,295

16 Deferred expenditure

- (a) Deferred expenditure comprises:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Shatin to Central Link		
Balance at 1 January and 31 December	1,188	1,188

- (b) In February 2018, the Government announced that the land or interests or other rights in respect of the land for the operation of the Shatin to Central Link (“the SCL”) be vested in and the movable assets of the SCL be assigned to the Corporation and then operated by MTRCL through a supplemental service concession arrangement. Although the terms of vesting and supplemental service concession arrangements have not yet been agreed and finalised, management are confident that the recovery of the costs incurred to date by the Corporation on the SCL will be achieved over the duration of the supplemental service concession arrangement with MTRCL.
- (c) As at 31 December 2017, land related costs totalling approximately \$6 million (2016: \$6 million) directly associated with the acquisition of leasehold land for the purpose of the SCL are included in the balance of deferred expenditure. These costs will be transferred to interest in leasehold land when the land is vested in the Corporation by the Government, at which time the costs will begin to be amortised in accordance with the relevant policies.

17 Investments in subsidiaries

- (a) Details of the subsidiaries listed by principal activities are as follows:

Name of company	Place of incorporation and operation	Particulars of issued and paid up capital	Percentage of shares held by the Corporation
Asset leasing			
Buoyant Asset Limited [^]	Hong Kong	100 ordinary shares	100%
Kasey Asset Limited [#]	Hong Kong	100 ordinary shares	100%
Shining Asset Limited [@]	Hong Kong	100 ordinary shares	100%
Fluent Asset Limited [#]	Hong Kong	100 ordinary shares	100%
Bowman Asset Limited	Cayman Islands	1,000 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	100%
Statesman Asset Limited	Cayman Islands	1,000 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	100%

[^] As at 31 December 2017, Buoyant Asset Limited was in the process of de-registration from the Companies Registry as the related leasing transaction expired in 2017.

[#] As both Kasey Asset Limited and Fluent Asset Limited would not have any further accounting transactions to be recognised in the financial statements in the coming years, the Companies Registry approved the dormant status of these companies with effect from 1 September 2017.

[@] Shining Asset Limited was de-registered from the Companies Registry on 15 December 2017.



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17 Investments in subsidiaries (continued)

- (b) Details of entities in which the Corporation holds more than half of the issued share capital but does not have control are as follows:

Name of company	Place of incorporation and operation	Particulars of issued and paid up capital	Percentage of shares held by the Corporation
Property development			
West Rail Property Development Limited, and its 11 wholly owned subsidiaries *	Hong Kong	51 'A' shares 49 'B' shares	100% Nil
Property management			
The Metropolis Management Company Limited **	Hong Kong	25,500 'A' shares 24,500 'B' shares	100% Nil

* These entities are held by the Corporation for the sole purpose of developing commercial or residential properties along the West Rail, Phase I route on behalf of the Government. Their financial statements are excluded from consolidation as the Corporation has no effective control over nor beneficial interest in the net assets of these entities, other than the amount of capital provided.

** This entity is held by the Corporation for the sole purpose of rendering property management services to a commercial property. The financial statements are excluded from consolidation on the basis that, under the Equity Sub-participation Agreement which formed part of the merger transaction, the Corporation is obliged to act on MTRCL's instructions in respect of the exercise of any and all rights the Corporation has as a shareholder of MMC. All the beneficial interests to which the Corporation was previously entitled now rest with MTRCL although there has been no direct disposition of the shares of MMC to MTRCL.

- (c) A summary of consolidated financial information of West Rail Property Development Limited and its subsidiaries based on the management accounts of these companies as of 31 December is as follows:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Assets	11,418	2,920
Liabilities	2,063	482
Equity	9,355	2,438
Turnover	8,226	42
Profit after taxation and total comprehensive income for the year	6,917	124
Dividend paid	-	17,000

18 Interest in associate

The interest in associate is as follows:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Share of net assets	351	335

Details of the associate, which is an unlisted corporate entity and is incorporated and operates in Hong Kong, are as follows:

Name of company	Particulars of issued and paid up capital	Percentage of shares held by the Corporation	Principal activity
Octopus Holdings Limited	42,000,000 ordinary shares	22.1%	Operates a common payment system using Octopus Cards*

* Octopus Holdings Limited facilitates commuters to use the Octopus Cards for the transportation services along the KCR railway system.

A summary of financial information of the associate based on its consolidated management accounts as of 31 December and a reconciliation of the net assets of the associate to the carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements are as follows:

	2017		2016	
	Gross amounts of the associate (100%) \$ million	Group's effective interest (22.1%) \$ million	Gross amounts of the associate (100%) \$ million	Group's effective interest (22.1%) \$ million
Assets	6,667	1,473	5,953	1,316
Liabilities	5,079	1,122	4,436	981
Equity (Net assets)	1,588	351	1,517	335
Turnover	941	208	1,037	229
Profit after tax for the year	301	67	434	96
Other comprehensive income	-	-	(1)	-
Total comprehensive income	301	67	433	96
Dividend paid	230	51	280	62

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**19 Other financial assets**

Other financial assets comprise:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Held-to-maturity debt securities — unlisted	556	552

In 2012, the Group acquired certain financial assets to replace the expired letter of credit arranged under one of the lease arrangements as pledge of the lease obligations (see note 14(e)). The financial assets matured on 31 August 2017 and the Group reinvested the principal proceeds into the same class of financial assets.

20 Interest and other receivables

(a) Interest and other receivables comprise:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Interest receivable relating to deposits with banks and other financial assets	15	9
Net interest receivable relating to derivative financial instruments	12	12
Deposits, prepayments and revenue in arrears	8	17
Amount due from MTRCL	1,991	1,837
	2,026	1,875

(b) Interest and other receivables are expected to be recovered as follows:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Within one year	2,021	1,864
After one year	5	11
	2,026	1,875

21 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Deposits with banks		
– within three months to maturity when placed	2,786	3,499
– more than three months to maturity when placed	7,476	4,469
Cash at bank and in hand	17	9
Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statement of financial position	10,279	7,977
Less: deposits with banks with more than three months to maturity when placed	(7,476)	(4,469)
Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated cash flow statement	2,803	3,508

22 Interest and other payables

(a) Interest and other payables comprise:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Interest payable	67	67
Deposits and advances	12	11
Creditors and accrued charges	6	5
	85	83

(b) Interest and other payables are expected to be settled as follows:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Within one year	69	69
After one year	16	14
	85	83



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22 Interest and other payables (continued)

- (c) Included in interest and other payables are interest payable and creditors with the following ageing analysis:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Due within one month or on demand	24	24
Due between three months to six months	46	46
Total interest payable and creditors	70	70
Deposits and advances	12	11
Accrued charges	3	2
	85	83

23 Accrued charges and provisions for capital projects

The balance includes accrued charges and provisions for claims on land resumption and business losses related to capital projects. Accrued charges will be settled upon certification of work done. Provisions for claims relate to the West Rail and East Rail Extensions projects.

The balance includes an aggregate amount of \$43 million (2016: \$46 million) payable to the Government for accrued charges and provisions for claims in relation to the West Rail, East Rail Extensions and Shatin to Central Link projects. The provisions for claims amounted to \$37 million (2016: \$40 million).

The movement of provisions for claims and accrued charges related to capital projects is as follows:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Provisions for claims		
Balance at 1 January	40	43
Amount utilised	(3)	(3)
Balance at 31 December	37	40
Accrued charges		
Balance at 1 January and 31 December	6	6
	43	46

Accrued charges and provisions for capital projects are expected to be settled or utilised as follows:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Within one year	21	3
After one year	22	43
	43	46

24 Interest-bearing borrowings

- (a) Interest-bearing borrowings comprise:

	2017		2016	
	Carrying amount \$ million	Fair value \$ million	Carrying amount \$ million	Fair value \$ million
Capital market instruments				
HK dollar notes due 2019 – see (c) below	1,296	1,317	1,295	1,328
HK dollar notes due 2024 – see (c) below	414	444	413	439
US dollar notes due 2019 – see (c) below	5,876	5,982	5,824	6,061
HK dollar notes due 2021 – see (c) below	497	527	497	530
HK dollar notes due 2021 – see (c) below	745	777	744	777
HK dollar notes due 2019 – see (c) below	435	445	435	450
	9,263	9,492	9,208	9,585

- (b) The fair values of capital market instruments were determined using discounted cash flow techniques.
- (c) The Corporation issued the following notes under its 2009 US\$3 billion medium term note programme:

Date of issue	Nominal value	Interest rate	Maturity	Pricing
28 April 2009	\$1.3 billion	3.5%	2019	At a discount
15 May 2009	\$415 million	4.13%	2024	At a discount
18 May 2009	US\$750 million	5.125%	2019	At a discount
15 June 2009	\$500 million	3.88%	2021	At a discount
9 July 2009	\$750 million	3.82%	2021	At a discount
24 July 2009	\$435 million	3.64%	2019	At a discount

All the notes issued are unsecured and ranked equally with all of the Corporation's other unsecured senior indebtedness.

- (d) The covenants attached to the Corporation's interest-bearing borrowings are customary ones.
- (e) The interest-bearing borrowings were repayable as follows:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
After one year but within two years	7,607	–
After two years but within five years	1,242	8,795
After five years	414	413
	9,263	9,208



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25 Deferred income

- (a) The balance of deferred income at 31 December 2017 includes cash received from property developers for property development sites along the Light Rail; cash receipts arising from the lease out and lease back arrangements; the upfront payment received less the cost of Purchased Rail Assets for the Service Concession; assets and liabilities assumed by MTRCL as part of the merger transaction; and the cost of ACP funded by MTRCL less related amortisation. Under the property package of the Rail Merger, the Corporation shall continue to be responsible for the funding of the property enabling works for the eight development sites sold to MTRCL. The cash received from property developers will be set off against costs to be incurred by the Corporation in respect of each property development. The unutilised balance will be credited to profit or loss when the property enabling works are completed and accepted for development and after taking into account the outstanding risks and obligations in connection with the development, if any, retained by the Corporation. The balance relating to the lease out and lease back arrangements is being amortised and credited to profit or loss over the applicable lease terms. The balance relating to the net upfront payment received for the Service Concession and assets and liabilities assumed by MTRCL is being amortised and credited to profit or loss over the Concession Period. The balance relating to ACP is being amortised to profit or loss over the shorter of the useful life of the ACP and the remaining Concession Period.
- (b) Movements in deferred income comprise:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Balance at 1 January	12,574	10,892
Net amount paid and payable	(5)	(4)
Deferred income relating to ACP funded by MTRCL	2,437	2,265
Recognised in profit or loss	(705)	(579)
Balance at 31 December	14,301	12,574

- (c) Deferred income is expected to be recognised in profit or loss as follows:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Within one year	685	558
After one year	13,616	12,016
	14,301	12,574

26 Capital, reserves and dividends

(a) Movements in components of equity

The reconciliation between the opening and closing balances of each component of the Group's consolidated equity is set out in the consolidated statement of changes in equity. Details of the changes in the Corporation's individual components of equity between the beginning and the end of the year are set out below:

The Corporation

	Share capital \$ million	Retained profits \$ million	Total \$ million
Balance at 1 January 2016	39,120	15,384	54,504
Changes in equity for 2016:			
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	(314)	(314)
Balance at 31 December 2016 and 1 January 2017	39,120	15,070	54,190
Changes in equity for 2017:			
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	(193)	(193)
Balance at 31 December 2017	39,120	14,877	53,997

- (i) Included in the retained profits of the Group is an amount of \$342 million (2016: \$326 million) being the retained profits attributable to the associate.
- (ii) Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the KCRC Ordinance, the reserves available for distribution comprise an amount out of the whole or part of the profits of the Corporation in any financial year after making allowance for any accumulated loss at the end of the financial year prior to the year in which the distribution is declared. The fair value change of financial assets and liabilities, net of related deferred tax, recognised in retained profits are not available for distribution to the sole shareholder because they are not realised profits of the Corporation. As at 31 December 2017, the amount of reserves available for distribution to the sole shareholder amounted to \$14,801 million (2016: \$14,954 million).



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26 Capital, reserves and dividends (continued)

(b) Share capital

The Corporation

	2017		2016	
	No. of shares	\$ million	No. of shares	\$ million
Authorised: *				
Shares of \$100,000 each	425,000	42,500	425,000	42,500
Issued and fully paid:				
At 31 December	391,200	39,120	391,200	39,120

* The authorised share capital of the Corporation disclosed above is governed by the KCRC Ordinance, which sets out the maximum number of shares which can be allotted and issued by the Corporation.

(c) Capital management

The Corporation's capital includes share capital and reserves.

The entire issued share capital of the Corporation is held by the Financial Secretary Incorporated.

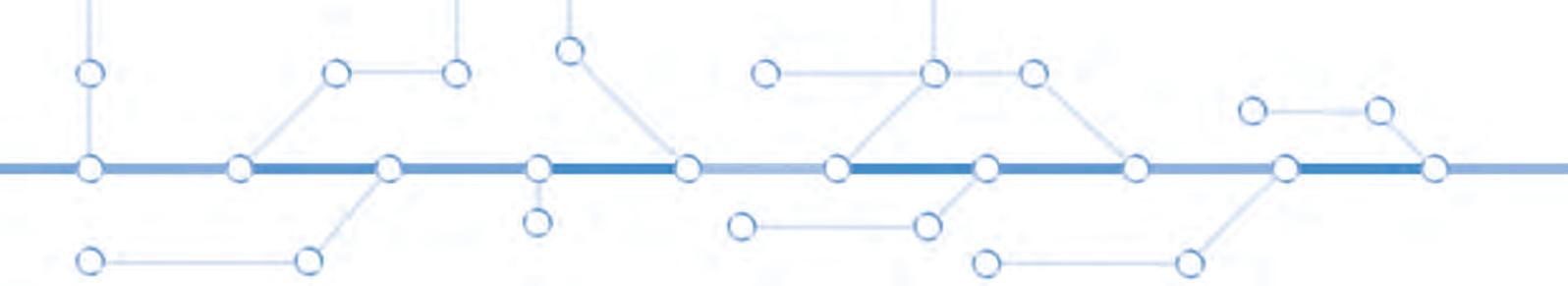
Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the KCRC Ordinance, the Corporation may declare dividends to the Government as its sole shareholder. The Financial Secretary may, after consultation with the Corporation and after taking into account the extent of its loans and other obligations, direct the Corporation to declare a dividend.

27 Financial risk management and fair values of financial instruments

In the normal course of its business, the Group is exposed to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, interest rate risk, currency risk and liquidity risk. The Group uses derivative financial instruments to hedge certain risk exposures.

The Managing Board has approved policies in respect of credit risk, interest rate risk, currency risk, use of derivative financial instruments and investment of surplus funds. As part of its risk management, the Group identifies and evaluates the financial risks and, where appropriate, hedges those risks in accordance with the policies established by the Managing Board.

The Group documents at the inception of each hedging transaction the relationship between the hedging instrument and hedged item, as well as its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the transaction. The Group also documents its assessment, both at inception and on an ongoing basis, of whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions are effective in offsetting changes in fair values of the hedged items.



27 Financial risk management and fair values of financial instruments (continued)

(a) Credit risk

The Group's credit risk is primarily attributable to its held-to-maturity debt securities, its deposits and over-the-counter derivative financial instruments entered into for hedging purposes.

The Group has no significant concentrations of credit risk. It has policies in place that limit the amount of credit exposure to any financial institution with which the Group has transactions. The Group can only invest in debt securities issued by or place deposits with financial institutions that meet the established credit rating or other criteria. Derivative counterparties are limited to high-credit-quality financial institutions. The exposures to these credit risks are monitored on an ongoing basis.

The maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of each financial asset, including derivative financial assets, in the consolidated statement of financial position.

(b) Interest rate risk

(i) Hedging

The Group's interest rate risk arises from its long-term borrowings. Borrowings at variable rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk. Borrowings at fixed rates expose the Group to fair value interest rate risk.

The Group enters into receive-fixed-pay-floating interest rate swaps to hedge the fair value interest rate risk arising from fixed rate borrowings as well as to achieve an appropriate mix of fixed and floating rate exposure.

(ii) Fair value through profit or loss

For interest rate swaps where the hedging relationships do not qualify as fair value hedges or the Corporation does not opt for hedge accounting, changes in their fair values are recognised in profit or loss.

At 31 December 2017, the Group had such interest rate swaps with a notional contract amount of \$1,735 million (2016: \$1,735 million) and net fair value of \$27 million (assets) (2016: \$41 million (assets)), which comprises assets of \$27 million (2016: \$41 million) and liabilities of nil (2016: nil).



27 Financial risk management and fair values of financial instruments (continued)

(b) Interest rate risk (continued)

(iii) Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis below indicates the instantaneous change in the Group's loss after taxation (and retained profits) that would arise assuming that a general increase/decrease of 100 basis points (bps) in interest rates had occurred at the end of the reporting period and such changes had been applied to re-measure those financial instruments held by the Group which expose the Group to fair value risk at the end of the reporting period. In respect of the exposure to cash flow interest rate risk arising from floating rate non-derivative instruments held by the Group at the end of the reporting period, the impact on the Group's loss after taxation (and retained profits) is estimated as an annualised impact on interest expense or income of such a change in interest rates. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2016.

Other than for currency swaps where the forward exchange rates are slightly changed by a parallel shift in the interest rates of the underlying currencies, all other variables, in particular spot foreign currency rates, remain constant.

The estimated impact of a general increase/decrease of 100 basis points in interest rates, with all other variables held constant other than the exception mentioned above, on the Group's loss after taxation (and retained profits) is shown below:

	2017		2016	
	\$ million +100 bps	\$ million -100 bps	\$ million +100 bps	\$ million -100 bps
Effect on profit or loss:				
Interest rate swaps	(16)	16	(30)	31
Currency swaps	(1)	1	(2)	2
(Increase)/decrease in loss after taxation	(17)	17	(32)	33

(c) Currency risk

The Group derives its revenues almost entirely in Hong Kong dollars and is, therefore, exposed to currency risk arising only from borrowings, purchases and capital expenditure payments in relation to the development of new railways that are denominated in foreign currencies.

The Corporation uses forward exchange contracts and currency swaps to hedge its foreign exchange risk. The Corporation's risk management policy is to hedge its foreign currency borrowings into either Hong Kong dollars or United States dollars.

The Corporation may have investments in debt securities and other financial assets from time to time. Where these investments are denominated in foreign currencies other than United States dollars or Hong Kong dollars, the Corporation hedges the exposure into either United States dollars or Hong Kong dollars.

27 Financial risk management and fair values of financial instruments (continued)

(c) Currency risk (continued)

(i) Recognised assets and liabilities

Changes in the fair value of currency swaps that could not effectively hedge recognised monetary liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss. The net fair value of currency swaps used by the Corporation as economic hedges of monetary liabilities in foreign currencies at 31 December 2017 and recognised as net derivative financial assets was \$91 million (2016: \$125 million), comprising assets of \$91 million (2016: \$125 million) and liabilities of nil (2016: nil).

(ii) Fair value through profit or loss

In respect of other receivables and other payables denominated in currencies other than the functional currency, the Corporation ensures that the net exposure is kept to an acceptable level by buying or selling foreign currencies at spot or forward rates where necessary.

All the Group's borrowings are denominated in either Hong Kong dollars or United States dollars. Given this, management does not expect that there will be any significant currency risk associated with the Group's borrowings.

(iii) Exposure to currency risk

Based on the notional amounts of the financial assets and liabilities, the following table shows the Group's exposure at the end of the reporting period to currency risk arising from recognised assets or liabilities denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Group.

	2017 US dollars million (Expressed in foreign currency)	2016 US dollars million (Expressed in foreign currency)
Other financial assets	71	71
Interest and other receivables	4	4
Cash and cash equivalents	42	41
Currency swaps	750	750
Interest and other payables	(4)	(4)
Interest-bearing borrowings	(750)	(750)
Overall net exposure	113	112

27 Financial risk management and fair values of financial instruments (continued)

(c) Currency risk (continued)

(iv) Sensitivity analysis

The following table indicates the instantaneous change in the Group's loss after taxation (and retained profits) that would have arisen upon changes to foreign exchange rates to which the Group had exposure at the end of the reporting period, assuming all other risk variables remained constant. Such exposure relates to the portion of United States dollars borrowings, currency swaps, and other assets and liabilities, such as deposits and future contract payments, denominated in foreign currencies.

	Increase/ (decrease) in foreign exchange rate	2017 Decrease/ (increase) in loss after taxation \$ million	2016 Decrease/ (increase) in loss after taxation \$ million
US dollars	1% (1%)	10 (10)	13 (13)

Results of the analysis as presented in the above table represent an aggregation of the instantaneous effects on the Group's loss after taxation (and retained profits) measured in the respective functional currencies, translated into Hong Kong dollars at exchange rates, based on direct quotes, prevailing at the end of the reporting period for presentation purposes.

The sensitivity analysis assumes that the change in foreign exchange rates had been applied to re-measure those financial instruments held by the Group which expose the Group to foreign currency risk at the end of the reporting period. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2016.

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk represents the Group's ability to meet its contractual obligations. The Group evaluates its liquidity requirements on an ongoing basis. It employs projected cash flow analyses to forecast its future funding requirements. The Group's approach to manage liquidity is to ensure there will be sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when they fall due, under both normal and stressed conditions.

The Group aims to secure committed credit facilities well ahead of funding needs. This protects the Group against adverse market conditions which may result in difficulties in raising funds to meet payment obligations. The Group has put in place committed revolving facilities and uncommitted stand-by facilities to cater for short-term liquidity requirements.

The following table shows the time periods after the end of the reporting period during which contractual payments, presented on an undiscounted basis, are due to be made. These payments include, inter alia, interest payments computed using contractual rates (for fixed rate instruments) and rates prevalent at the end of the reporting period (for floating rate instruments), in respect of the Group's non-derivative and derivative financial liabilities which are due to be paid.

27 Financial risk management and fair values of financial instruments (continued)

(d) Liquidity risk (continued)

	Contractual undiscounted cash outflow				Total \$ million	Carrying amount at 31 December \$ million
	Within 1 year or on demand \$ million	More than 1 year but less than 2 years \$ million	More than 2 years but less than 5 years \$ million	More than 5 years \$ million		
2017						
Interest and other payables	(69)	(4)	(8)	(4)	(85)	85
Interest rate swaps	-	-	-	-	-	(27)
Currency swaps						
– outflow	(269)	(5,946)	-	-	(6,215)	-
– inflow	302	6,036	-	-	6,338	(91)
Interest-bearing borrowings	(361)	(7,874)	(1,388)	(441)	(10,064)	9,263
	(397)	(7,788)	(1,396)	(445)	(10,026)	9,230
2016						
Interest and other payables	(69)	(3)	(7)	(4)	(83)	83
Interest rate swaps	-	-	-	-	-	(41)
Currency swaps						
– outflow	(269)	(269)	(5,946)	-	(6,484)	-
– inflow	299	299	5,989	-	6,587	(125)
Interest-bearing borrowings	(426)	(426)	(9,198)	(458)	(10,508)	9,208
	(465)	(399)	(9,162)	(462)	(10,488)	9,125

(e) Fair value measurement

(i) Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value

The following table presents the fair value of the financial instruments measured at the end of the reporting period on a recurring basis, categorised into the three-level fair value hierarchy as defined in IFRS 13 and HKFRS 13, *Fair value measurement*. The level into which a fair value measurement is classified is determined with reference to the observability and significance of the inputs used in the valuation technique as follows:

- Level 1 valuations: Fair value measured using only Level 1 inputs i.e. unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date
- Level 2 valuations: Fair value measured using Level 2 inputs i.e. observable inputs which fail to meet Level 1, and not using significant unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs are inputs for which market data are not available.
- Level 3 valuations: Fair value measured using significant unobservable inputs



27 Financial risk management and fair values of financial instruments (continued)

(e) Fair value measurement (continued)

(i) Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value (continued)

Recurring fair value measurements

	Fair value at 31 December 2017 \$ million	Fair value measurements as at 31 December 2017 categorised into		
		Level 1 \$ million	Level 2 \$ million	Level 3 \$ million
Assets				
Derivative financial assets				
— interest rate swaps	27	—	27	—
— currency swaps	91	—	91	—
	118	—	118	—

	Fair value at 31 December 2016 \$ million	Fair value measurements as at 31 December 2016 categorised into		
		Level 1 \$ million	Level 2 \$ million	Level 3 \$ million
Assets				
Derivative financial assets				
— interest rate swaps	41	—	41	—
— currency swaps	125	—	125	—
	166	—	166	—

Valuation techniques and inputs used in Level 2 fair value measurements:

- The fair value of the interest rate swaps and currency swaps was based on the present value of the estimated amount that the Group would receive or pay to terminate the swap at the end of the reporting period, taking into account prevailing interest rates, foreign exchange rates and creditworthiness of the swap counterparties. Discounted cash flow techniques were used in determining the fair value of swaps.

27 Financial risk management and fair values of financial instruments (continued)

(e) Fair value measurement (continued)

(ii) Fair values of financial assets and liabilities carried at other than fair value

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial instruments carried at cost or amortised cost are not materially different from their fair values as at 31 December 2017 and 2016 except for the following financial instruments, for which their carrying amounts and fair values and the level of fair value hierarchy are disclosed below:

	Carrying amount at 31 December 2017 \$ million	Fair value at 31 December 2017 \$ million	Fair value measurements as at 31 December 2017 categorised into		
			Level 1 \$ million	Level 2 \$ million	Level 3 \$ million
Assets					
Other financial assets	556	541	541	-	-
	556	541	541	-	-
Liabilities					
Interest-bearing borrowings	(9,263)	(9,492)	-	(9,492)	-
	(9,263)	(9,492)	-	(9,492)	-



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27 Financial risk management and fair values of financial instruments (continued)

(e) Fair value measurement (continued)

(ii) Fair values of financial assets and liabilities carried at other than fair value (continued)

	Carrying amount at 31 December 2016 \$ million	Fair value at 31 December 2016 \$ million	Fair value measurements as at 31 December 2016 categorised into		
			Level 1 \$ million	Level 2 \$ million	Level 3 \$ million
Assets					
Other financial assets	552	549	549	–	–
	552	549	549	–	–
Liabilities					
Interest-bearing borrowings	(9,208)	(9,585)	–	(9,585)	–
	(9,208)	(9,585)	–	(9,585)	–

Valuation techniques and inputs used in Level 2 fair value measurements:

- The fair value of the interest-bearing borrowings was calculated based on discounted cash flows of expected future principal and interest payments.

28 Notes to the consolidated cash flow statement

(a) Reconciliation of operating profit/(loss) after depreciation, amortisation and impairment to net cash inflow from operations

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Operating profit/(loss) after depreciation, amortisation and impairment	46	(152)
Depreciation and amortisation	3,269	3,183
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	55	64
Increase in other receivables	(145)	(132)
Decrease in other payables and deferred income	(699)	(587)
Net cash inflow from operations	2,526	2,376

28 Notes to the consolidated cash flow statement (continued)

(b) Reconciliation of liabilities/(assets) arising from financing activities

The table below details changes in the Group's liabilities from financing activities, including both cash and non-cash changes. Liabilities arising from financing activities are liabilities for which cash flows were, or future cash flows will be, classified in the Group's consolidated cash flow statement as cash flows from financing activities.

	Interest-bearing borrowings \$ million (note 24)	Derivative financial assets \$ million (note 27(e))	Interest payable \$ million (note 22(a))	Interest receivable \$ million (note 20(a))	Total \$ million
Carrying amount at 1 January 2017	9,208	(166)	67	(12)	9,097
Changes from financing cash flows:					
Interest paid relating to interest-bearing borrowings	-	-	(427)	-	(427)
Net interest received relating to derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	63	63
Total changes from financing cash flows	-	-	(427)	63	(364)
Exchange adjustments	45	-	-	-	45
Changes in fair value	-	48	-	-	48
Other changes:					
Interest expenses (note 9(b))	10	-	427	-	437
Realised gains arising from derivative financial instruments (net) (note 9(a))	-	-	-	(63)	(63)
Total other changes	10	-	427	(63)	374
Carrying amount at 31 December 2017	9,263	(118)	67	(12)	9,200



29 Related parties

The Corporation is wholly owned by the Government. The Corporation has entered into transactions with the Government in respect of the developments of the West Rail, Phase I route, East Rail Extensions, Shatin to Central Link and Kowloon Southern Link which are considered to be related party transactions under IAS 24 and HKAS 24, *Related party disclosures* and these are disclosed in notes 1, 3(c) and (i), 6, 16(b) and (c), 17 and 23 to the financial statements. Transactions with Government departments and agencies in the course of their normal dealings with the Corporation are not considered to be related party transactions.

Members of the Managing Board, the key management who are not Members of the Managing Board and parties related to them are also related parties of the Corporation. During the year there were no significant transactions with any such parties other than their remuneration which is disclosed in note 7 to the financial statements.

MTRCL is considered to be a related party of the Corporation under IAS 24 and HKAS 24 as they share a common shareholder, the Government. The Corporation has entered into transactions with MTRCL since the Appointed Day which are considered to be related party transactions and these are disclosed in notes 2, 3(c), (i), (m) and (w), 5, 6, 14, 15, 17, 20 and 25 to the financial statements.

Major related party transactions entered into by the Group in prior years which are still relevant for the current year comprise:

- (i) On 15 September 1998, the Government approved the construction of West Rail, Phase I to be undertaken by the Corporation. The West Rail Project Agreement, which set out how the project was to be undertaken and the respective obligations of the Government and the Corporation in terms of the financing, design, construction and operation of West Rail, Phase I, was signed on 23 October 1998. On 24 February 2000, the Corporation and the Government entered into a shareholding agreement for undertaking all property developments along the West Rail, Phase I route.
- (ii) The Corporation entered into a project agreement for the East Rail Extensions with the Government on 28 February 2003. The project agreement provided for the financing, design, construction and operations of the East Rail Extensions and related services and facilities.
- (iii) The Corporation accepted an offer from the Government to allow the Corporation to proceed with the development of the sites at Ho Tung Lau, Wu Kai Sha and Tai Wai Maintenance Centre in March 2003, October 2005 and July 2006 respectively.

30 Corporation statement of financial position

at 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Assets			
Fixed assets		55,689	56,561
Interest in leasehold land held for own use under operating leases		3,823	3,938
Construction in progress		4,402	4,295
Deferred expenditure		1,188	1,188
Interest in associate		9	9
Derivative financial assets		118	166
Other financial assets		556	552
Interest and other receivables		2,026	1,875
Cash and cash equivalents		10,279	7,977
		78,090	76,561
Liabilities			
Interest and other payables		85	83
Accrued charges and provisions for capital projects		43	46
Interest-bearing borrowings		9,263	9,208
Deferred income		14,301	12,574
Deferred tax liabilities		401	460
		24,093	22,371
Net Assets		53,997	54,190
Capital and Reserves			
Share capital	26(b)	39,120	39,120
Reserves	26(a)	14,877	15,070
Total Equity		53,997	54,190

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31 Outstanding commitments

Commitments outstanding in respect of capital expenditure not provided for in the financial statements were as follows:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Fixed assets — property, plant and equipment — authorised but not contracted for	374	367
Balance at 31 December	374	367

The above commitments include a capped cost of \$350 million to be borne by the Corporation in respect of park and ride facilities associated with a property development project being undertaken by a subsidiary of West Rail Property Development Limited.

32 Retirement benefit scheme

The Group operates a Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (“MPF Scheme”) under the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance. The MPF Scheme is a defined contribution retirement plan administrated by independent trustees. Under the MPF Scheme, the employer and its employees are required to make contributions to the plan at 5% of the employees’ relevant income, subject to a cap of monthly relevant income of \$30,000.

33 Debt facilities

(a) Total unutilised debt facilities available to the Group comprise:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Short-term uncommitted revolving credit facilities	400	400
Overdraft facilities	30	30
Letters of credit for leveraged leases	471	973
Revolving loan facility	–	1,000
	901	2,403

(b) The unutilised debt facilities are expected to expire as follows:

	2017 \$ million	2016 \$ million
Floating rate		
— expiring within one year	430	1,539
— expiring after one year	471	864
	901	2,403



34 Contingent liabilities

At 31 December 2017, the Group had contingent liabilities arising from the land resumption claims and certain contractors' claims in respect of the construction of the West Rail and East Rail Extensions projects. The Group has made provisions in the financial statements at 31 December 2017 for its best estimate of amounts which are likely to be payable in connection with these claims which the Group is in the process of resolving. The details of the provisions are set out in note 23 to the financial statements.

35 Impairment of railway assets

At 31 December 2017, the Group assessed whether there was any indication of impairment of the Group's railway assets at that date in accordance with the Group's accounting policies for the assessment of asset impairment by comparing the key determinant factors, such as inflation, cost of debt, expected return on equity, to those of 2016.

As a result of this assessment, management considers that no indication of impairment of the railway assets of the Group exists at 31 December 2017 and, accordingly, that no provision for impairment of the Group's railway assets is required at that date.

36 Event after the reporting period

As stated in note 16(b) to the financial statements, the Government announced in February 2018 that the land or interests or other rights in respect of the land for the operation of the SCL be vested in and the movable assets of the SCL be assigned to the Corporation.

37 Accounting estimates and judgements

(a) Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Note 27 contains information about the assumptions and their risk factors relating to financial instruments. Other key sources of estimation uncertainty include the assessment of useful lives for depreciation of fixed assets (see note 3(j)), assessment of provisions and contingent liabilities (see notes 3(v), 23 and 34), determination of the recoverability of deferred tax assets (see note 11(c)), assessment of the recoverability of costs incurred in relation to the Shatin to Central Link project (see note 16(b)) and assessment of the outstanding risks and obligations in recognition of profit from property development (see note 25).

(b) Critical accounting judgements in applying the Group's accounting policies

Critical accounting judgements in applying the Group's accounting policies include the classification of revenue and expenditure as capital or revenue in nature (see note 3(i)(i)), the classification of revenue and cost-recovery, the classification of operating leases or lease out and lease back transactions (see note 3(k)(i) and (x)), transfers from construction in progress to fixed assets (see note 3(m)), assessment of controlled subsidiaries and non-controlled entities (see note 3(c)), the categorisation of financial assets and liabilities and impairment of railway assets (see note 35).



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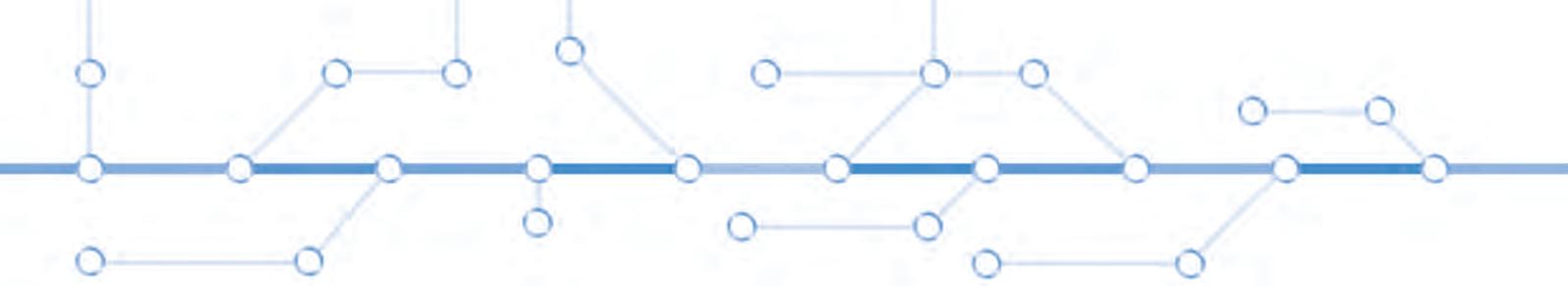
38 Possible impact of amendments, new standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective for the annual accounting year ended 31 December 2017

Up to the date of issue of these financial statements, the IASB and HKICPA have issued a few amendments, new standards and interpretations which are not yet effective for the year ended 31 December 2017 and which have not been adopted in these financial statements.

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these amendments, new standards and interpretations is expected to be in the period of initial application. So far the Group has identified some aspects of IFRS 9 and HKFRS 9 which may have an impact on the consolidated financial statements and concluded that the adoption of the remaining amendments, new standards and interpretations is unlikely to have a significant impact on the Group's results of operations and financial position. Further details of the expected impacts are discussed below. While the assessment has been substantially completed for IFRS 9 and HKFRS 9, the actual impacts upon the initial adoption of the standards may differ as the assessment completed to date is based on the information currently available to the Group, and further impacts may be identified before the standards are initially applied in the Group's financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2018. The Group may also change its accounting policy elections, including the transition options, until the standards are initially applied in that financial report.

The following developments may result in new or amended disclosures in the financial statements:

	Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after
IFRS 9 and HKFRS 9, <i>Financial instruments</i>	1 January 2018
IFRS 15 and HKFRS 15, <i>Revenue from contracts with customers</i>	1 January 2018
Amendments to IAS 40 and HKAS 40, <i>Investment property: Transfers of investment property</i>	1 January 2018
IFRIC 22 and HK(IFRIC) 22, <i>Foreign currency transactions and advance consideration</i>	1 January 2018
IFRS 16 and HKFRS 16, <i>Leases</i>	1 January 2019
IFRIC 23 and HK(IFRIC) 23, <i>Uncertainty over income tax treatments</i>	1 January 2019



38 Possible impact of amendments, new standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective for the annual accounting year ended 31 December 2017 (continued)

IFRS 9 and HKFRS 9, Financial instruments

IFRS 9 and HKFRS 9 will replace the current standards on accounting for financial instruments, IAS 39 and HKAS 39, *Financial instruments: Recognition and measurement*. IFRS 9 and HKFRS 9 introduce new requirements for classification and measurement of financial assets, including the measurement of impairment for financial assets and hedge accounting. On the other hand, IFRS 9 and HKFRS 9 incorporate without substantive changes the requirements of IAS 39 and HKAS 39 for recognition and derecognition of financial instruments and the classification and measurement of financial liabilities.

IFRS 9 and HKFRS 9 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018 on a retrospective basis. The Group plans to use the exemption from restating comparative information and will recognise any transition adjustments against the opening balance of equity at 1 January 2018.

Expected impacts of the new requirements on the Group's financial statements are as follows:

(a) Classification and measurement

IFRS 9 and HKFRS 9 contain three principal classification categories for financial assets: measured at (1) amortised cost, (2) fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") and (3) fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI").

The classification for debt instruments is determined based on the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the asset. The Group has assessed that its debt instruments currently measured at amortised cost will continue with their classification and measurement upon the adoption of IFRS 9 and HKFRS 9.

The classification and measurement requirements for derivative financial assets under IFRS 9 and HKFRS 9 remain unchanged from IAS 39 and HKAS 39, which will continue to be measured at FVTPL.

The classification and measurement requirements for financial liabilities under IFRS 9 and HKFRS 9 are largely unchanged from IAS 39 and HKAS 39, except that IFRS 9 and HKFRS 9 require the fair value change of a financial liability designated at FVTPL that is attributable to changes of that financial liability's credit risk to be recognised in other comprehensive income (without reclassification to profit or loss). The Group currently does not have any financial liabilities designated at FVTPL and therefore this new requirement will not have any impact on the Group on adoption of IFRS 9 and HKFRS 9.

(b) Impairment

The new impairment model in IFRS 9 and HKFRS 9 replaces the "incurred loss" model in IAS 39 and HKAS 39 with an "expected credit loss" model. Under the expected credit loss model, it will no longer be necessary for a loss event to occur before an impairment loss is recognised. Instead, an entity is required to recognise and measure either a 12-month expected credit loss or a lifetime expected credit loss, depending on the asset and the facts and circumstances. The Group expects that the application of the expected credit loss model will not result in recognition of significant credit losses on its financial assets currently measured at amortised cost.



Five-Year Statistics



FINANCIAL (HK\$ million)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Statement of Comprehensive Income					
Turnover	3,412	3,147	2,902	2,647	2,398
Operating profit before depreciation, amortisation and impairment	3,370	3,095	2,863	2,610	2,366
Net interest and finance expenses	301	316	312	351	357
Loss before unrealised gains/losses	(188)	(372)	(509)	(805)	(1,093)
Loss after unrealised gains/losses and taxation	(177)	(280)	(460)	(615)	(990)
Statement of Financial Position					
Fixed assets (including interest in leasehold land held for own use under operating leases)	59,512	60,499	62,382	64,715	67,029
Construction in progress	4,402	4,295	3,371	2,164	1,259
Deferred expenditure	1,188	1,188	1,188	1,188	1,188
Other financial assets	556	552	552	552	550
Cash and cash equivalents	10,279	7,977	7,358	6,381	5,574
Other assets	2,495	2,376	2,206	2,097	1,744
Total assets	78,432	76,887	77,057	77,097	77,344
Interest-bearing borrowings	9,263	9,208	10,695	11,690	12,453
Deferred tax liabilities	401	460	542	659	807
Deferred income	14,301	12,574	10,892	9,119	7,805
Other liabilities	128	129	132	373	408
Total liabilities	24,093	22,371	22,261	21,841	21,473
Total equity	54,339	54,516	54,796	55,256	55,871
Key financial data					
Return on equity (%)	–	(1)	(1)	(1)	(2)
Debt/equity ratio	1:5.9	1:5.9	1:5.1	1:4.7	1:4.5
Debt to total capitalisation (%)	15	14	16	17	18
Interest cover (times)	7.6	7.4	6.8	5.4	4.8





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