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**Environmental, Social and
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1 ABOUT THIS REPORT

1.1 Business Review

GME Group Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “**Group**” or “**GME**”) is an established subcontractor engaged in civil engineering works operating solely in Hong Kong. The Group is principally engaged in the provision of underground construction services and mainly serves main contractors in public sector infrastructure projects. The Group offers (i) tunnel construction services (including excavation, shotcreting, shutter design and fabrication, tunnel lining services, advanced and structural works); and (ii) utility construction (mainly construction and refurbishment of underground public utility works such as road and drainage works) and others (mainly structural works related to tunnel construction and construction of service buildings and support structure for the public). For the year ended 31 December 2023 (the “**Reporting Period**”), the Group was mainly involved in structural works for underground construction.

The Group’s revenue was primarily generated from public sector projects for the provision of (i) tunnel construction services; and (ii) utility construction services and others for the Reporting Period. The following table sets out the breakdown of the Group’s revenue by project types for the periods indicated:

	For the year ended 31 December			
	2023	2023	2022	2022
	HK\$’000	% of total revenue	HK\$’000	% of total revenue
Public sector projects				
– Tunnel construction services	325,178	59.2	223,521	50.7
– Utility construction services and others	220,781	40.1	209,705	47.6
Sub-total	545,959	99.3	433,226	98.3
Private sector projects	3,595	0.7	7,032	1.7
Total	549,554	100.0	440,528	100.0

The Group’s revenue increased from approximately HK\$440,528,000 for the year ended 31 December 2022 to approximately HK\$549,554,000 for the year ended 31 December 2023, representing an increase of approximately HK\$109,026,000 or 24.7%. Such significant increase in revenue was mainly attributable to the gearing up of the construction works for the Group’s newly awarded 10 public construction projects and five private sector projects with aggregate secured contract sums and confirmed variation orders of approximately HK\$518,262,000 and approximately HK\$26,583,000, respectively (the “**Newly Awarded Contracts**”) during the Reporting Period.

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The gross profit increased from approximately HK\$13,927,000 for the year ended 31 December 2022 to approximately HK\$110,022,000 for the year ended 31 December 2023. Also, the gross profit margin increased from approximately 3.2% for the year ended 31 December 2022 to approximately 20.0% for the year ended 31 December 2023. During the Reporting Period, the increase in gross profit and gross profit margin were mainly attributable to the positive progress made on construction works of the Newly Awarded Contracts for the Group's tunnel construction services, which generally have higher profit margins.

The Group's profit and total comprehensive income attributable to the owners of the Company (the "**Net Profit**") for the Reporting Period was approximately HK\$61,479,000 (2022: approximately HK\$5,804,000), representing an increase of approximately HK\$55,675,000. Such increase in the Net Profit was mainly due to the increase in revenue and gross profit during the Reporting Period, as discussed above.

Please refer to GME's website at <http://www.gmehk.com> for more information about the business of the Group.

1.2 Corporate Strategy, Business Model and Culture

The purpose of the Group is to provide high-value construction services to the public and its customers. To this end, the Group has committed to developing further its reputation as a quality provider of integrated tunnel construction services, and enhancing the efficiency of the Group's operations to serve the public and its customers.

The core values of the Group can be summarised as Quality, Safety, and Integrity.

Based on the Group's purpose and the core values, the Group has established the strategic directions as follows:

1. to strengthen the business relationship with the Group's customers;
2. to provide responsible and sustainable leadership for the Group's services;
3. to maintain the revenue growth of the Group's services;
4. to maintain the cost effective measures for the Group's services;
5. to cultivate the workforce capability to serve the Group's customers;
6. to develop the Group's reputation as a quality service provider;
7. to continuously provide a safe work environment for both its employees as well as the public; and
8. to remain at all times ethical in providing its engineering services.

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The board (the “**Board**”) of directors of the Company (the “**Directors**”) is committed to making decisions objectively in the best interests of the shareholders of the Company (the “**Shareholders**”) and stakeholders. Therefore, the Directors will continue to apply such strategic directions into its works and services.

1.3 Reporting Boundary

The Environmental, Social and Governance (“**ESG**”) report of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 (the “**ESG Report**”) focuses on the Group’s environmental and social related policies, initiatives and performances arising from its business and operation in the provision of underground construction services in Hong Kong by its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, Good Mind Engineering Limited (“**GMEHK**”), which accounted for all the revenue of the Group during the Reporting Period.

1.4 ESG Governance

The Board is responsible for overseeing ESG matters relating to the Group, assessing the potential impacts of ESG issues and managing material ESG issues as part of the risk assessment and internal controls of the Group. The management and the employees of the Group who are responsible for the Group’s key business operations have formed an ESG working group (the “**ESG Working Group**”) to manage and monitor the ESG issues, formulate the Groups’ ESG strategies, set ESG-related goals and targets and prepare this ESG Report.

The Group’s ESG management approach and strategy are summarised as follows:

- Step 1: Identify and evaluate relevant material ESG issues through engagements with stakeholders
- Step 2: Prioritise relevant material ESG issues through materiality assessment
- Step 3: Manage and monitor the material ESG issues, and set ESG-related goals and targets
- Step 4: Respond to stakeholders’ feedback

The ESG Working Group reports the assessment results of the ESG issues and the progress of the ESG-related goals and targets to the Board. The Board then makes recommendation to the ESG Working Group in relation to the general direction of the Group’s ESG strategy and ensures the Group has implemented an effective ESG monitoring system in respect of the Group’s ESG strategy. Please refer to the section below for the ESG strategy.

1.5 Reporting Framework and Principles

This ESG Report is prepared in accordance with Appendix C2 – Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide (“**ESG Guide**”) issued by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**GEM Listing Rules**”).

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The Company considers the maintenance of a high standard of corporate governance important to the continuous growth of the Group. The Company's corporate governance practices are based on the code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code as contained in Appendix C1 to the GEM Listing Rules. Information regarding corporate governance of the Group is addressed in the annual report of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 dated 21 March 2024 (the "**Annual Report**").

The reporting principles of materiality, quantitative, balance, and consistency have been strictly applied in determining and compiling the content of this ESG Report.

Materiality The Group conducted regular management meetings and engagements with stakeholders to conclude materiality assessment process for ESG issues, which involves a four-step approach as aforementioned in the ESG governance.

Please refer to the sections below for the details of stakeholders engagement and materiality assessment.

Quantitative For the key performance indicators ("**KPI**") of the environmental section in this ESG Report, quantitative indicators of energy emissions/energy consumption are reported with the relevant standards, definitions, methodologies and calculation methods to provide clear explanations of the Group's environmental performance and ensure they are numerically comparable over the years. This ESG Report also discloses the ESG targets based on the ESG strategy, which is mentioned the section below.

Balance The Group reports the ESG information in an unbiased manner with an objective of revealing the potential risks and opportunities associated with each ESG topics in order to maintain credibility of this ESG Report.

Consistency The Group ensures consistency of the reporting standards, data collection and calculation methods adopted and provides figures of previous years of KPI under this reporting framework to allow meaningful comparison.

1.6 Stakeholders Engagement

The Group recognises the importance of effective communication with stakeholders in order to achieve long term sustainable development. Therefore, the Group regularly communicates with its key stakeholders, including but not limited to employees, shareholders/investors, customers (including main contractors), suppliers, statutory bodies and the community, through various communication channels and proactively responds to their opinions.

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The Group's major communication channels with its key stakeholders, as those who have a significant impact on its business, or which experience significant impacts from its operations, are summarised as follows:

Key Stakeholders	Major communication channels
Employees	Performance appraisals Regular departmental meetings ESG survey
Shareholders/investors	Company's website Annual general meeting Financial reports Announcements and circulars ESG survey
Customers (including main contractors)	Tender meetings Customers satisfaction surveys Progress meetings ESG survey
Suppliers	Suppliers assessments Site inspections ESG survey
Statutory bodies	Announcements and circulars Written correspondences
Community	ESG report Charity events

The Group welcomes stakeholders to raise any questions regarding any ESG issues, which will assist the Group in assessing various ESG aspects and defining its business sustainability approach. The Group's ESG approach and performance rely on the valuable feedback from its stakeholders. Written comments or enquiries about ESG may be sent to the Company through the company secretary of the Company whose contact details are as follows:

Address: Room 1001–2, 10/F, 148 Electric Road, Hong Kong
 Fax: +852 3105 1881
 E-mail: companysecretary@gmehk.com

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1.7 Materiality Assessment

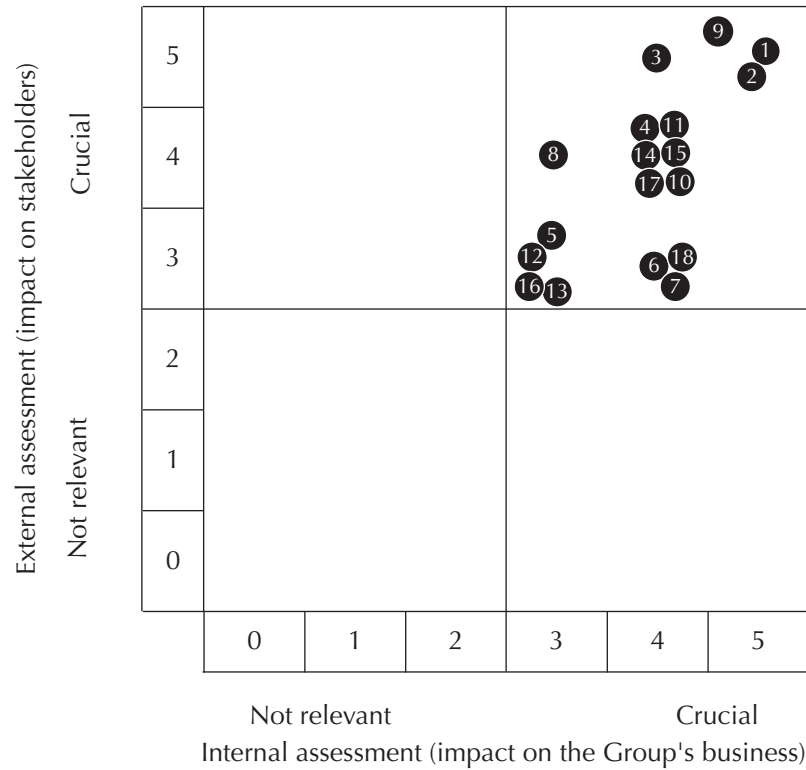
Through the engagement of different stakeholders' activities via the communication channels mentioned above, the ESG Working Group has conducted materiality assessment of various ESG aspects by using the materiality matrix, identified material ESG issues and considered their impacts on the stakeholders and their importance and relevance to the Group's operations.

During the Reporting Period, the Group has identified the following material ESG issues:

ESG aspects	Material ESG issues	Materiality matrix label
A. Environment		
A1. Emissions	A1.1 Air Pollutant and Greenhouse Gas Emissions	1
	A1.2 Dust Emissions	2
	A1.3 Waste Management	3
	A1.4 Noise Abatement	4
	A1.5 Wastewater Management	5
A2. Use of Resources	A2.1 Energy Efficiency Initiative	6
	A2.2 Waste Reduction Initiative	7
A3. The Environment and Natural Resources	A3.1 Construction Impact Control	8
A4. Climate Change	A4.1 Climate Risk Management	9
B. Social		
B1. Employment	B1.1 Employment Practices	10
B2. Health and Safety	B2.1 Employee Protection	11
B3. Development and Training	B3.1 Vocational Training and Career Development	12
B4. Labour Standards	B4.1 Proscription of Child and Forced Labour	13
B5. Supply Chain Management	B5.1 Supplier Selection	14
B6. Product Responsibility	B6.1 Quality Management	15
	B6.2 Customer Data Protection	16
B7. Anti-corruption	B7.1 Corporate Integrity	17
B8. Community Investment	B8.1 Community Contribution	18

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The diagram below is the materiality matrix of the Group (the “**Materiality Matrix**”), which serves to identify and prioritise the material ESG issues covered in this ESG Report. During the Reporting Period, the ESG Working Group performed an internal assessment to evaluate the relationship between the identified material ESG issues and the enterprise risks of the Group. The assessment results of the material ESG issues are then positioned along the Materiality Matrix’s horizontal axis from left to right, reflecting their level of crucial impact on the Group’s business. The ESG Working Group then integrated the ESG survey outcome conducted with the stakeholders of the Group to determine the importance of each material ESG issue, which is plotted vertically on the Materiality Matrix based on the impact on stakeholders’ interests. The material ESG issues of the Group at the top right-hand quadrant are identified as critical and have greater impact on the business and the stakeholders of the Group.



Based on the results of the materiality assessment, GME and its stakeholders are mostly concerned about (i) the emissions management in relation to air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions, dust emissions, waste management and climate change management; (ii) workplace health and safety in relation to the employee protection; (iii) supply chain management in relation to the supplier selection; and (iv) staff development and training. As a result, the ESG Working Group has set the ESG-related goals and targets based on ESG strategy, which are disclosed in the section below. The Group reviews material ESG issues regularly for continuous improvement in its sustainability performance.

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1.8 ESG Strategy

The ESG strategy of the Group is to provide responsible and sustainable leadership for its services. Therefore, the Group has established four ESG-goals as the guiding principles, which cover all of its operations.

1. *Protecting the environment*

GME is committed to controlling the total energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and hazardous and non-hazardous waste emissions to balance the revenue growth and its negative environmental impacts on operations. Therefore, the Group has set a ESG target to reduce the energy intensity, greenhouse gas intensity, and hazardous and non-hazardous waste intensity by 15% in 2025.

2. *Sustainable purchasing of construction materials*

GME is committed to procuring environmentally friendly materials. Timber is one of the main construction materials. To address the climate change issue and contribute to nature conservation, the Group has set a ESG target to procure FSC timbers for its construction by 2025.

3. *Cultivating the workforce capability*

GME emphasises workforce development to provide high-value construction services to the public and its customers. Therefore, GME targets to train more than 50% of employees by 2025.

4. *Continuous safe work environment*

GME realises the high risk of work safety in the construction industry. Therefore, safety is the first priority. Thus, the Group uses the lost time injuries frequency rate ("**LTIFR**") to measure its safety performance. It represents the number of lost time injuries during the financial year relative to the total number of hours worked in that year. GME sets the LTIFR target below 3.0 by 2025.

The ESG-related goals and targets are summarised as follows:

ESG aspects	Goals	Targets
1. Environment	Protecting the environment	The energy intensity, greenhouse gas intensity, hazardous and non-hazardous wastes intensity will be reduced by 15% in 2025
2. Supply Chain Management	Sustainable purchasing of construction materials	All timber purchased by GMEHK should be with FSC certification by 2025.
3. Development and Training	Cultivating the workforce capability	More than 50% of employees will be trained by 2025.
4. Health and Safety	Continuous safe work environment	The LTIFR should be below 3.0 by 2025.

Please refer to the individual section of the ESG aspects below for the discussion of the actual performance of the ESG-related goals and targets during the Reporting Period.

1.9 Approval

This ESG Report was confirmed and approved by the Board on 21 March 2024.

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2 ENVIRONMENT CONSCIOUSNESS

2.1 Environmental Policy and Management System

GME is well aware of its environmental footprints and is dedicated to implementing relevant mitigation measures to improve its environmental performance. The Group is committed to reducing the environmental impact of its activities. In line with its environmental consciousness approach and its strategic direction to provide responsible and sustainable leadership for the Group's services, GME has set up the following environmental policies and management system relating to its construction activities:

- Operate in manners pursuant to local environmental laws, regulations and requirement
- Integrate pollution control, conservation of resources and waste reduction practices in all operations through rapid communications with main contractors
- Implement environmental-friendly workplace policies to engage employees in sustainable environment practices and raise their awareness in environmental protection
- Establish environmental objectives and review those objectives with targets to continuously improve GME's environmental-friendly workplace policies

The principles of the environmental-friendly workplace policies aimed at improving the Group's environmental consciousness for future sustainability and managing the Group's emissions and resources by applying the concept of 4Rs in the Group's operations, i.e. reduce, reuse, recycle and replace.

Prior to undertaking construction activities that are conducted under the guidance of method statements, GME had assessed the risks of the identified environmental impacts and programmed appropriate measures to limit and mitigate the influence accordingly. The environmental impacts vary according to the nature and the scope of work of the Group's construction activities. Therefore, the measures to limit and mitigate such impacts also vary with different projects. For these reasons, the KPI disclosed in this ESG report in relation to the ESG aspects represent the Group's overall performance based on the construction activities mix during the Reporting Period. The comparative figures of such KPI for the corresponding year in 2022 may have different construction activities mix. Please refer to the section headed "Business Review" above for details of the construction activities.

During the Reporting Period, the Group had complied with the applicable environmental laws and regulations related to air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions, discharges into water and land, and generation of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes.

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2.2 Emissions Management

Air Pollutant and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The Group's main sources of air emissions are carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas generated by fuel-powered machinery and vehicles usage on operation sites, and electricity consumption in the office. The volume of air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions vary according to the nature and the scope of construction activities. For these reasons, the Group carefully calculates the planned machinery hours usage before the commencement of construction activities. The Group uses approved or exempted Non-road Mobile Machinery (NRMMs) when necessary. Moreover, the workers are asked to avoid queuing of trucks and idling of machines on site to lower unnecessary emissions. At the same time, the technical staff of the Group works closely with the main contractors to monitor gaseous emissions.

Regarding the emissions associated, the Group has implemented mitigation measures, including but not limited to the application of low-emission equipment and ultra-low-sulfur diesel as fuel. This fuel in turn has allowed equipment to fulfil emissions standards. The Group also monitors the gaseous emissions regularly to ensure compliance with the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Chapter 311 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Overview of Energy Consumption

Energy Consumption	2023 kWh	2022 kWh
Electricity	35,835	35,188
Diesel ⁽¹⁾	6,052,761	2,760,275
Petrol ⁽¹⁾	171,868	97,109
Total Energy Consumption	6,260,464	2,892,572

Note(1): The calculation method and emission factors used are referenced from 《附件8、中國陸上交通運輸企業溫室氣體排放核算方法與報告指南(試行)》.

The increase in the total energy consumption by 3,367,892 kWh or approximately 116.4% was mainly due to the increase in the diesel consumption during the Reporting Period. Most of the diesel was used in the machineries for the Group's structural tunnel construction projects which were commenced in late 2022 and continued into 2023, resulted in the higher consumption of diesel.

The increase in petrol consumption was mainly due to the increase in the travel mileage on the Group's owned motor vehicles for the construction site between Lantau Island and Kowloon during the Reporting Period. Mitigation measures were taken to minimise the environmental impact, including but not limited to (i) conducting regular and proper maintenance of the motor vehicles; (ii) switching off the motor vehicles when idling; (iii) planning the route ahead of time so that the employees can travel to the construction site together to reduce the motor vehicle usage; and (vi) the adoption of electric vehicles to replace the Group's fuel consumption motor vehicles.

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Overview of Greenhouse Gas ("GHG") and Other Air Pollutant Emissions ⁽²⁾

GHG and Other Air Pollutant Emissions⁽²⁾	2023 Tonne of CO₂ equivalent	2022 Tonne of CO₂ equivalent
Scope 1 Direct GHG Emission	1,637	753
Scope 2 Indirect GHG Emission	28	28
Total GHG Emissions	1,665	781
NO _x Emission	16.46	7.46
PM Emission	1.06	0.48

Note ⁽²⁾: The calculation method and emission factors used are referenced from EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook 2016 (passenger cars, light commercial trucks, heavy duty vehicles including buses and motor cycles).

Scope 1 direct GHG emission represented the direct emission from the source owned or controlled by the Group, which included the construction machineries and motor vehicles. Scope 2 indirect GHG emission represented the indirect emission from the source resulted from the purchase of electricity consumed by the Group. Therefore, the increase in the total GHG emissions was mainly due to the increase in the consumption of the diesel as mentioned above.

During the Reporting Period, the Group purchased three electric vehicles to replace the fuel consumption motor vehicles in order to reduce the petrol consumption, reduce the carbon footprint and contribute to environmental sustainability. The Groups hopes this transition can cope with the climate change and reduce the GHG and other air pollutant emissions.

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Overview of Energy Intensity and GHG Intensity

Energy Intensity	Unit	2023	2022
Revenue	HK\$ million	550	441
Total Energy Consumption	kWh	6,260,464	2,892,572
Energy Intensity (Total Energy Consumption/Revenue)		11,383	6,559
GHG Intensity	Unit	2023	2022
Revenue	HK\$ million	550	441
Total GHG Emissions	Tonne	1,665	781
GHG Intensity (Total GHG Emissions/Revenue)		3.03	1.77

Due to the gearing up of the construction works for the Newly Awarded Contracts, the energy intensity and GHG Intensity were increased due to the increase in diesel consumption for the structural tunnel construction projects during the Reporting Period. To achieve this target of reducing the energy and greenhouse gas intensity by 15% in 2025, the Group will closely work with the supervision staff at the construction sites to efficiently plan the machinery hours usage for the construction activities.

Dust Management

Dust and debris are identified as a major pollutant generated during the excavation process of constructions. Dust containment solutions including dust suppression by use of water, dust control curtains and application of low-dust equipment were therefore implemented to minimise the impact. In close collaboration with the main contractors, the Group has also conducted regular dust monitoring. In case of dust level exceeding the compliance limit, proper corrective measures will be taken to control it. During the Reporting Period, the Group mainly participated in the structural tunnel construction projects and excavation works for the Group's tunnel excavation projects were insignificant. Therefore, dust and debris from the excavation process were regarded as non-major pollutants to the environment during the Reporting Period.

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Waste Management

During the Reporting Period, the Group's projects mainly focused on structural works for underground construction. Therefore, hazardous waste (mainly chemical waste) was not material to the Group's operation during the Reporting Period. In case there is any hazardous waste produced, the Group must engage a qualified chemical waste collector to handle such waste, which is in compliance with the relevant environmental regulations and rules.

The Group has identified two main categories of non-hazardous waste: construction and demolition waste and general refuse.

Construction and Demolition Waste

Construction wastes are categorised into inert and non-inert construction and demolition ("**C&D**") waste at the construction sites. Inert C&D waste is mainly generated from excavation which contains soil, concrete and debris. It is often reusable in the later stage of constructions. Non-inert C&D waste consists of metals, wood and general refuse. Recyclable non-inert C&D waste is reused when applicable while other non-recyclable materials are collected by waste handling company and sent to landfill.

Through close cooperation with the main contractors, GME has implemented its waste management policy in accordance with the Waste Disposal Ordinance (Chapter 354 of the Laws of Hong Kong) to assist the Group to manage and record waste generated over the construction period effectively. The policy includes the following key principles:

- Quantify materials required and prevent over purchasing
- Store materials by type accordingly and avoid deterioration
- Reuse materials where possible to minimise waste

Office Refuse

The Group is committed to promoting waste reduction and recycling in the office. To effectively manage waste, the Group has designated an area for placing waste recycling facilities and engaged employees to support such initiative. Endorsed in the environmental-friendly workplace policies, the Group has disclosed and implemented the followings to reduce waste and promote recycling:

- Reuse single-side printed paper
- Put mis-printed or waste papers in the recycle paper box near the photocopier to encourage reuse
- Store surplus materials for future use
- Reuse stationery supplies such as envelope and document folders
- Assign an area and place recycling bins to collect recyclable wastes

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Overview of Waste Generation

Non-hazardous Waste	2023 Tonne	2022 Tonne
C&D Waste	10	195
General Refuse	21	60
Total Non-hazardous Waste	31	255

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the total non-hazardous waste mainly represented broken concrete from the completion of several construction projects. During the Reporting Period, the major structural tunnel construction projects were commenced in late 2022 and continued into 2023. Therefore, the total non-hazardous waste was decreased during the Reporting Period.

Waste generated on site and from office is systematically collected with appropriate segregation and sorting on site prior to disposal, in accordance with local regulatory requirements. All practicable steps are taken to minimise general refuse and waste.

Overview of Waste Generation Intensity

Non-hazardous Waste Intensity	Unit	2023	2022
Revenue	HK\$ million	550	441
Total Non-hazardous Waste	Tonnes	31	255
Non-hazardous Waste Intensity (Total Non-hazardous Waste/Revenue)		0.06	0.58

To protect the environment, the Group is committed to reducing the hazardous and non-hazardous waste intensity by 15% in 2025. Historically, after the completion of construction projects, especially the road and drainage, the intensity of non-hazardous waste, especially broken concrete, increased significantly. To minimise the hazardous waste intensity, the ESG Working Group has discussed to the management of the Company (the "**Management**") to address this issue. Management will pay more attention to the project planning to minimise non-hazardous wastage to protect its environment.

The Group is dedicated to continuously looking into possibilities of enhancing waste management practices. During the Reporting Period, waste has been managed in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

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Noise Abatement

With close cooperation with the main contractors, the Group had ensured that the construction sites were installed with noise barriers and had monitored the noise levels to ensure they did not exceed the compliance level stipulated in the Noise Control Ordinance (Chapter 400 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and distract the surroundings. Furthermore, construction workers were guided to take appropriate and proactive measures such as avoiding machine idling during high noise level activities to minimise the impact of noise pollutions, especially in noise-sensitive areas.

Wastewater Management

The wastewater generated mainly comes from tunnel excavation, shotcreting and dust suppression activities. These wastewater discharges often contain mixed pollutants such as suspended solids and chemical components. GME understands the importance of managing wastewater discharge to prevent contamination of the nearby water bodies. The Group tends to minimise the water consumption whenever possible. During the Reporting Period, the Group was mainly involved in the structural works for underground construction. Therefore, wastewater was not material to the Group's operation. For this reason, the Group has not set any target for water efficiency. Wastewater generated is collected and treated in strict compliance with the Water Pollution Control Ordinance (Chapter 358 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Climate Change

The Group is committed to providing information, training, and resources to preserve natural resources due to the increasing awareness of the impact of climate change. Therefore, the Board has discussed and implemented the climate change policy to reduce the energy intensity and greenhouse gas intensity to control the emissions. Details of the discussion are summarised as follows:

1. Emissions Management

The rising temperature may increase the operating costs for the energy consumption for maintaining the cooling system on the construction site and/or decrease the number of working days for the construction. Therefore, the Group is committed to implementing and maintaining a high standard of emissions management to protect the environment. The Management will continue to explore more actionable strategies, such as switching to more energy-efficient cooling systems at the construction sites to contribute the reduction of the energy intensity. In addition, the Group continues to provide workers training to prevent heatstroke, resting kiosks, and other facilities for workers to cope with the challenge of construction works during the hot weather in Hong Kong.

2. Sustainable Procurement

Extreme weather conditions (such as heavy rain and typhoons) will disrupt the logistic arrangement of the Group, which will prolong the construction progress and increase additional overhead costs. To address this climate change issue, the Group will procure sustainable materials (such as FSC timbers), if possible, to contribute to nature conservation.

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2.3 Effective Resources Management

Energy Usage

Reduction of energy usage is a major part of the Group's environmental management approach. The Group strives to comply with all energy requirements while implementing proactive measures to save energy generated from fuels and electricity. GME has adopted energy efficient machinery which lowers the emissions and energy usage comparing to normal machinery having the same output. Maintenance was carried out frequently to optimise machinery performance and fuel usage efficiency.

The Group has gradually installed environmental-friendly LED lighting fixtures in the office. In addition, the following measures have been adopted as required under GME's environmental-friendly workplace policies:

- Switch off electrical appliances when they are not in use
- Maintain the temperature of the air conditioner at 25 degrees Celsius
- Purchase electrical appliances with Grade 1 or 2 energy label
- Use energy-saving fluorescence or LED lighting fixtures

Please refer to the aforesaid sub-section headed "Air Pollutant and Greenhouse Gas Emissions" for the discussion of the Group's energy use efficiency target and steps taken to achieve this target.

Water Consumption

During the Reporting Period, the Group's projects mainly focused on structural works for underground construction and water was provided by the main contractors for floor cooling and washing purposes. Therefore, water consumption is not material to the Group's operations. In addition, the majority of the water supply facilities are provided and managed by main contractors. Therefore, the procurement of suitable water sources is not material to the Group. Therefore, the Group has not set any water efficiency ESG targets.

In relation to utilising water resources, GME has implemented best practices for water usage in its operations. As for eliminating unnecessary use of fresh water, wastewater is treated and recycled on sites in accordance with the instructions from the main contractors, and sprayed and used for concrete cooling and equipment washing.

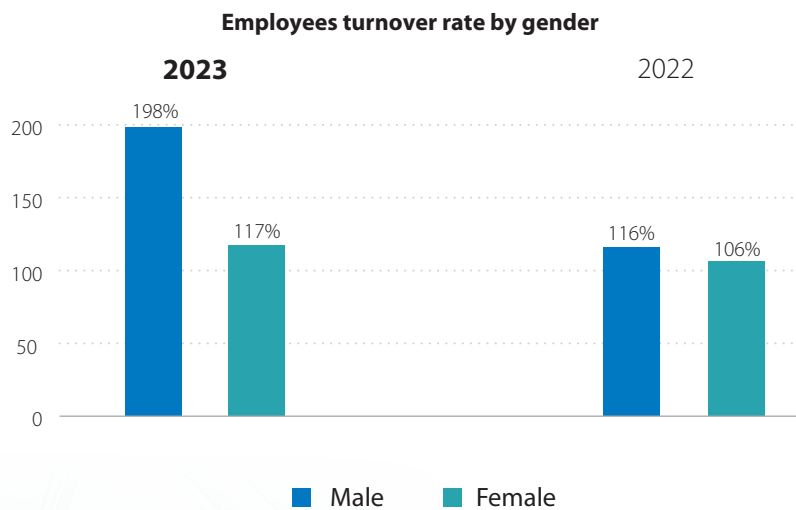
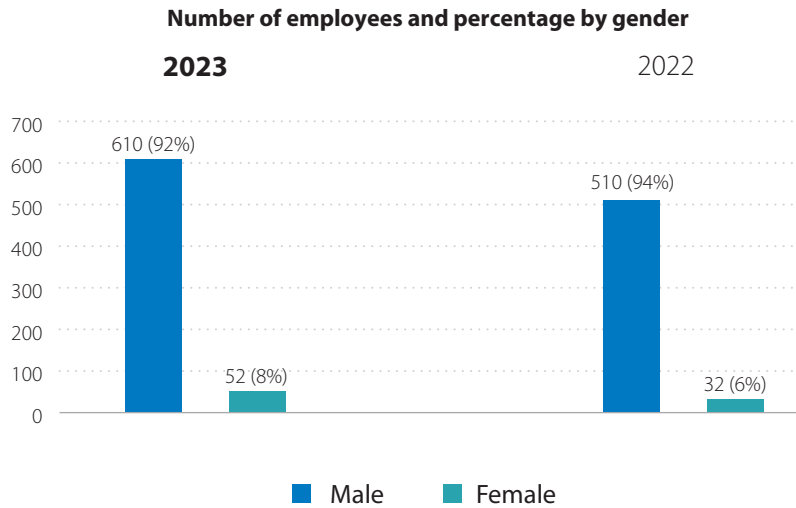
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3 SOCIAL PERFORMANCE

3.1 Employment and Talent Development

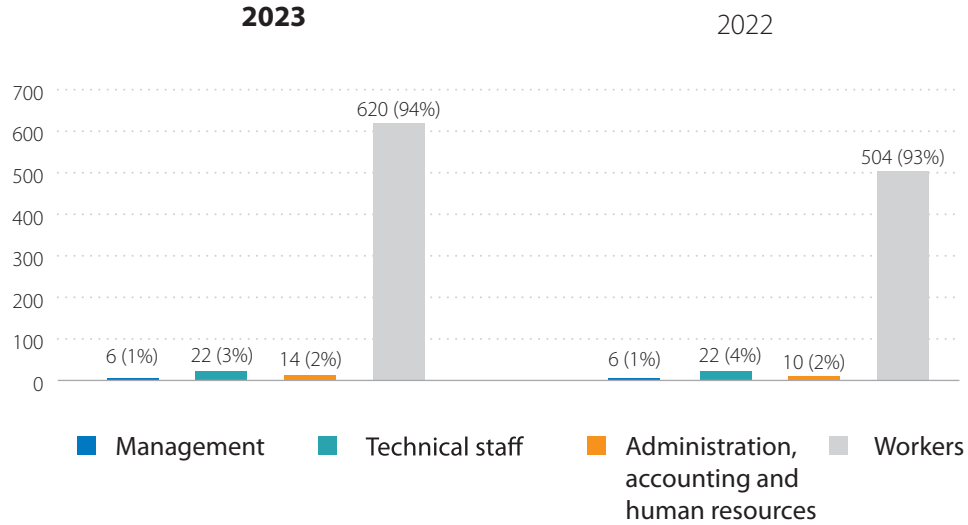
The Group believes business can be sustained with a supportive and dynamic team and thus, places great emphasis on workforce development in order to pool suitable talents together and take its success to the next level. This aligns with the Group's strategic direction to cultivate the workforce's capability to serve the customers. Therefore, the Group is committed to maintaining a diverse workforce in terms of age, gender, family status, nationality and race. Starting with recruitment and promotion policies to conducting appraisals, GME has continued to develop talents and bring out their full potential through strategic job assignment that recognises their strengths and talents. During the Reporting Period, all the employees of GME are based in Hong Kong.

Overview of the employment profile by gender and professional profile in Hong Kong

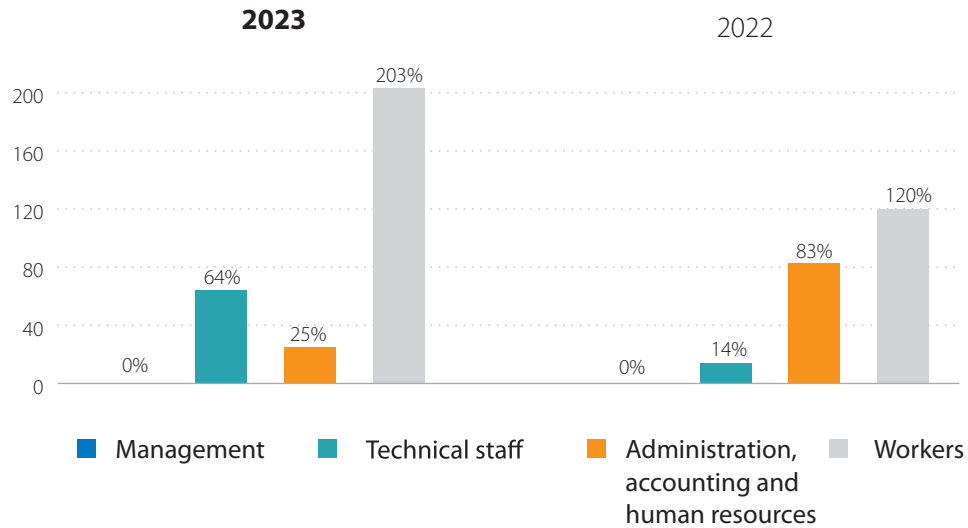


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Number of employees and percentage by professional profile



Employees turnover rate by professional profile

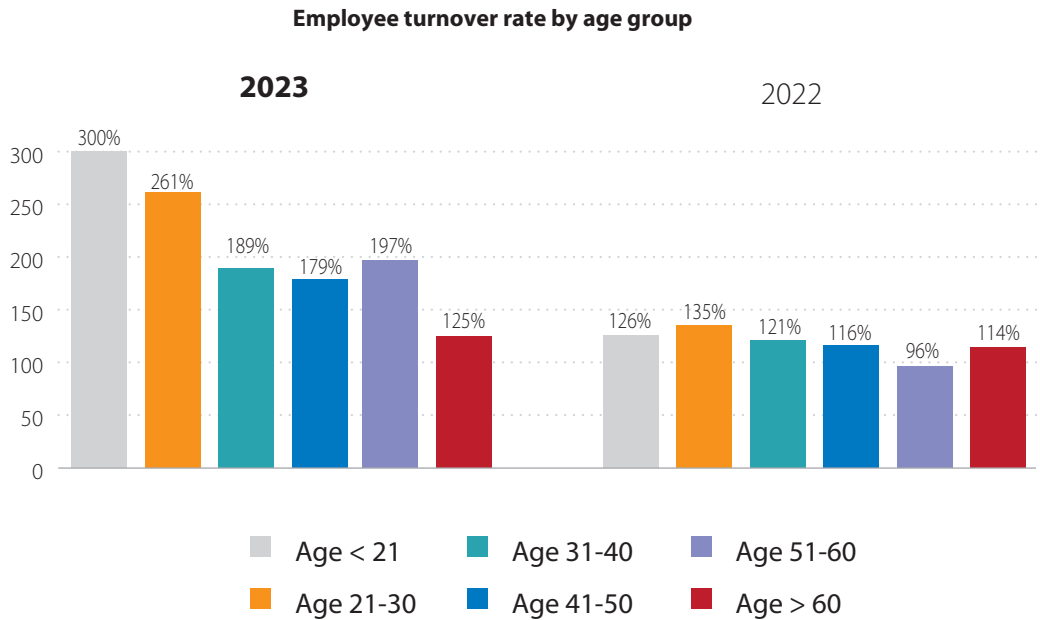
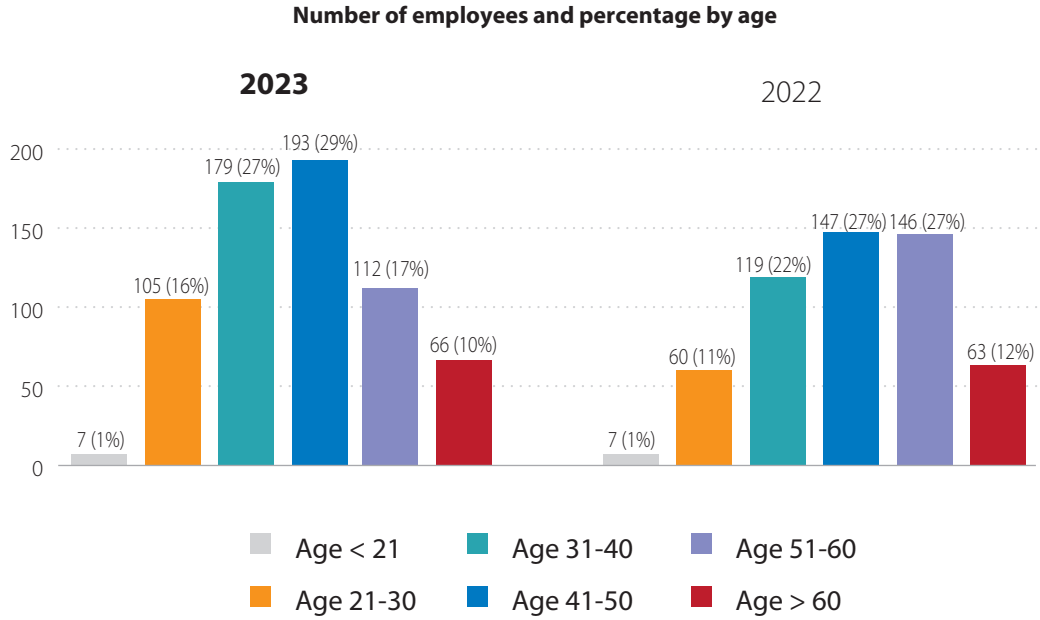


The Board and the nomination committee of the Board discussed with the ESG Working Group on the importance of gender diversity across the workforce of the Group. In general, the male workforce dominates the construction industry due to the heavy work nature. However, the Group welcomes all female talents to join the Group to work together to provide high-value construction services to the public.

The high turnover rates of technical staff and workers were due to the labour shortage in construction industry during the Reporting Period. The Group will offer competitive compensation packages and on-the-job training to attract and retain technical staff and skilled workers. Besides, the Group will explore the opportunity to adopt innovative technology to optimize the skillset of technical staff and workers for construction works.

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Overview of the employment profile by age group in Hong Kong



In general, aging workforce is common in construction industry. The Group welcomes employees from different age group to join. During the Reporting Period, the Group recruited more youngsters to join the Group and provided on-the-job trainings.

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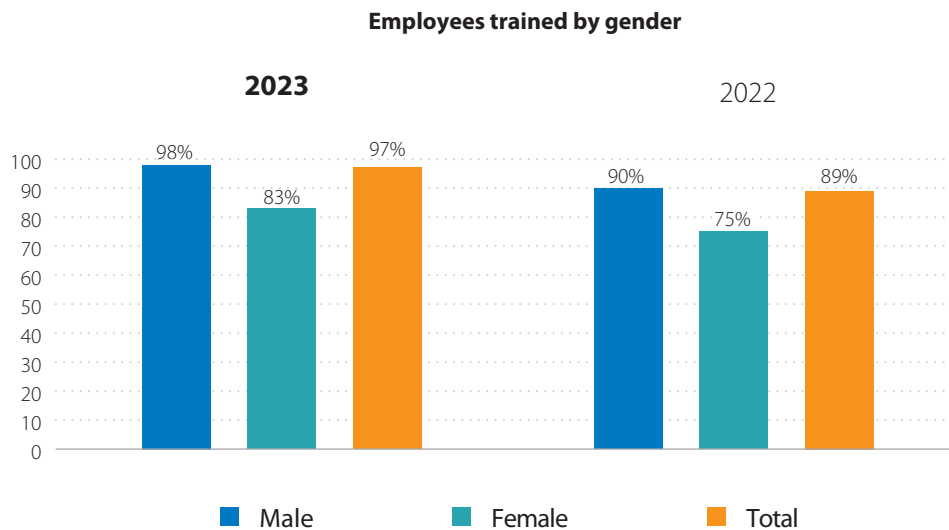
Employment Practices

GME is devoted to create a harmonious working environment where the staff feels comfortable to adapt to and strive at. All candidates and employees were solely assessed based on their capabilities and qualifications. GME's Employment Handbook has clearly defined the policies to handle the employment-related issues, including compensation and dismissal, recruitment and promotion, working hours, rest periods, equal opportunity, diversity, anti-discrimination, and other benefits and welfare. The human resources department of the Group is responsible for maintaining the fairness of the recruitment procedures including the avoidance of discrimination in all practices. In accordance with applicable local laws, all staff were also offered with reasonable remuneration packages according to their experiences and performances. Reasonable working hours and annual leaves were provided to staff to encourage a work-life balance. Dismissal of an employee's contract shall be enforced in line with the Employee Handbook of the Group, which is in accordance with the Employment Ordinance (Chapter 57 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Vocational Training and Career Development

The Group considers staff as the Group's foundation to sustain future development. For this instance, GME encourages staff to build up their capacities and refine their skills, knowledge and competence in order to be capable of leading the Group to achieve its business excellence. The newly employed workers must attend site induction training offered by the main contractors. Based on the job nature and role, employees were provided with relevant vocational trainings sponsored by the Group to strengthen their skills and expertise in their duties and talents.

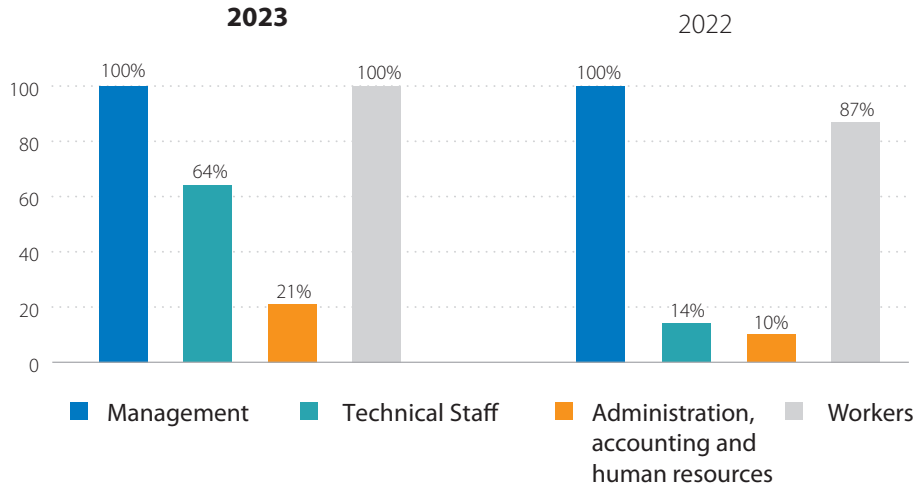
Overview of the employees development and training profile in Hong Kong



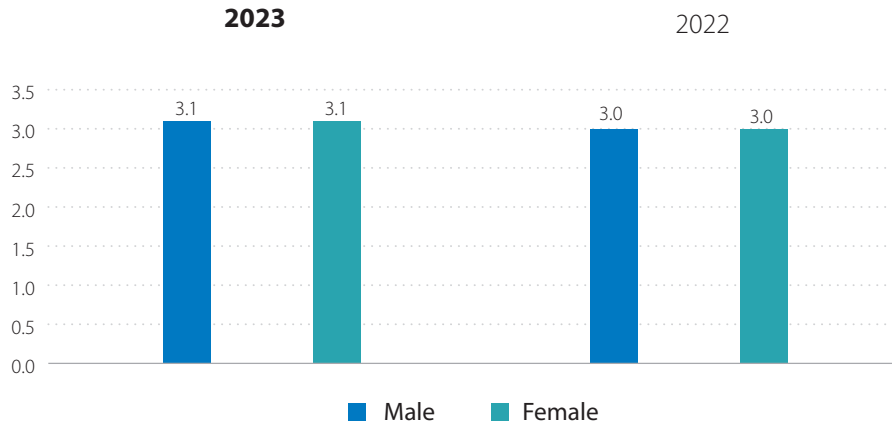
The ESG-related goal of the Group's human resources development and training is to cultivating the workforce capability. GME has set a target for more than 50% of employees to be trained by 2025. During the Reporting Period, 97% of the staff were trained, mainly due to the significant increase in the number of employees who needed to attend the site induction training offered by the main contractors for the Group's new construction projects. Please refer to the details below for other training details.

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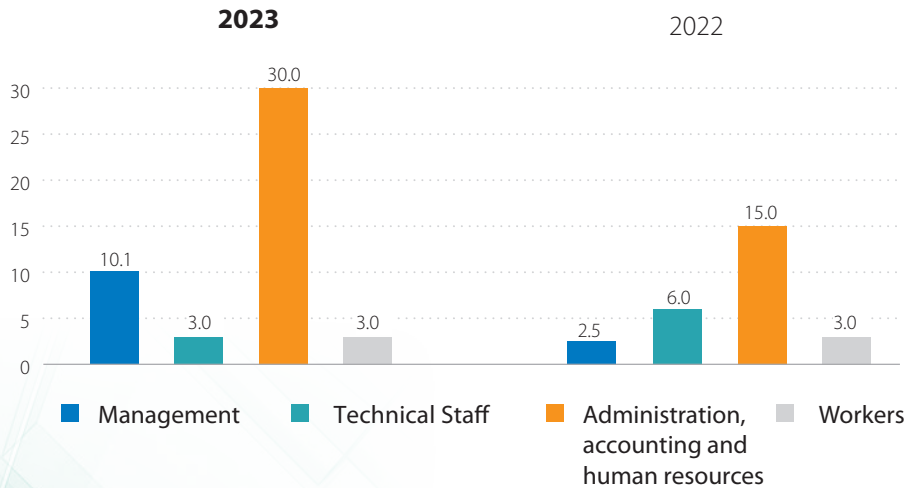
Employees trained by professional profile



Average training hours completed per employee by gender



Average training hours completed per employee by professional profile



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Labour Standards

GME has continually taken positive actions to ensure equal opportunities in the conduct of employment activities. The human resources department of the Group sternly rejects the recruitment of child and forced labour to protect the human rights of the employees by screening candidates at all workplaces including the construction sites. The Group has established internal control system in human resources management to prevent the wrongful recruitment of child labour and forced labour. The interviewer should check the candidates' identity cards during the interview to prevent illegal recruitment of child labour. Further, the human resources department of the Group will discuss the employment contracts with the newly employed staff and explain the details of job description to avoid forced labour. During the Reporting Period, the management of the Group reviewed its risk management and internal control system in relation to the human resources management and reported to the Board that no child labour and forced labour were detected in its operation.

During the Reporting Period, the Group has complied with all relevant employment laws and regulation, including the Employment Ordinance (Chapter 57 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

3.2 Workplace Health and Safety

During the Reporting Period, the Group's operations have complied with all relevant laws and regulations relating to workplace health and safety, including the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Chapter 509 of the Laws of Hong Kong). The project team will work closely with the main contractors to comply with such laws and regulations as well as the additional requirements of the occupational health and safety measures imposed by them.

In order to create a low-risk environment, the Group provides a healthy and safe workplace for its employees and continuously reviews and improves its health and safety policies from time to time to minimise occupational risks where possible. Besides, the Group is actively adopting advanced construction technology (such as automation, and artificial intelligence) to its construction projects, which can improve site safety, enhance environmental performance, uplift build quality, and boost productivity. This is also the Group's strategic direction continuously to provide a safe work environment for both its employees and the public. Therefore, the Group sets out the health and safety policies and safety measures to reflect the Group's core value for safety, as follows:

Health and Safety Policies

The Group's health and safety policies are as follows:

- Establish a culture that promotes employee wellness and health
- Provide medical examinations for workers to assure their health status if deemed required
- Implement and maintain improvement plans and practices regarding to key improvement areas
- Furnish necessary safety information and provide relevant trainings
- Increase employees' health and safety awareness and knowledge through regular communications
- Ensure commitment from all employees and all levels of management
- Require business partners to meet the same health and safety standard

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Safety Measures for Employee Protection

GME has adopted various safety measures at construction sites, which are in line with the main contractors' high standards of health and safety practices, to safeguard its employees from workplace injuries. Such measures included but are not limited to:

- Provide adequate training to workers and appoint supervisors coaching them on safe postures for lifting heavy or bulky objects
- Pre-check and ensure machines are only operated by professionally trained workers
- Conduct regular maintenance on machinery to prevent malfunctions
- Properly stack construction materials to prevent them from sliding or collapsing where overhead work is being performed
- Erect warning signs in working areas with potential occupational risks

GMEHK received government grants from the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund (CITF) launched by the Construction Industry Council in Hong Kong to purchase a loader crane to improve construction safety.

Construction Safety Review

The Group is conscious of workers' safety and will continue to reform related practices where possible to safeguard workers' safety. During the Reporting Period, the Group appointed an independent consultant to review the construction site safety.

Safety Performance

1. *LTIFR*

The LTIFR was approximately 1.3 for the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022 approximately: 0.5). LTIFR is a frequency rate that shows how many lost time injuries occurred over a specified time (e.g. per 1,000,000 hours) worked in a period. The LTIFR mentioned above is calculated by multiplying the number of lost time injuries of the Group that occurred during the relevant calendar year by 1,000,000 divided by the number of hours worked by site workers over the same calendar year. It is assumed that the working hour of each worker is ten hours per day. The number of working days for the year ended 31 December 2023 was 364 days (2022: 364 days).

2. *Lost Days Rate*

During the Reporting Period, the lost days due to the work injury of the Group was 110 (2022: 127) and the lost days rate of the Group due to work injury was approximately 9.7 (2022: 13.8). The lost day rate is calculated by multiplying the number of lost days due to the work injury of the Group that occurred during the relevant calendar year by 200,000 divided by the number of hours worked by site workers over the same calendar year.

3. *Fatality Rate*

There had not been any work-related fatalities during the years ended 31 December 2022 and 2023.

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3.3 Product and Service Management

GME treasures the trust that the Group has built with its valuable customers based on the quality products and services that were delivered to them, and the Group treats it as an incentive for its continuous growth and mastery of its craft.

Quality Management

GME is committed to providing exquisite products and services with its sustained efforts. Complying with ISO 9001:2015, the Quality Management System (“QMS”) has been established and applied on management activities, resources management, product realisation complaints and quality control.

Under the guidance of QMS, each project is carefully supervised to guarantee the services provided by GME meet its customers’ expectations including completion within the agreed timeframe and budget and compliance of applicable regulations.

During the Reporting Period, the Group was not aware of any products recall due to safety and health reasons.

During the Reporting Period, the Group was not aware of any product and service related complaints.

Customer Data Protection

The Group cares about customers’ intellectual property rights and takes related issues seriously. Daily operations are guided by and recorded through the Document, Data and Record Control Procedures and Management System Record List to safeguard customers’ intellectual property rights.

Supply Chain Management

The Group greatly appreciates the support from a diverse pool of committed suppliers. The Group recognises their importance in providing construction materials and equipment in premium business quality, and the Group is committed to engaging them to contribute to a better future together.

During the Reporting Period, the Group had 215 suppliers in Hong Kong (2022: 310) and 1 suppliers in China (2022: 2). A comprehensive QMS was implemented to monitor the supplier selection and procurement processes. The suppliers are assessed in numerous criteria including environmental and social aspects and inspections are conducted to further assure suppliers’ overall rating. Apart from meeting the Group’s quality requirements in all aspects, suppliers are also required to meet GME ethical standards in order to become a qualified supplier.

The procurement department of the Group tends to source sustainable purchases of construction materials, if possible, in order to respond to the climate change issue. Also, GME pays extra attention to construction materials stability and safety. In this regard, the Group either sends the material samples obtained from qualified suppliers to laboratories to conduct quality tests or request suppliers to provide test reports. The samples that fail to pass such tests would be returned to the suppliers. To address the carbon footprint and climate changes, the Group is committed to purchasing timber with FSC certification by 2025. During the Reporting Period, all the timber purchased by GMEHK has FSC certification.

During the Reporting Period, the Group was not aware of any incidents of non-compliance with the regulations and laws concerning healthy and safety, advertising, labelling and privacy matters of its products and services provided that have a significant impact on the Company.

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Corporate Integrity

The Group is committed to remain at all times ethical in providing its engineering services, and is dedicated in upholding its integrity and fairness in the entire operation. Any form of corruption activities is strictly prohibited and this is clearly communicated to staff at all levels and suppliers to ensure business professionalism in making decisions. For the purpose of monitoring corporate ethics, GME has implemented the Code of Conduct, Anti-corruption Policy and Employee Handbook which encapsulated proper procedures to follow to avoid related legal and ethical issues, including bribery, extortion, fraud and money laundering. Staff and suppliers must declare conflicts of interests. During the Reporting Period and up to the date of this ESG Report, the Board has reviewed the Anti-corruption Policy. Besides, the Directors and staff visit the website of Hong Kong Business Ethics Development Centre of the Independent Commission Against Corruption of Hong Kong for the rules and regulations updates and online training courses.

The Group has adopted a whistle-blowing policy whereby stakeholders are encouraged to report to the audit committee of the Board (the "**Audit Committee**") any suspected misconduct, malpractice, impropriety or unethical and unfair treatment without fear of reprisal. Such policy can be found on the Group's website at <http://www.gmehk.com>. All cases reported are strictly confidential and investigations will be carried out by the Audit Committee thoroughly in a sensitive manner. In case of any violation found, the Group shall handle in accordance with the applicable laws and undertake disciplinary actions as necessary.

During the Reporting Period, the Group did not have any concluded legal cases in respect of the corrupt practices brought against the Group or its employee, and was not aware of any breach of laws and regulations relating to bribery, extortion, fraud and money laundering.

3.4 Community Contribution

The Group is devoted to contributing to improving the society where we operate. Embracing the culture of giving back to the community, we actively worked with non-profit organisations, participated in fund-raising activities, and provided financial support to socially vulnerable groups. For example, during the Reporting Period, the Group participated in and donated to a community project for raising funds for urgent medical care for children with rare diseases and to support the patients' long-term medical needs in Hong Kong for approximately HK\$5,000.

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4. PERFORMANCE TABLE

The following tables summarise the key KPI in respect of the environmental and social performance of the Group during the Reporting Period and their comparative figures for the corresponding year in 2022, which have been disclosed in the sections headed "Environmental Consciousness" and "Social Performance" of this ESG Report.

4.1 Environmental Performance

Energy Consumption	2023 kWh	2022 kWh
Electricity	35,835	35,188
Diesel ⁽¹⁾	6,052,761	2,760,275
Petrol ⁽¹⁾	171,868	97,109
Total Energy Consumption	6,260,464	2,892,572

Note ⁽¹⁾: The calculation method and emission factors used are referenced from 《附件8、中國陸上交通運輸企業溫室氣體排放核算方法與報告指南(試行)》.

GHG and Other Air Pollutant Emissions⁽²⁾	2023 Tonne of CO₂ equivalent	2022 Tonne of CO₂ equivalent
Scope 1 Direct GHG Emission	1,637	753
Scope 2 Indirect GHG Emission	28	28
Total GHG Emissions	1,665	781
NO _x Emission	16.46	7.46
PM Emission	1.06	0.48

Note ⁽²⁾: The calculation method and emission factors used are referenced from EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook 2016 (passenger cars, light commercial trucks, heavy duty vehicles including buses and motor cycles).

Non-hazardous Waste	2023 Tonne	2022 Tonne
C&D Waste	10	195
General Refuse	21	60
Total Non-hazardous Waste	31	255

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Energy Intensity	Unit	2023	2022
Revenue	HK\$ million	550	441
Total Energy Consumption	kWh	6,260,464	2,892,572
Energy Intensity (Total Energy Consumption/Revenue)		11,383	6,559
GHG Intensity	Unit	2023	2022
Revenue	HK\$ million	550	441
Total GHG Emissions	Tonne	1,665	781
GHG Intensity (Total GHG Emissions/Revenue ⁽³⁾)		3.03	1.77
Non-hazardous Waste Intensity	Unit	2023	2022
Revenue	HK\$ million	550	441
Total Non-hazardous Waste	Tonnes	31	256
Non-hazardous Waste Intensity (Total Non-hazardous Waste/Revenue)		0.06	0.58

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4.2 Social Performance

Occupational Health and Safety	2023	2022
Lost Date Rate ⁽³⁾	9.7	13.8
Lost days due to work injury	110	127
Number of work-related fatalities (Number of people)	0	0
LTIFR ⁽⁴⁾	1.3	0.5

Employees Profile in Hong Kong	2023 No. of people	2022 No. of people
Employees by Gender		
Male	610	510
Female	52	32
Overall	662	542
Employees by Professional Profile		
Management	6	6
Technical staff	22	22
Administration, accounting and human resources	14	10
Workers	620	504
Employees by Age		
Age <21	7	7
Age 21–30	105	60
Age 31–40	179	119
Age 41–50	193	147
Age 51–60	112	146
Age >60	66	63

Note⁽³⁾: The lost day rate is calculated by multiplying the number of lost days due to the work injury of the Group that occurred during the relevant calendar year by 200,000 divided by the number of hours worked by site workers over the same calendar year.

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Employees Turnover Rate in Hong Kong	2023	2022
	%	%
Employees Turnover Rate by Gender		
Male	198	116
Female	117	106
Overall	192	116
Employees Turnover Rate by Professional Profile		
Management	0	0
Technical staff	64	14
Administration, accounting and human resources	25	83
Workers	203	120
Employees Turnover Rate by Age		
Age <21	300	126
Age 21–30	261	135
Age 31–40	189	121
Age 41–50	179	116
Age 51–60	197	96
Age >60	125	114

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Employees Trained Percentage in Hong Kong	2023	2022
	%	%

Employees Trained by Gender

Male	98	90
Female	83	75
Overall	97	89

Employees Trained by Professional Profile

Management	100	100
Technical staff	64	14
Administration, accounting and human resources	21	10
Workers	100	87

Average Training Hours in Hong Kong	2023	2022
	Hours	Hours

Average Training Hours Completed per Employee by Gender

Male	3.1	3.0
Female	3.1	3.0

Average Training Hours Completed by Professional Profile

Management	10.1	2.5
Technical staff	3.0	6.0
Administration, accounting and human resources	30.0	15.0
Workers	3.0	3.0

Suppliers by Location	2023	2022
	No. of Suppliers	No. of Suppliers

Hong Kong	215	310
China	1	2

Note⁽⁹⁾: All the employees of GME are based in Hong Kong.

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N/A: not applicable