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MINTH 畝貴集團 MINTH GROUP LIMITED

敏實集團有限公司

 $({\it Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability})$

(Stock Code: 425)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AUDITED ANNUAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of Minth Group Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce that the Company's auditor, Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, has completed its audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2019 (the "Review Year") in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS OF THE GROUP

- Revenue increased by approximately 5.1% to approximately RMB13,198.2 million (2018: approximately RMB12,553.2 million).
- Gross profit rose by approximately 2.4% to approximately RMB4,121.4 million (2018: approximately RMB4,023.0 million).
- Profit attributable to owners of the Company increased by approximately 1.8% to approximately RMB1,690.3 million (2018: approximately RMB1,660.6 million).
- Basic earnings per share increased to approximately RMB1.472 (2018: approximately RMB1.451).
- Proposed final dividend amounted to HK\$0.656 per share (2018: HK\$0.661).
- Capital expenditure decreased by approximately 24.8% to approximately RMB1,674.7 million (2018: approximately RMB2,226.6 million).
- Consolidated net asset value increased by approximately 9.8% to approximately RMB14,743.7 million (2018: approximately RMB13,428.7 million).

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 30 March 2020, in relation to the unaudited annual results for the Review Year (the "Announcement"). Terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement unless the context requires otherwise. The annual results contained in the Announcement remain unchanged, save and except the proposed final dividend which is now contained in the Section "PROPOSED FINAL DIVIDEND" herein below.

AUDITED ANNUAL RESULTS

The Board of the Company is pleased to announce the audited consolidated financial results of the Group for the Review Year, together with the comparative figures for the year ended 31 December 2018 reviewed by the audit committee of the Company as follows:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	NOTES	2019 <i>RMB'000</i>	2018 <i>RMB'000</i>
Revenue	3	13,198,189	12,553,202
Cost of sales		(9,076,750)	(8,530,179)
Gross profit		4,121,439	4,023,023
Investment income		126,389	108,881
Other income		200,467	179,284
Other gains and losses	4	69,441	(87,162)
Distribution and selling expenses		(538,679)	(519,675)
Administrative expenses		(1,048,052)	(941,098)
Research expenditure		(655,526)	(590,609)
Interest expenses		(157,819)	(137,507)
Share of profits (losses) of joint ventures		4,388	(6,410)
Share of (losses) profits of associates		(20,770)	17,347
Profit before tax		2,101,278	2,046,074
Income tax expense	5	(336,187)	(333,534)
Profit for the year	6	1,765,091	1,712,540

	NOTE	2019 <i>RMB'000</i>	2018 <i>RMB'000</i>
Other comprehensive income: Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss: (Loss) gain on remeasurement of defined benefit obligation		(871)	3,093
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to			
profit or loss: Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations Fair value gain (loss) on debt instruments		30,457	55,154
measured at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI")		3,189	(19)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of income tax		32,775	58,228
Total comprehensive income for the year		1,797,866	1,770,768
Profit for the year attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		1,690,300 74,791	1,660,636 51,904
		1,765,091	1,712,540
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:		1 720 111	1 714 470
Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		1,720,111 77,755	1,714,470 56,298
		1,797,866	1,770,768
Earnings per share Basic	8	RMB1.472	RMB1.451
Diluted		RMB1.466	RMB1.440

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

		2019	2018
	NOTES	RMB'000	RMB'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		8,748,976	7,933,121
Right-of-use assets		988,425	_
Prepaid lease payments		_	745,629
Goodwill		98,030	97,505
Other intangible assets		56,554	63,281
Interests in joint ventures		90,194	98,720
Interests in associates		124,865	215,062
Loan receivables		_	6,000
Deferred tax assets		187,079	149,208
Prepayment for acquisition of property, plant			
and equipment		57,391	163,611
Contract assets	11	576,542	582,333
Contract costs		128,891	64,981
Plan assets		1,942	1,788
		11,058,889	10,121,239
Current assets			
Prepaid lease payments		_	19,352
Inventories	9	2,039,976	1,974,480
Loan receivables		6,000	2,000
Property under development		19,308	15,347
Trade and other receivables	10	4,315,920	4,207,395
Contract assets	11	234,230	_
Derivative financial assets		3,204	4,878
Debt instruments at FVTOCI		256,647	335,864
Pledged bank deposits		21,267	65,663
Bank balances and cash		5,687,234	4,521,870
		12,583,786	11,146,849

	NOTES	2019 <i>RMB'000</i>	2018 RMB'000
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	3,436,692	3,291,632
Tax liabilities		120,410	136,218
Borrowings		4,138,998	4,091,130
Lease liabilities		5,311	_
Contract liabilities		111,783	72,685
Derivative financial liabilities		2,640	1,170
		7,815,834	7,592,835
Net current assets		4,767,952	3,554,014
Total assets less current liabilities		15,826,841	12 675 252
Total assets less current nabilities		<u>15,620,641</u>	13,675,253
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		115,227	114,902
Share premium and reserves		14,209,718	13,045,512
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		14,324,945	13,160,414
Non-controlling interests		418,749	268,292
Total equity		14,743,694	13,428,706
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities		94,944	67,405
Lease liabilities		93,568	_
Retirement benefit obligation		16,537	15,471
Derivative financial liabilities		_	759
Deferred income Financial liability at fair value through		13,653	_
profit or loss ("FVTPL")	13	800,000	_
Other long-term liabilities		64,445	162,912
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		1,083,147	246,547
		15,826,841	13,675,253

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Company was incorporated under the Company Law of the Cayman Islands on 22 June 2005 and registered as an exempted company with limited liability. Its registered office is located at Royal Bank House-3rd Floor, 24 Shedden Road, P.O. Box 1586, Grand Cayman, KY1-1110, Cayman Islands with effect from 12 May 2017. The shares of the Company have been listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") since 1 December 2005. The Company acts as an investment holding company with its subsidiaries engaged in the design, development, manufacture, processing and sales of automobile body parts and moulds.

In the opinion of the Directors of the Company, the immediate and ultimate holding company of the Company is Minth Holdings Limited, a limited company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands on 7 January 2005, which was formerly known as Linkfair Investments Limited.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi ("RMB"), which is the same as the functional currency of the Company.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA").

2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HKFRSs

New and Amendments to HKFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year

The Group has applied the following new and amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA for the first time in the current year:

HKFRS 16	Leases
Hong Kong International Financial	Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments
Reporting Interpretations	
Committee-Int 23	
Amendments to HKFRS 9	Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation
Amendments to HKAS 19	Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement
Amendments to HKAS 28	Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures
Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2015-2017 Cycle

Except as described below, the application of the new and amendments to HKFRSs in the current year has had no material impact on the Group's financial performance and positions for the current and prior years and/or on the disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

Summary of effects arising from initial application of HKFRS 16

The following adjustments were made to the amounts recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position at 1 January 2019. Line items that were not affected by the changes have not been included.

	Carrying amounts previously reported at 31 December 2018 RMB'000	Reclassification RMB'000	Remeasurement RMB'000	Carrying amounts under HKFRS 16 at 1 January 2019 RMB'000
Non-current Assets				
Prepaid lease payments	745,629	(745,629)	_	_
Right-of-use assets	_	765,139	18,674	783,813
Current Assets				
Prepaid lease payments	19,352	(19,352)	_	_
Trade and other receivables	4,207,395	(158)	_	4,207,237
Current Liabilities Lease liabilities	-	-	6,568	6,568
Non-current liabilities Lease liabilities	_	_	12,106	12,106

New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective

The Group has not early applied the following new and amendments to HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective:

HKFRS 17	Insurance Contracts ¹
Amendments to HKFRS 3	Definition of a Business ²
Amendments to HKFRS 10 and	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its
HKAS 28	Associate or Joint Venture ³
Amendments to HKAS 1 and	Definition of Material ⁴
HKAS 8	
Amendments to HKFRS 9,	Interest Rate Benchmark Reform ⁴
HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7	

- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021.
- Effective for business combinations and asset acquisitions for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2020.
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined.
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020.

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Information reported to the executive directors of the Company, being the chief operating decision maker, for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on goods or services delivered or provided to the Group's customers in different geographic locations. No operating segments identified by the chief operating decision maker have been aggregated in arriving at the reportable and geographic segment of the Group.

Segment revenue and results

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable and geographic segment.

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	The People's Republic of China (the "PRC") RMB'000	North America <i>RMB'000</i>	Europe <i>RMB'000</i>	Asia Pacific <i>RMB'000</i>	Consolidated RMB'000
Revenue					
External sales	7,605,321	2,757,224	2,231,828	603,816	13,198,189
Segment profit	2,504,003	808,863	618,482	188,786	4,120,134
Investment income					126,389
Other unallocated income, gains and losses					271,213
Unallocated expenses					(2,242,257)
Interest expenses					(157,819)
Share of profits of joint ventures	l.				4,388
Share of losses of associates					(20,770)
Profit before tax					2,101,278
Income tax expense					(336,187)
Profit for the year					1,765,091

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	The PRC RMB'000	North America RMB'000	Europe RMB'000	Asia Pacific RMB'000	Consolidated RMB'000
Revenue External sales	7,640,167	2,376,580	1,890,297	646,158	12,553,202
External sates	7,010,107				12,333,202
Segment profit	2,575,517	540,912	709,858	178,239	4,004,526
Investment income Other unallocated					108,881
income, gains and losses					110,619
Unallocated expenses					(2,051,382)
Interest expenses					(137,507)
Share of losses of joint ventures					(6,410)
Share of profits of associates					17,347
Profit before tax					2,046,074
Income tax expense					(333,534)
Profit for the year					1,712,540

Segment profit represents the gross profit earned by each segment after adjusting the recognition and reversal of the allowance for trade and other receivables. This is the measure reported to the executive directors of the Company for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

4. OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES

	RMB'000	RMB'000
		KIND 000
Net foreign exchange loss	(5,619)	(14,561)
Fair value changes of derivative financial instruments	(1,192)	(22,618)
Fair value changes of other financial assets at FVTPL	58,978	35,109
Impairment loss recognised on trade and other receivables	(1,305)	(18,497)
Impairment loss for property, plant and equipment	(12,264)	(3,560)
Gain (loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	9,661	(10,459)
Gain on deemed disposal of a subsidiary	_	5,814
Gain on deemed disposal of an associate	836	_
Compensation from the legal proceeding	20,346	_
Impairment loss for investment in an associate		(58,390)
Total	69,441	(87,162)
5. INCOME TAX EXPENSE		
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Current tax:		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax	377,788	392,407
Other jurisdictions	10,665	11,309
Withholding tax paid	10,273	163
	398,726	403,879
Over provision in prior years:		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax	(52,677)	(30,671)
Deferred tax:		
Current year credit	(9,862)	(39,674)
	336,187	333,534

6. PROFIT FOR THE YEAR

7.

	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Profit for the year has been arrived at after charging:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	750,881	620,501
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	26,365	_
Amortisation of other intangible assets	27,979	23,730
Release of prepaid lease payments	_	19,121
	805,225	663,352
		
DIVIDENDS		
	2010	2010
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Dividends recognised as distribution during the year:		
2018 Final – HK\$0.661	((7.204	704.012
(2017: final dividend HK\$0.850) per share	667,384	794,813

At the annual general meeting held on 31 May 2019, a final dividend of HK\$0.661 (2018: HK\$0.850) per share totalling HK\$759,452,000 (equivalent to RMB667,384,000) (2018: HK\$973,176,000 (equivalent to RMB794,813,000)) in respect of the year ended 31 December 2018 was approved by the shareholders and subsequently paid to the shareholders of the Company.

A final dividend of HK\$0.656 per share totalling HK\$754,784,000 (equivalent to RMB676,120,000) for the year ended 31 December 2019 has been proposed by the Directors and is subject to approval by the shareholders in the annual general meeting to be held on 28 May 2020.

8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

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The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	2019 <i>RMB'000</i>	2018 RMB'000
Earnings		
Earnings for the purposes of basic and diluted earnings per share (profit for the year attributable to owners of the Company)	1,690,300	1,660,636
	2019	2018
	'000	'000
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of	1 140 210	1 144 912
basic earnings per share Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares:	1,148,318	1,144,813
Options	4,978	8,633
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of		
diluted earnings per share	1,153,296	1,153,446
INVENTORIES		
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Raw materials	646,068	664,207
Work in progress	545,747	775,140
Finished goods	848,161	516,604
Moulds		18,529
	2,039,976	1,974,480

10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Trade receivables		
- associates	15,292	18,205
– joint ventures	7,593	12,064
 non-controlling shareholders of subsidiaries 	38	1,400
other related parties*	342	1,773
– third parties	3,324,966	3,122,044
Less: Allowance for credit losses	(16,258)	(37,951)
	3,331,973	3,117,535
Other receivables	182,487	200,861
Less: Allowance for credit losses	(1,769)	(6,350)
	180,718	194,511
	3,512,691	3,312,046
Prepayments	567,915	475,569
Prepaid expense	22,398	25,881
Value-added tax recoverable	137,015	229,723
Insurance recoverables for loss of property, plant and equipment	24,403	46,495
Dividend receivable from an associate	_	96,140
Interest receivable	51,498	21,541
Total trade and other receivables	4,315,920	4,207,395

^{*} The companies are those in which Mr. Chin Jong Hwa ("Mr. Chin") and his family have control.

The Group normally grants a credit period of 60 days to 90 days (2018: 60 days to 90 days) to customers effective from the date when the goods are delivered and accepted by customers. The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables net of allowance for credit losses presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period, which approximated the respective revenue recognition dates:

	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Age		
0 to 90 days	3,012,651	2,880,046
91 to 180 days	230,558	166,187
181 to 365 days	11,951	53,868
1 to 2 years	73,261	10,844
Over 2 years	3,552	6,590
	3,331,973	3,117,535

As at 31 December 2019, total bills received amounting to approximately RMB256,647,000 (2018: RMB335,864,000) are held by the Group for settlement of trade receivables, and are measured at FVTOCI. All bills received by the Group are with a maturity period of less than 9 months.

11. CONTRACT ASSETS

	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Moulds development Less: Allowance for credit losses	810,772	582,333
	810,772	582,333
Current Non-current	234,230 576,542	582,333
	810,772	582,333

The contract assets are in relation to the Group's right to consideration for moulds development work fully completed and accepted by the customers but not billed yet. The contract assets are transferred to trade receivables at the time the rights to consideration become unconditional as stipulated in the relevant contracts.

12. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Trade payables - associates - joint ventures - non-controlling shareholders of subsidiaries - other related parties* - third parties	38,749 6,933 8,126 63,942 1,796,868	71,662 7,252 7,876 62,919 1,904,624
Bill payables	228,097	201,906
Other payables - associates - joint ventures - non-controlling shareholders of subsidiaries - other related parties*	227 12 26,586 21 26,846	173 27 21,648 877 22,725
Payroll and welfare payables Advance from customers Consideration payable of acquisition of property, plant and equipment Technology support services fees payable Freight and utilities payable Value-added tax payable Interest payable Deposits received Others	481,355 4,986 231,757 5,985 87,953 48,218 8,927 5,888 392,062	383,796 213,746 4,808 88,978 36,740 7,436 6,173 270,991
Total trade and other payables	3,436,692	3,291,632

^{*} The companies are those in which Mr. Chin and his family have control.

The average credit period on purchases of goods is 30 days to 90 days (2018: 30 days to 90 days).

The following is an aged analysis of trade payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Age		
0 to 90 days	1,748,184	1,804,626
91 to 180 days	79,500	122,441
181 to 365 days	43,131	59,439
1 to 2 years	37,720	59,678
Over 2 years	6,083	8,149
	1,914,618	2,054,333

Bill payables held by the Group as at 31 December 2019 will mature within 6 months (2018: within 8 months).

13. FINANCIAL LIABILITY AT FVTPL

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the Group entered into an agreement with local government funds in the PRC to establish a partnership Jiaxing Minth Equity Investment Partnership Enterprise (Limited Partnership)* (嘉興敏實定向股權投資合夥企業(有限合夥)) ("Jiaxing Partnership") with an operation period of maximum 7 years, whose only investment target is Jiaxing Minhua Automotive Parts Co., Ltd.* (嘉興敏華汽車零部件有限公司) ("Jiaxing Minhua"), a subsidiary of the Group. Pursuant to the agreement, the local government funds would contribute capital amounting to RMB800,000,000 into the Jiaxing Partnership. The local government funds would neither participate in Jiaxing Partnership's nor Jiaxing Minhua's operation and management. The local government funds would require the Group and the Group is obligated to redeem RMB800,000,000 of the capital contributed by the local government funds with variable returns based on fulfilment of certain conditions pursuant to the agreement no later than the expiry of the operation period of Jiaxing Partnership. Therefore, the capital contribution by the local government funds is treated as a financial liability at FVTPL.

Please refer to pages 17 to 38 of the Announcement for the section "MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS", which includes the information in relation to "INDUSTRY OVERVIEW", "COMPANY OVERVIEW", "BUSINESS AND OPERATION LAYOUT", "RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT", "FINANCIAL REVIEW", etc.

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

During the Review Year, 3,737,500 Share Options were exercised by grantees of the Share Option Scheme in accordance with the rules and terms of the Share Option Scheme and 2,922,000 Share Options lapsed as a result of the resignations of grantees.

Save as disclosed herein, there was no purchase, sale or redemption by the Company or any of its subsidiaries of any listed securities of the Company during the Review Year.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE AND THE MODEL CODE

The Company's corporate governance practices are based on the principles and code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "Corporate Governance Code") set out in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"). None of the Directors is aware of any information that would reasonably indicate that the Company did not, at any time during the corresponding periods of the Review Year, comply with the Corporate Governance Code.

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as the Company's code of conduct and the code for dealing in the Company's securities by all Directors. Having made specific enquiries to all Directors, the Directors confirmed that they had strictly complied with the standards stipulated under the Model Code during the Review Year.

PROPOSED FINAL DIVIDEND

The Board has recommended the payment of a final dividend of HKD0.656 per share to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Friday, 5 June 2020 and the proposed final dividend will be paid on or about Friday, 19 June 2020. The payment of dividends shall be subject to the approval of the shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting, which is expected to be held on Thursday, 28 May 2020.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

Shareholders whose names appear on the Company's register of members on Friday, 5 June 2020, will qualify for the proposed final dividend. The Company's transfer books and register of members will be closed from Wednesday, 3 June 2020 to Friday, 5 June 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of ascertaining shareholders' entitlement to the proposed final dividend. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 2 June 2020. The proposed final dividend (the payment of which is subject to the shareholders' approval at the forthcoming annual general meeting) will be payable on or about Friday, 19 June 2020 to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Friday, 5 June 2020. The shares of the Company will trade ex-dividend on Monday, 1 June 2020.

APPRECIATION

The Board would like to take this opportunity to express sincere appreciation to the shareholders, the management and all staff members for their unfailing support and dedication.

By Order of the Board
Minth Group Limited
Huang Chiung Hui
Chairperson

Hong Kong, 15 April 2020

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Ms. Huang Chiung Hui and Ms. Chin Chien Ya, being executive Directors; and Mr. Wu Fred Fong, Dr. Wang Ching and Ms. Yu Zheng, being independent non-executive Directors.