Merida Industry Co., Ltd. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Financial Statements for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2024 and 2023 and Independent Auditors' Review Report

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REVIEW REPORT

The Board of Directors and Shareholders Merida Industry Co., Ltd.

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Merida Industry Co., Ltd. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") as of March 31, 2024 and 2023 and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, the consolidated statements of changes in equity and cash flows for the three months then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Preparation of Financial Reports by Securities Issuers, and International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" endorsed and issued into effect by the Financial Supervisory Commission of the Republic of China. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the consolidated financial statements based on our reviews.

Scope of Review

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our reviews in accordance with the Standards on Review Engagements of the Republic of China 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity". A review of consolidated financial statements consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

As disclosed in Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements, the financial statements of some non-significant subsidiaries included in the consolidated financial statements referred to in the first paragraph were not reviewed. As of March 31, 2024 and 2023, the combined total assets of these non-significant subsidiaries were NT\$6,650,347 thousand and NT\$5,572,717 thousand, respectively, representing 17% and 13%, respectively, of the consolidated total assets, and the combined total liabilities of these subsidiaries were NT\$2,866,238 thousand and NT\$2,425,094 thousand, respectively, representing 17% and 12%, respectively, of the consolidated total liabilities; for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, the amounts of combined comprehensive income (loss) of these subsidiaries were NT\$(63,622) thousand and NT\$113,300 thousand, respectively, representing (5)% and 21%, respectively, of the consolidated total comprehensive income (loss). As disclosed in Note 13, as of March 31, 2024 and 2023, the investments accounted for using the equity method amounted to NT\$19,699,650 thousand and NT\$18,967,410 thousand, respectively; for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, the share of profit or loss of associates accounted for using the equity method amounted to NT\$19,7139 thousand, respectively. Other relevant information disclosed in the notes to the

consolidated financial statements was based on unreviewed financial statements of the investees for the same reporting periods as those of the Group.

Qualified Conclusion

Based on our reviews, except for adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the financial statements of the non-significant subsidiaries as described in the preceding paragraph been reviewed, nothing has come to our attention that caused us to believe that the accompanying consolidated financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as of March 31, 2024 and 2023, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023 in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Preparation of Financial Reports by Securities Issuers, and International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" endorsed and issued into effect by the Financial Supervisory Commission of the Republic of China.

The engagement partners on the reviews resulting in this independent auditors' review report are Shao-Chun Wu and Done-Yuin Tseng.

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May 13, 2024

Notice to Readers

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are intended only to present the consolidated financial position, financial performance and cash flows in accordance with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in the Republic of China and not those of any other jurisdictions. The standards, procedures and practices to review such consolidated financial statements are those generally applied in the Republic of China.

For the convenience of readers, the independent auditors' review report and the accompanying consolidated financial statements have been translated into English from the original Chinese version prepared and used in the Republic of China. If there is any conflict between the English version and the original Chinese version or any difference in the interpretation of the two versions, the Chinese-language independent auditors' review report and consolidated financial statements shall prevail.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars)

	March 31, 2024		December 31, 2023			March 31, 2023			
ASSETS		Amount	<u>24</u> %		Amount	<u>2023</u> %		Amount	<u>23</u> %
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CURRENT ASSETS									
Cash and cash equivalents (Notes 4 and 6)	\$	3,569,247	9	\$	3,459,041	9	\$	3,489,848	8
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss - current (Note 7)		159,241	-		204,951	1		204,866	1
Financial assets at amortized cost - current (Note 8)		163,118	-		116,866	-		-	-
Notes receivable (Note 20)		385	-		7,154	-		22,472	-
Trade receivables (Notes 9, 20 and 27)		1,168,207	3		735,258	2		1,186,993	3
Trade receivables from related parties (Notes 9, 20 and 26)		1,972,377	5		1,562,565	4		4,890,991	11
Other receivables (Note 26)		163,131	1		95,229	-		191,814	-
Inventories (Notes 10 and 27)		9,297,783	23		9,531,937	25		10,389,586	24
Other current assets		218,857	1		87,375			383,210	1
Total current assets		16,712,346	42		15,800,376	41		20,759,780	48
NON-CURRENT ASSETS									
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income - non-current (Note									
11)		3,400	-		3,400	-		3,400	-
Financial assets at amortized cost - non-current (Note 8)		365,913	1		359,255	1		-	-
Investments accounted for using the equity method (Note 13)		19,699,650	49		18,955,372	50		18,967,410	44
Property, plant and equipment (Notes 14 and 27)		2,314,753	6		2,304,304	6		2,413,426	6
Right-of-use assets (Note 15)		273,825	1		281,916	1		304,914	1
Intangible assets		64,871	-		59,974	-		66,982	-
Deferred tax assets (Note 4)		290,594	1		305,924	1		292,022	1
Prepayments for equipment		1,886	-		31,460	-		10,455	-
Net defined benefit asset - non-current (Notes 4 and 18)		19,582	-		19,129	-		-	-
Other non-current assets		21,850			36,089			42,329	
Total non-current assets		23,056,324	58		22,356,823	59		22,100,938	52
TOTAL	<u>\$</u>	39,768,670	100	<u>\$</u>	38,157,199	_100	<u>\$</u>	42,860,718	100
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY									
CURRENT LIABILITIES									
Short-term bank loans (Notes 16 and 27)	\$	5,921,504	15	\$	6,088,998	16	\$	6,522,513	15
Contract liabilities - current (Notes 20 and 26)		104,533	-		39,391	-		678,451	2
Notes and trade payables		3,064,497	8		2,833,485	8		5,092,624	12
Trade payables to related parties (Note 26)		66,727	-		64,777	-		66,386	-
Other payables (Note 17)		892,151	2		858,383	2		1,105,242	3
Current tax liabilities (Note 4)		839,971	2		767,209	2		1,109,639	3
Lease liabilities - current (Note 15)		44,785	-		51,556	-		53,106	-
Current portion of long-term bank loans (Note 16)		308,857	1		268,127	1		170,496	-
Other current liabilities		86,618			44,895			173,300	
Total current liabilities		11,329,643	28		11,016,821	29		14,971,757	35
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES									
Long-term bank loans (Note 16)		1,125,917	3		1,169,575	3		1,239,441	3
Deferred tax liabilities (Note 4)		4,406,811	11		4,344,688	11		4,451,916	11
Lease liabilities - non-current (Note 15)		23,398	_		30,702	_		45,093	_
Net defined benefit liabilities (Notes 4 and 18)			-			-		103,651	-
Guarantee deposits received		25,921			25,077			24,866	
Total non-current liabilities		5,582,047	14		5,570,042	14		5,864,967	14
Total liabilities		16,911,690	42		16,586,863	43		20,836,724	49
EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE CORPORATION		2 000 020	0		2 000 020	0		2 000 020	7
Ordinary shares		2,989,838	8		2,989,838	8		2,989,838	7
Capital surplus		416 000	4		416 000	4		41 < 000	4
Share premium from issuance of ordinary shares		416,290	1		416,290	1		416,290	1
Changes in capital surplus from investments in associates accounted for using the		204 270	1		010.070	1			
equity method		304,279	1		213,862	1		-	-

Changes in capital surplus from investments in associates accounted for using the						
equity method	304,279	1	213,862	1	-	-
Retained earnings						
Legal reserve	3,937,840	10	3,937,840	10	3,595,669	8
Special reserve	666,194	2	666,194	2	2,464,786	6
Unappropriated earnings	13,349,981	33	12,934,212	34	12,348,478	29
Other equity	111,425		(638,687)	<u>(2</u>)	(774,091)	(2)
Total equity attributable to owners of the Corporation	21,775,847	55	20,519,549	54	21,040,970	49
NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS	1,081,133	3	1,050,787	3	983,024	2
Total equity	22,856,980	58	21,570,336	57	22,023,994	51
TOTAL	<u>\$ 39,768,670</u>	100	<u>\$ 38,157,199</u>	100	<u>\$ 42,860,718</u>	100

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

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars, Except Earnings Per Share)

	For the Three Months Ended March 31			
	2024		2023	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
SALES (Notes 20 and 26)	\$ 5,845,495	100	\$ 8,386,581	100
COST OF GOODS SOLD (Notes 10, 21 and 26)	4,771,198	82	6,951,416	83
GROSS PROFIT	1,074,297	18	1,435,165	17
REALIZED GAIN ON TRANSACTIONS WITH ASSOCIATES	39,863	1	150,358	2
REALIZED GROSS PROFIT	1,114,160	19	1,585,523	19
OPERATING EXPENSES (Note 21) Selling and marketing expenses General and administrative expenses Total operating expenses	311,947 	5 <u>5</u> 10	365,216 	5 <u>3</u> 8
PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS	531,726	9	966,823	11
NON-OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES Interest income (Note 26) Other income (Note 26) Net foreign exchange gain (loss) (Note 31) Gain on fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Interest expense Other expenses Share of profit (loss) of associates (Note 13)	19,449 29,668 181,553 6,586 (53,637) (29,628) (76,189)	- - - 3 (1) - - (1)	11,239 13,354 (102,785) 3,762 (46,395) (19,057) 17,139	- (1) - - -
Total non-operating income and expenses	77,802	1	(122,743)	<u>(1</u>)
PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX	609,528	10	844,080	10
INCOME TAX EXPENSE (Notes 4 and 22)	176,794	3	216,560	3
NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	432,734	7	627,520	7

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars, Except Earnings Per Share)

	For the Three Months Ended March 31					31
	2024					
		Amount		Amount		%
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Exchange differences on translation of the						
financial statements of foreign operations Share of the other comprehensive income (loss) of associates accounted for using the equity	\$	858,105	15	\$	(134,714)	(2)
method (Note 13)		(94,612)	<u>(2</u>)		36,569	1
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the period, net of income tax		763,493	13		(98,145)	(1)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	<u>\$</u>	1,196,227	20	<u>\$</u>	529,375	<u>6</u>
NET PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO: Owners of the Corporation Non-controlling interests	\$	415,769 <u>16,965</u>	7	\$	565,182 62,338	6 1
	<u>\$</u>	432,734	7	<u>\$</u>	627,520	7
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO:						
Owners of the Corporation	\$	1,165,881	20	\$	457,285	5
Non-controlling interests		30,346			72,090	<u>1</u>
	<u>\$</u>	1,196,227	20	<u>\$</u>	529,375	6
EARNINGS PER SHARE (Note 23)	.					
Basic Diluted	<u>\$</u> \$	<u>1.39</u> 1.39		<u>\$</u> \$	<u>1.89</u> <u>1.88</u>	

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars)

			Equity Attribu	itable to Owners of t	he Corporation	
١	Ordinary Shares (Note 19)	Capital Surplus (Note 19)	Ret	ained Earnings (Note Special Reserve	e 19) Unappropriated Earnings	Other Equity Exchange Differences on Translation of the Financial Statements of Foreign Operations
BALANCE AT JANUARY 1, 2023	<u>\$ 2,989,838</u>	<u>\$ 416,290</u>	<u>\$ 3,595,669</u>	<u>\$ 2,464,786</u>	<u>\$ 11,783,296</u>	<u>\$ (666,194</u>)
Net profit for the three months ended March 31, 2023	-	-	-	-	565,182	-
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the three months ended March 31, 2023, net of income tax	<u> </u>	_	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u> _	(107,897)
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the three months ended March 31, 2023	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>	565,182	(107,897)
BALANCE AT MARCH 31, 2023	<u>\$ 2,989,838</u>	<u>\$ 416,290</u>	<u>\$ </u>	<u>\$ 2,464,786</u>	<u>\$ 12,348,478</u>	<u>\$ (774,091</u>)
BALANCE AT JANUARY 1, 2024	<u>\$ 2,989,838</u>	<u>\$ 630,152</u>	<u>\$ 3,937,840</u>	<u>\$ 666,194</u>	<u>\$ 12,934,212</u>	<u>\$ (638,687</u>)
Changes in capital surplus from investments in associates accounted for using the equity method		90,417	<u>-</u> _	<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Net profit for the three months ended March 31, 2024	-	-	-	-	415,769	-
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the three months ended March 31, 2024, net of income tax	<u>-</u> _	<u>-</u> _	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u> _	750,112
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the three months ended March 31, 2024	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>	415,769	750,112
BALANCE AT MARCH 31, 2024	<u>\$ 2,989,838</u>	<u>\$ 720,569</u>	<u>\$ 3,937,840</u>	<u>\$ 666,194</u>	<u>\$ 13,349,981</u>	<u>\$ 111,425</u>

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Total	Non-controllingInterestsTotal(Note 12)	
<u>\$ 20,583,685</u>	<u>\$ 910,934</u>	<u>\$ 21,494,619</u>
565,182	62,338	627,520
(107,897)	9,752	(98,145)
457,285	72,090	529,375
<u>\$ 21,040,970</u>	<u>\$ 983,024</u>	<u>\$ 22,023,994</u>
<u>\$ 20,519,549</u>	<u>\$ 1,050,787</u>	<u>\$ 21,570,336</u>
90,417		90,417
415,769	16,965	432,734
750,112	13,381	763,493
1,165,881	30,346	1,196,227
<u>\$ 21,775,847</u>	<u>\$ 1,081,133</u>	<u>\$ 22,856,980</u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars)

	For the Three Months Ended March 31		
		2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit before income tax	\$	609,528	\$ 844,080
Adjustments for:	Ŧ		+ ,
Depreciation expense		69,143	77,909
Amortization expense		5,084	4,976
Expected credit loss recognized on trade receivables		759	14,777
Net gain on fair value changes of financial assets at fair value			
through profit or loss		(6,586)	(3,762)
Interest expense		53,637	46,395
Interest income		(19,449)	(11,239)
Share of loss (profit) of associates		76,189	(17,139)
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment		(400)	36
Write-downs (reversed) of inventories		(5,433)	32,335
Realized gain on transactions with associates		(39,863)	(150,358)
Unrealized net loss (gain) on foreign currency exchange		(62,197)	3,057
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		52,296	301,602
Notes receivable		6,769	(22,313)
Trade receivables		(777,627)	(2,252,367)
Other receivables		(51,352)	(68,724)
Inventories		284,648	(148,782)
Other current assets		(107,205)	(100,055)
Net defined benefit assets		(453)	(286)
Contract liabilities		64,196	(1,400,654)
Notes payable and trade payables		217,031	(694,321)
Other payables		30,534	78,780
Other current liabilities		42,605	157,524
Cash generated from (used in) operations		441,854	(3,308,529)
Interest received		9,748	4,035
Interest paid		(59,925)	(42,161)
Income tax paid		(49,092)	(53,742)
Net cash generated from (used in) operating activities		342,585	(3,400,397)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Acquisition of financial assets at amortized cost		(43,673)	-
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(14,693)	(16,385)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		433	110
Decrease (increase) in refundable deposits		11	(8,496)
Decrease in other non-current assets		13,369	4,900
Increase in prepayments for equipment		(330)	(6,810)
Net cash used in investing activities		(44,883)	(26,681)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars)

	For the Three Months Ended March 31			
	2024	2023		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds from (repayments of) short-term bank loans	\$ (179,307)	\$ 1,502,478		
Proceeds from long-term bank loans	21,200	83,607		
Repayments of long-term bank loans	(52,421)	(86,963)		
Proceeds from guarantee deposits received	1,122	318		
Repayment of the principal portion of lease liabilities	(12,852)	(14,839)		
Net cash generated from (used in) financing activities	(222,258)	1,484,601		
EFFECTS OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON THE BALANCE OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS HELD IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES	34,762	7,756		
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	110,206	(1,934,721)		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	3,459,041	5,424,569		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	<u>\$ 3,569,247</u>	<u>\$ 3,489,848</u>		

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

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024 AND 2023 (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars, Unless Stated Otherwise)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Merida Industry Co., Ltd. (the "Corporation") was incorporated in September 1972 in the Republic of China (ROC). It manufactures and sells bicycles and related parts.

Shares of the Corporation have been listed on the Taiwan Stock Exchange (TWSE) since September 1992.

The consolidated financial statements of the Corporation and its subsidiaries (the "Group") are presented in the Corporation's functional currency, the New Taiwan dollar.

2. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Corporation's board of directors on May 13, 2024.

3. APPLICATION OF NEW, AMENDED AND REVISED STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS

a. Initial application of the amendments to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), International Accounting Standards (IAS), IFRIC Interpretations (IFRIC), and SIC Interpretations (SIC) (collectively, the "IFRS Accounting Standards") endorsed and issued into effect by the Financial Supervisory Commission (FSC)

The initial application of the IFRS Accounting Standards endorsed and issued into effect by the FSC did not have a material impact on the Group's accounting policies.

b. The IFRS Accounting Standards in issue but not yet endorsed and issued into effect by the FSC

New, Amended and Revised Standards and Interpretations	Effective Date Announced by IASB (Note 1)
Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28 "Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture"	To be determined by IASB
IFRS 17 "Insurance Contracts"	January 1, 2023
Amendments to IFRS 17	January 1, 2023
Amendments to IFRS 17 "Initial Application of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9 - Comparative Information"	January 1, 2023
IFRS 18 "Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements" Amendments to IAS 21 "Lack of Exchangeability"	January 1, 2027 January 1, 2025 (Note 2)

Note 1: Unless stated otherwise, the above IFRS Accounting Standards are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after their respective effective dates.

Note 2: An entity shall apply those amendments for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2025. Upon initial application of the amendments to IAS 21, the Group shall not restate the comparative information and shall recognize any effect of initially applying the amendments as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings or, if applicable, to the cumulative amount of translation differences in equity as well as affected assets or liabilities.

IFRS 18 "Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements"

IFRS 18 will supersede IAS 1" Presentation of Financial Statements". The main changes comprise:

- Items of income and expenses included in the statement of profit or loss shall be classified into the operating, investing, financing, income taxes and discounted operations categories.
- The statement of profit or loss shall present totals and subtotals for operating profit or loss, profit or loss before financing and income taxes and profit or loss.
- Provides guidance to enhance the requirements of aggregation and disaggregation: The Group shall identify the assets, liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows that arise from individual transactions or other events and shall classify and aggregate them into groups based on shared characteristics, so as to result in the presentation in the primary financial statements of line items that have at least one similar characteristic. The Group shall disaggregate items with dissimilar characteristics in the primary financial statements and in the notes. The Group labels items as 'other' only if it cannot find a more informative label.
- Disclosures on Management-defined Performance Measures (MPMs): When in public communications outside financial statements and communicating to users of financial statements management's view of an aspect of the financial performance of the Group as a whole, the Group shall disclose related information about its MPMs in a single note to the financial statements, including the description of such measures, calculations, reconciliations to the subtotal or total specified by IFRS Accounting Standards and the income tax and non-controlling interests effects of related reconciliation items.

As of the date the consolidated financial statements were authorized for issue, the Group is continuously assessing the possible impact of the application of above standards and interpretations on the Group's financial position and financial performance and will disclose the relevant impact when the assessment is completed.

4. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

a. Statement of compliance

These interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Preparation of Financial Reports by Securities Issuers and IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" as endorsed and issued into effect by the FSC. Disclosure information included in these interim consolidated financial statements is less than the disclosure information required in a complete set of annual consolidated financial statements.

b. Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for financial instruments that are measured at fair value, and net defined benefit liabilities (assets) that are measured at the present value of the defined benefit obligation less the fair value of plan assets.

The fair value measurements are grouped into Levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value measurement inputs are observable and based on the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- 1) Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- 2) Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and
- 3) Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for an asset or liability.
- c. Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Corporation and the entities controlled by the Corporation (i.e., its subsidiaries).

Income and expenses of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the period are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income from the effective dates of acquisitions up to the effective dates of disposal, as appropriate.

When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with those used by the Corporation.

All intra-group transactions, balances, income and expenses are eliminated in full upon consolidation. Total comprehensive income of subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the Corporation and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

Changes in the Group's ownership interests in subsidiaries that do not result in the Group losing control over the subsidiaries are accounted for as equity transactions. The carrying amounts of the Group interests and the non-controlling interests are adjusted to reflect the changes in their relative interests in the subsidiaries. Any difference between the amount by which the non-controlling interests are adjusted and the fair value of the consideration paid or received is recognized directly in equity and attributed to the owners of the Corporation.

See Note 12, and Tables 7 and 8 following the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for detailed information on subsidiaries (including percentages of ownership and main businesses).

d. Other material accounting policies

Except for the following, refer to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

1) Classification of current and non-current assets and liabilities

Current assets include:

- Assets held primarily for the purpose of trading;
- Assets expected to be realized within 12 months after the reporting period; and
- Cash and cash equivalents unless the asset is restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

Current liabilities include:

• Liabilities held primarily for the purpose of trading;

- Liabilities due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period, even if an agreement to refinance, or to reschedule payments, on a long-term basis is completed after the reporting period and before the consolidated financial statements are authorized for issue; and
- Liabilities for which the Group does not have the substantial right at the end of the reporting period to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

Assets and liabilities that are not classified as current are classified as non-current.

2) Retirement benefits

Pension cost for an interim period is calculated on a year-to-date basis by using the actuarially determined pension cost rate at the end of the prior financial year, adjusted for significant market fluctuations since that time and for significant plan amendments, settlements, or other significant one-off events.

3) Income tax expense

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax. Interim period income taxes are assessed on an annual basis and calculated by applying to an interim period's pre-tax income the tax rate that would be applicable to expected total annual earnings.

5. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

Refer to the statements of material accounting judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Cash on hand Checking accounts and demand deposits Cash equivalents	\$ 4,442 3,266,723	\$ 1,764 2,930,584	\$ 3,431 2,914,772
Time deposits with original maturities of 3 months or less	298,082	526,693	571,645
	<u>\$ 3,569,247</u>	<u>\$ 3,459,041</u>	<u>\$ 3,489,848</u>
Time deposit interest rate per annum (%)	1.55-4.70	1.8-4.70	1.12-2.10

7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	March 31, December 31, 2024 2023		March 31, 2023
Financial assets Non-derivative financial assets Mutual funds Domestic listed shares	\$ 100,129 59,112	\$ 151,751 53,200	\$ 160,759 <u>44,107</u>
Financial assets at FVTPL - current	<u>\$ 159,241</u>	<u>\$ 204,951</u>	<u>\$ 204,866</u>

8. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTIZED COST

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Current			
Time deposits with original maturities of more than 3 months	<u>\$ 163,118</u>	<u>\$ 116,866</u>	<u>\$</u>
Non-Current			
Time deposits with original maturities of more than 3 months	<u>\$ 365,913</u>	<u>\$ 359,255</u>	<u>\$</u>

9. TRADE RECEIVABLES

	March 31,	December 31,	March 31,
	2024	2023	2023
Trade receivables	\$ 3,148,714	\$ 2,332,234	\$ 6,102,278
Less: Allowance for impairment loss	(8,130)	(34,411)	(24,294)
	<u>\$ 3,140,584</u>	<u>\$ 2,297,823</u>	<u>\$ 6,077,984</u>

In principle, the payment term granted to customers is 90 days from the invoice date and D/A or O/A of 60 to 180 days. The Group adopted a policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties and obtaining sufficient collateral, where appropriate, as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults. The Group uses other publicly available financial information or its own trading records to rate its major customers. The Group's exposure and the credit ratings of its counterparties are continuously monitored.

In order to minimize credit risk, the management of the Group has delegated a team responsible for determining credit limits, credit approvals and other monitoring procedures to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts. In addition, the Group reviews the recoverable amount of each individual trade debt at the end of the reporting period to ensure that adequate allowance is made for possible irrecoverable amounts. In this regard, the management believes the Group's credit risk was significantly reduced.

The Group measures the loss allowance for trade receivables at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs. The expected credit losses on trade receivables are estimated using a provision matrix prepared by reference to the past default experience of the customer, the customer's current financial position, economic condition of the industry in which the customer operates, as well as the GDP forecasts and industry outlook. The Group determines the expected credit loss rate by reference to the past due days of trade receivables.

The Group writes off a trade receivable when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery. For trade receivables that have been written off, the Group continues to engage in enforcement activity to attempt to recover the receivables due. Where recoveries are made, these are recognized in profit or loss.

The following table details the loss allowance of trade receivables of the Group:

	Not Past Due	Past Due Within 3 Months	Total
March 31, 2024			
Expected credit loss rate	0%-1%	3%	
Gross carrying amount Loss allowance (Lifetime ECLs)	\$ 3,065,063 (7,177)	\$ 83,651 (953)	\$ 3,148,714 (8,130)
Amortized cost	<u>\$ 3,057,886</u>	<u>\$ 82,698</u>	<u>\$ 3,140,584</u>
December 31, 2023			
Expected credit loss rate	0%-1%	3%	
Gross carrying amount Loss allowance (Lifetime ECLs)	\$ 2,321,502 (34,089)	\$ 10,732 (322)	\$ 2,332,234 (34,411)
Amortized cost	<u>\$ 2,287,413</u>	<u>\$ 10,410</u>	<u>\$ 2,297,823</u>
March 31, 2023			
Expected credit loss rate	0%-1%	3%	
Gross carrying amount Loss allowance (Lifetime ECLs)	\$ 4,813,764 (23,103)	\$ 1,288,514 (1,191)	\$ 6,102,278 (24,294)
Amortized cost	<u>\$ 4,790,661</u>	<u>\$ 1,287,323</u>	<u>\$ 6,077,984</u>

The movements of the loss allowance of trade receivables were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31			
		2024		2023
Balance at January 1 Net remeasurement of loss allowance Amounts written off Foreign exchange differences	\$	34,411 759 (27,091) <u>51</u>	\$	17,294 14,777 (7,992) <u>215</u>
Balance at March 31	<u>\$</u>	8,130	<u>\$</u>	24,294

10. INVENTORIES

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Finished goods	\$ 5,914,110	\$ 6,065,249	\$ 4,899,189
Work in progress	558,995	396,089	527,978
Raw materials and supplies	2,548,343	2,908,027	4,764,418
Inventory in transit	276,335	162,572	198,001
	<u>\$_9,297,783</u>	<u>\$ 9,531,937</u>	<u>\$ 10,389,586</u>

For the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, the cost of inventories recognized as cost of goods sold was \$4,771,198 thousand and \$6,951,416 thousand, respectively, and the cost of goods sold included inventory write-downs (reversed) of \$(5,433) thousand and \$32,335 thousand, respectively. Inventory write-downs were reversed as a result of elimination of inventories, and the relevant amount was also reflected in cost of goods sold.

Inventories pledged as collateral for bank borrowings are set out in Note 27.

11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Financial assets - non-current			
Domestic unlisted ordinary shares	\$ 3,400	<u>\$ 3,400</u>	<u>\$ 3,400</u>

These investments in equity instruments are not held for trading. Instead, they are held for medium- to long-term strategic purposes. Accordingly, the management elected to designate these investments in equity instruments as at FVTOCI as they believe that recognizing short-term fluctuations in these investments' fair value in profit or loss would not be consistent with the Group's strategy of holding these investments for long-term purposes.

12. SUBSIDIARIES

a. Subsidiaries included in the consolidated financial statements

			rtion of Ownersh	ip (%)
Investor Investee		March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
The Corporation	Merida International (B.V.I.) Ltd. ("Merida B.V.I.")	100	100	100
	Merida & Centurion Germany GmbH (Merida & Centurion)	51	51	51
	Merida Benelux B.V. ("Merida Benelux")	60	60	60
	Merida Polska Sp.z.o.o ("Merida Polska")	74	74	74
	Merida Bicycles Ltd. ("Merida U.K.")	81	81	81
	Merida Japan Co., Ltd. ("Merida Japan")	90	90	90
	Merida Norge As. ("Merida Norge")	75	75	75
				(Continued)

		Propo	ortion of Ownersh	ip (%)
Investor	Investee	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Merida B.V.I.	Merida Industry (Hong Kong) Co., Ltd. ("Merida Hong Kong")	100	100	100
	Merida International (SAMOA) Ltd. ("Merida SAMOA")	70	70	70
Merida Hong Kong	Merida Bicycle (China) Co., Ltd. ("Merida China")	100	100	100
	Merida Bicycle (Shandong) Co., Ltd. ("Merida Shandong")	100	100	100
Merida SAMOA	Merida Bicycle (Jiangsu) Ltd. ("Merida Jiangsu")	100	100	100
Merida Norge	Merida Sverige AB ("Sverige")	100	100	100
Merida Japan	Miyata Cycle Co., Ltd. ("Miyata")	100	100	100
Merida & Centurion	Merida Europe GmbH	100	100	100
	Merida R&D Center GmbH	100	100	100
				(Concluded)

Refer to Tables 7 and 8 for the nature of activities, principal places of business and countries of incorporation of the subsidiaries.

Except for Merida Benelux, Merida & Centurion, Merida Polska, Merida U.K., Merida Japan and Merida Norge, the financial statements of the remaining subsidiaries have been reviewed by the accountants.

b. Details of subsidiaries that have material non-controlling interests

	Proportion of Ownership and Voting Rig by Non-controlling Interests (%)			
Name of Subsidiary	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023	
Merida SAMOA	30	30	30	

Summarized financial information in respect of Merida SAMOA and subsidiaries that have material non-controlling interests is set out below. The summarized financial information below represents amounts before intragroup eliminations.

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Current assets Non-current assets Current liabilities Non-current liabilities	\$ 1,250,342 656,817 (851,340) (471,602)	\$ 1,095,290 648,084 (691,882) (517,896)	\$ 1,080,228 715,915 (770,712) (523,377)
Equity	<u>\$ 584,217</u>	<u>\$ 533,596</u>	<u>\$ 502,054</u>
Equity attributable to: Owners of Merida SAMOA Non-controlling interests of Merida SAMOA	\$ 408,952 <u>175,265</u>	\$ 373,517 <u>160,079</u>	\$ 351,438 <u>150,616</u>
	<u>\$ 584,217</u>	<u>\$ 533,596</u>	<u>\$ 502,054</u>

	For the Three Months Ended March 31		
	2024	2023	
Revenue	<u>\$ 660,545</u>	<u>\$ 708,421</u>	
Net profit (loss) for the period Other comprehensive income (loss) for the period	\$ 28,670 (1,038)	\$ (1,979) 5,978	
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period	<u>\$ 27,632</u>	<u>\$ 3,999</u>	
Profit (loss) attributable to: Owners of Merida SAMOA Non-controlling interests of Merida SAMOA	\$ 20,069 8,601	\$ (1,385) (594)	
Total comprehensive income attributable to: Owners of Merida SAMOA Non-controlling interests of Merida SAMOA	<u>\$ 28,670</u> <u>\$ 19,342</u> <u>8,290</u> <u>\$ 27,632</u>	\$ (1,979) \$ 2,799 1,200 \$ 3,999	
Net cash inflow (outflow) from: Operating activities Investing activities Financing activities	\$ 5,063 (340) <u>85,500</u>	\$ (145,372) (645) 145,092	
Net cash inflow (outflow)	<u>\$ 90,223</u>	<u>\$ (925</u>)	

13. INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY METHOD

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Unlisted shares			
Specialized Bicycle Components Holding			
Company, Inc. ("SBC")	\$19,405,456	\$18,653,865	\$18,688,524
SAIL & SURF Produktion-und			
Handelsgesellschaft m.b.H. ("SAIL & SURF")	119,849	125,431	122,537
Merida Bikes SWE, S.A ("Merida Bikes SWE")	58,334	56,483	42,543
Merida Czech s.r.o ("Merida Czech")	47,597	56,433	54,187
Merida Slovakia s.r.o ("Merida Slovakia")	28,402	26,739	26,862
Merida Korea Inc. ("Merida Korea")	15,711	13,190	9,359
WideDoctor (International) Enterprise Co., Ltd.			
("WideDoctor")	-	-	1,852
Merida Italy S.r.a ("Merida Italy")	24,301	23,231	21,546
	<u>\$ 19,699,650</u>	<u>\$18,955,372</u>	<u>\$18,967,410</u>

The proportion of ownership and voting rights of investments in associates for the Group was as follows:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
SBC	35%	35%	35%
SAIL & SURF	40%	40%	40%
Merida Bikes SWE	36%	36%	36%
Merida Czech	45%	45%	45%
Merida Slovakia	30%	30%	30%
Merida Korea	40%	40%	40%
WideDoctor	-	-	26%
Merida Italy	27%	27%	27%

Refer to Table 7 "Information on Investees" following the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for the nature of activities, principal place of business and country of incorporation of the Group's associates.

The shareholders resolved in their meeting to liquidate WideDoctor in October 2022, and the liquidation was completed in June 2023, resulting in a return of the capital investment of \$1,852 thousand.

Investments were accounted for using the equity method, and the share of profit or loss and other comprehensive income of those investments were calculated based on financial statements, which have not been reviewed by the accountants.

14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2024						
	Land	Buildings	Machinery and Equipment	Transportation Equipment	Miscellaneous Equipment	Construction in Progress	Total
Cost							
Balance at January 1 Additions Disposals Reclassifications Effects of foreign currency exchange differences	\$ 479,527 - - - (<u>36</u>)	\$ 2,836,751 6,539 - 3,297 52,562	\$ 1,279,894 1,974 (112) 16,642 <u>21,640</u>	\$ 38,528 97 - (1,022)	\$ 290,040 6,083 (5,421) - 2,027	\$ - - - -	\$ 4,924,740 14,693 (5,533) 19,939 <u>75,171</u>
Balance at March 31 Accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 479,491</u>	<u>\$ 2,899,149</u>	<u>\$ 1,320,038</u>	<u>\$ 37,603</u>	<u>\$ 292,729</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 5,029,010</u>
Balance at January 1 Additions Disposals Effects of foreign currency	\$ - - -	\$ 1,368,597 26,590 -	\$ 1,018,867 17,653 (102)	\$ 27,144 562	\$ 205,828 10,059 (5,398)	\$ - - -	\$ 2,620,436 54,864 (5,500)
exchange differences Balance at March 31	<u> </u>	<u>25,515</u> <u>\$ 1,420,702</u>	<u> </u>	(788) \$26,918	<u>1,949</u> <u>\$212,438</u>	 \$	<u>44,457</u> <u>\$2,714,257</u>
Carrying amount at March 31	<u>\$ 479,491</u>	<u>\$ 1,478,447</u>	<u>\$ 265,839</u>	<u>\$ 10,685</u>	\$ 80,291	<u>\$ </u>	<u>\$ 2,314,753</u>

	For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2023													
		Land	1	Buildings		chinery and quipment		sportation uipment		cellaneous uipment		ruction in ogress		Total
Cost														
Balance at January 1 Additions Disposals Reclassifications Effects of foreign currency	\$	479,397 - - -	\$	2,795,678 1,946 (66) 7,186	\$	1,293,377 3,990 (6,995)	\$	37,099 2,401 (1,777)	\$	289,592 6,957 (1,495)	\$	8,210 1,091 (13) (7,186)	\$	4,903,353 16,385 (10,346)
exchange differences		18		17,548		3,226		84		1,041		101		22,018
Balance at March 31	<u>\$</u>	479,415	<u>\$</u>	2,822,292	\$	1,293,598	<u>\$</u>	37,807	<u>\$</u>	296,095	<u>\$</u>	2,203	\$	4,931,410
Accumulated depreciation														
Balance at January 1 Additions Disposals Effects of foreign currency	\$	- -	\$	1,263,683 28,866 (66)	\$	965,615 20,975 (6,995)	\$	29,006 451 (1,657)	\$	199,018 11,286 (1,482)	\$	- -	\$	2,457,322 61,578 (10,200)
exchange differences		-		6,366		2,297		(126)		747		-		9,284
Balance at March 31	\$	<u> </u>	\$	1,298,849	\$	981,892	\$	27,674	\$	209,569	\$	<u> </u>	\$	2,517,984
Carrying amount at March 31	<u>\$</u>	479,415	<u>\$</u>	1,523,443	<u>\$</u>	311,706	<u>\$</u>	10,133	<u>\$</u>	86,526	\$	2,203	<u>\$</u>	2,413,426

The above items of property, plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings	
Main buildings	25-60 years
Ancillary work	4-55 years
Machinery and equipment	8-15 years
Transportation equipment	5 years
Miscellaneous equipment	3-15 years

Property, plant and equipment pledged as collateral for bank borrowings are set out in Note 27.

15. LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

a. Right-of-use assets

	March 31,	December 31,	March 31,	
	2024	2023	2023	
Carrying amounts				
Land	\$ 209,527	\$ 204,560	\$ 215,741	
Buildings	45,039	54,806	72,366	
Transportation equipment	17,529	20,509	16,498	
Miscellaneous equipment		2,041		
	<u>\$ 273,825</u>	<u>\$ 281,916</u>	<u>\$ 304,914</u>	

	For	the Three Mare		s Ended
		2024		2023
Depreciation charge for right-of-use assets				
Land	\$	2,285	\$	2,329
Buildings		9,095		11,339
Transportation equipment		2,676		2,547
Miscellaneous equipment		223		116
	<u>\$</u>	14,279	<u>\$</u>	16,331

Except for the aforementioned additions and recognized depreciation, the Group did not have significant sublease or impairment of right-of-use assets for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023.

b. Lease liabilities

	March 31,	December 31,	March 31,
	2024	2023	2023
Carrying amounts			
Current	<u>\$ 44,785</u>	<u>\$51,556</u>	<u>\$53,106</u>
Non-current	<u>\$ 23,398</u>	<u>\$30,702</u>	<u>\$45,093</u>

Range of discount rates for lease liabilities was as follows:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Land	1.15%-6.86%	1.15%-6.86%	1.15%-1.64%
Buildings	1.15%-6.86%	1.15%-6.86%	1.15%-6.59%
Transportation equipment	0.80%-6.93%	0.80%-6.93%	0.80%-6.93%
Miscellaneous equipment	0.80%-6.86%	0.80%-6.86%	0.80%-2.90%

c. Material lease-activities and terms

The Group leases certain, land, buildings, transportation equipment, machinery, and miscellaneous equipment for product manufacturing and operational uses with lease terms of 2 to 7 years. According to the lease contract, the Group does not have bargain purchase options to acquire the leasehold land and buildings at the end of the lease terms.

Merida China acquired the right to use land in the Bao An District of Shenzhen City, mainland China for 50 years; Merida Shandong acquired the right to use land from the Dezhou Economic Development Zone in Shandong province for 50 years; Merida Jiangsu acquired the right to use land from the Nantong Economic and Technological Development Zone in Jiangsu province for 50 years. During the period of land use, the lessee enjoys land use rights, income rights, transfer and leasing rights and is responsible for the various taxes and fees payable for the use of the land. The land is used for the construction of production plants, office buildings and staff dormitories.

d. Other lease information

	For the Three Mare	Months Ended ch 31
	2024	2023
Expenses relating to short-term leases Expenses relating to low-value asset leases Total cash outflow for leases	$ \frac{\$ 8,030}{\$ 511} \\ \frac{\$ (21,393)}{\$} $	\$ 7,835 \$ 465 \$ (23,139)

16. BORROWINGS

a. Short-term bank borrowings

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Unsecured borrowings Letters of credit - due after 180 days of	\$ 5,541,939	\$ 5,733,872	\$ 5,509,623
acceptance	65,010	54,626	580,883
Secured borrowings (Note 27)	314,555	300,500	432,007
	<u>\$ 5,921,504</u>	<u>\$ 6,088,998</u>	<u>\$ 6,522,513</u>
Rate of interest per annum (%)			
Unsecured borrowings	0.75-9.15	0.50-8.85	0.50-8.69
Letters of credit	No higher than 1.60	No higher than 0.42	No higher than 5.92
Secured borrowings	5.00-7.68	5.00-9.15	3.30-8.39

The secured borrowings were secured by the Group's freehold land, buildings, inventories and trade receivables (refer to Note 27).

b. Long-term bank borrowings

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Unsecured loans			
Bank loans	\$ 1,434,774	\$ 1,437,702	\$ 1,409,937
Less: Current portion	(308,857)	(268,127)	(170,496)
Long-term borrowings	<u>\$ 1,125,917</u>	<u>\$ 1,169,575</u>	<u>\$ 1,239,441</u>

The bank loans will be due from February 2025 to December 2036. As of March 31, 2024, December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, the effective interest rate range of the bank loans was 0.12%-4.16%, 0.12%-5.07% and 0.50%-8.69%, respectively.

17. OTHER PAYABLES

	March 31,	December 31,	March 31,
	2024	2023	2023
Payables for compensation of employees	\$ 188,386	\$ 154,377	\$ 328,329
Payables for salaries and bonuses	97,564	141,419	86,713
Payables for remuneration of directors	81,634	66,897	142,276
Others	<u>524,567</u>	<u>495,690</u>	547,924
	<u>\$ 892,151</u>	<u>\$ 858,383</u>	<u>\$ 1,105,242</u>

18. RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

For the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, the pension expenses of defined benefit plans were \$536 thousand and \$1,403 thousand, respectively, and these were calculated based on the pension cost rate determined by the actuarial calculation on December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

19. EQUITY

a. Ordinary shares

	March 31,	December 31,	March 31,
	2024	2023	2023
Number of shares authorized (in thousands) Shares authorized Number of shares issued and fully paid (in	<u>350,000</u> <u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>350,000</u> <u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>350,000</u> <u>\$3,500,000</u>
thousands)	<u>298,984</u>	<u>298,984</u>	<u>298,984</u>
Shares issued	<u>\$ 2,989,838</u>	<u>\$ 2,989,838</u>	<u>\$2,989,838</u>

Fully paid ordinary shares, which have a par value of \$10, carry one vote per share and carry a right to dividends.

b. Capital surplus

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
May be used to offset a deficit, distributed as cash dividends, or transferred to share capital (Note)			
Issuance of ordinary shares	\$ 416,290	\$ 416,290	\$ 416,290
May only be used to offset a deficit			
Changes in capital surplus from investments in associates accounted for using the equity			
method	304,279	213,862	
	<u>\$ 720,569</u>	<u>\$ 630,152</u>	<u>\$ 416,290</u>

- Note: Such capital surplus may be used to offset a deficit; in addition, when the Corporation has no deficit, such capital surplus may be distributed as cash dividends or transferred to share capital (limited to a certain percentage of the Corporation's capital surplus and to once a year).
- c. Retained earnings and dividends policy

Under the dividends policy as set forth in the amended Articles, where the Corporation made a profit in a fiscal year, the profit shall be first utilized for paying taxes, offsetting losses of previous years, setting aside as a legal reserve 10% of the remaining profit, setting aside or reversing a special reserve in accordance with the laws and regulations, and then any remaining profit together with any undistributed retained earnings shall be used by the Corporation's board of directors as the basis for proposing a distribution plan, which should be resolved in the shareholders' meeting for the distribution of dividends and bonuses to shareholders. For the policies on the distribution of employees' compensation and remuneration of directors.

According to the dividends policy of the Corporation, the total dividends distributed shall be 10% to 80% of the distributable retained earnings of the current year. In addition, cash dividends distributed should be at least 10% of the total dividends distributed.

The legal reserve may be used to offset deficits. If the Corporation has no deficit and the legal reserve has exceeded 25% of the Corporation's paid-in capital, the excess may be transferred to capital or distributed in cash.

The appropriations of earnings for 2023 that were proposed by the board of directors in March, 2024 and the appropriations of earnings for 2022 that had been resolved by the shareholders in their meeting in June, 2023, were as follows:

	Appropriation of Earnings For the Year Ended December 31		 Dividends Per Share (NT\$) For the Year Ended December 31 	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Legal reserve	\$ 178,738	\$ 342,171		
Reversal of special reserve	(27,507)	(1,798,592)		
Cash dividends	1,793,903	2,092,887	\$ 6.0	\$ 7.0

The appropriation of earnings for 2023 is subject to the resolution of the shareholders in the shareholders' meeting to be held on June 26, 2024.

20. REVENUE

		For the Three Months Ended March 31		
	2024	2023		
Revenue from contracts with customers				
Revenue from sale of goods	<u>\$ 5,845,495</u>	<u>\$ 8,386,581</u>		

a. Contract balances

	March 31,	December 31,	March 31,	January 1,
	2024	2023	2023	2023
Notes and trade receivables	<u>\$ 3,140,969</u>	<u>\$ 2,304,977</u>	<u>\$ 6,100,456</u>	<u>\$ 3,847,507</u>
Contract liabilities - current	<u>\$ 104,533</u>	<u>\$ 39,391</u>	<u>\$ 678,451</u>	<u>\$ 2,079,008</u>

b. Disaggregation of revenue

Refer to Note 33 for information about the disaggregation of revenue.

21. NET PROFIT FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

a. Employee benefits expense, depreciation and amortization expenses

	Operating Costs	Operating Expenses	Total
For the three months ended March 31, 2024			
Short-term employee benefits Post-employment benefits	\$ 243,356	\$ 202,940	\$ 446,296
Defined contribution plans	11,828	10,551	22,379
Defined benefit plans	222	314	536
Other employee benefits	7,128	24,388	31,516
Depreciation expense	40,185	28,958	69,143
Amortization expense	1	5,083	5,084
For the three months ended March 31, 2023			
Short-term employee benefits Post-employment benefits	298,006	191,345	489,351
Defined contribution plans	12,104	11,118	23,222
Defined benefit plans	1,039	364	1,403
Other employee benefits	12,984	29,056	42,040
Depreciation expense	45,512	32,397	77,909
Amortization expense	1	4,975	4,976

b. Employees' compensation and remuneration of directors

According to the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation accrued employees' compensation and remuneration of directors at rates of no less than 5% and no higher than 5%, respectively, of net profit before income tax, employees' compensation, and remuneration of directors. The employees' compensation and remuneration of directors for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31					
	202	24		202	23	
Cash	Accrual Rate	A	mount	Accrual Rate	A	mount
Employees' compensation Remuneration of directors	6% 2.6%	\$	34,009 14,737	6% 2.6%	\$	46,320 20,072

If there is a change in the amounts after the annual consolidated financial statements are authorized for issue, the differences are recorded as a change in the accounting estimate.

The appropriations of employees' compensation and remuneration of directors for 2023 and 2022 that were resolved by the board of directors on March 14, 2024 and March 30, 2023, respectively, are as shown below:

	For the Yo Decem	
	 2023	2022
Employees' compensation Remuneration of directors	\$ 154,377 66,897	\$ 282,009 122,204

There was no difference between the actual amounts of employees' compensation and remuneration of directors paid and the amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Information on the employees' compensation and remuneration of directors resolved by the Corporation's board of directors is available at the Market Observation Post System website of the TWSE.

22. TAXES

a. Major components of tax expense recognized in profit or loss

	For the three months Ended March 31			
	2024	2023		
Current tax				
In respect of the current year	\$ 99,275	\$ 189,090		
Adjustments for prior years		(1,329)		
Deferred tax	99,275	187,761		
In respect of the current year	77,519	28,799		
Income tax expense recognized in profit or loss	<u>\$ 176,794</u>	<u>\$ 216,560</u>		

b. Income tax assessments

The income tax returns of the Corporation through 2021 have been assessed by the tax authorities, except for the year 2020.

c. Pillar Two income tax legislation

The government of the Merida Japan, Merida Benelux, Merida & Centurion, Merida Europe GmbH, Merida R&D Center GmbH, Merida U.K. and Sverige are incorporated, enacted or substantively enacted the Pillar Two income tax legislation effective from April 1, 2024 for the Japanese company and January 1, 2024 for the other countries.

Under the legislation, Merida Benelux, Merida & Centurion, Merida Europe GmbH, Merida R&D Center GmbH, Merida U.K. and Sverige will be required to pay, in the country, a top-up tax on the profits that are taxed at an effective tax rate of less than 15 percent. As of March 31, 2024, approximately 7 percent of the Group's annual profits may be subject to tax, which is currently taxed at the average effective tax rate applicable to those profits of 28 percent. This information is based on the profits and tax expenses determined as part of the preparation of the Group's consolidated financial statements, not considering that only the application of certain adjustments may have been required by the legislation. Because not all adjustments that would have been required by the legislation were made, the actual impact of the Pillar Two income tax legislation on the Group's results may be significantly different. The Group is continuing to assess the impact of the Pillar Two income tax legislation on its future financial performance.

23. EARNINGS PER SHARE

	Net Profit Attributable to Owners of the Corporation	Number of Shares	Earnings Per Share (NT\$)
For the three months ended March 31, 2024			
 Basic earnings per share Profit for the year attributable to owners of the Corporation Effect of potentially dilutive ordinary shares: Employees' compensation Diluted earnings per share Profit for the year attributable to owners of the Corporation plus effect of potentially dilutive ordinary shares 	\$ 415,769 <u>\$ 415,769</u>	298,983,800 	<u>\$ 1.39</u> <u>\$ 1.39</u>
For the three months ended March 31, 2023			
 Basic earnings per share Profit for the year attributable to owners of the Corporation Effect of potentially dilutive ordinary shares: Employees' compensation Diluted earnings per share Profit for the year attributable to owners of the Corporation plus effect of potentially dilutive 	\$ 565,182 	298,983,800 <u>1,911,348</u>	<u>\$ 1.89</u>
ordinary shares	<u>\$ 565,182</u>	300,895,148	<u>\$ 1.88</u>

The Group may settle compensation paid to employees in cash or shares; therefore, the Group assumes that the entire amount of the compensation will be settled in shares, and the resulting potential shares will be included in the weighted average number of shares outstanding used in the computation of diluted earnings per share, as the effect is dilutive. Such dilutive effect of the potential shares is included in the computation of diluted earnings per share until the number of shares to be distributed to employees is resolved in the following year.

24. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as going concerns while maximizing the return to shareholders through the optimization of the debt and equity balance. The capital structure of the Group consists of net debt (borrowings offset by cash and cash equivalents) and equity attributable to owners of the Corporation (comprising issued capital, reserves, retained earnings and other equity).

Key management personnel of the Group reviews the capital structure on an annual basis. As part of this review, the key management personnel considers the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. Based on recommendations of the key management personnel, in order to balance the overall capital structure, the Group may adjust the number of dividends paid to shareholders, the number of new shares issued or repurchased, and the amount of new debt issued or existing debt redeemed.

25. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

a. Fair value of financial instruments not measured at fair value

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial assets and liabilities that are not measured at fair value approximated their fair values.

b. Fair value of financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis

The Group's financial assets at FVTPL and financial assets at FVTOCI are measured at fair value using Level 1 inputs. There were no transfers between Levels 1 and 2 in the current and prior years.

c. Categories of financial instruments

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Financial assets			
Financial assets at FVTPL Financial assets at amortized cost Financial assets at FVTOCI - equity instruments	\$ 159,241 7,417,202 3,400	\$ 204,951 6,345,242 3,400	\$ 204,866 9,809,372 3,400
Financial liabilities			
Financial liabilities at amortized cost	11,405,574	11,308,422	14,221,568

The balances include financial assets at amortized cost, which comprise cash and cash equivalents, notes and trade receivables, other receivables and refundable deposits.

The balances of financial liabilities above include financial liabilities measured at amortized cost, which comprise short-term and long-term bank borrowings, notes and trade payables, other payables, current portion of long-term borrowings and guarantee deposits received.

d. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's major financial instruments include equity investments, trade receivables, trade payables, borrowings, and lease liabilities. The Group's corporate treasury function provides services to the business, coordinates access to financial markets, and monitors and manages the financial risks relating to the operations of the Group through internal risk reports that analyze exposures by degree and

magnitude of risks. These risks include market risk (including foreign currency risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

The Group sought to minimize the effects of these risks by using derivative financial instruments to hedge risk exposures. The use of financial derivatives was governed by the Group's policies approved by the board of directors and compliance with policies and exposure limits was reviewed according to the internal control policies on a continuous basis.

a) Market risk

The Group's activities exposed it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The Group entered into forward foreign exchange forward contracts to hedge the exchange rate risk arising on imports and exports.

i. Foreign currency risk

The Group has foreign currency denominated sales and purchases, which expose the group to foreign currency risk. Exchange rate exposures were managed within approved policy parameters utilizing foreign exchange forward contracts.

The carrying amounts of the Group's foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the end of the reporting period are set out in Note 31.

Sensitivity analysis

The Group was mainly exposed to the USD.

Assuming a 1% increase in the NTD against the USD, the pre-tax profit for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023 would have decreased by \$44,704 thousand and \$69,389 thousand, respectively. The sensitivity rate used when reporting foreign currency risk internally to key management personnel and representing management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in foreign exchange rates was 1% for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023.

ii. Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to interest rate risk because entities in the Group borrowed funds at both fixed and floating interest rates.

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities with exposure to interest rates were as follows.

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Fair value interest rate risk Financial assets Financial liabilities	\$ 827,113 2,587,611	\$ 1,002,814 2,445,886	\$ 571,645 2,204,677
Cash flow interest rate risk Financial assets Financial liabilities	3,226,700 4,836,850	2,902,044 5,163,072	2,899,213 5,825,972

Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis was determined based on the Group's exposure to interest rates at the end of the reporting period. For floating rate liabilities, the analysis was prepared assuming the amount of each liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period was outstanding for the whole year. A 0.25% increase or decrease was used when reporting interest rate risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates.

If interest rates had been 0.25% higher and all other variables were held constant, the Group's pre-tax profit for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023 would have decreased by \$1,006 thousand and \$1,829 thousand, respectively.

b) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in a financial loss to the Group. As at the end of the reporting period, the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk which would cause a financial loss to the Group due to the failure of counterparties to discharge an obligation and financial guarantees provided by the Group could arise from:

- i. The carrying amount of the respective recognized financial assets as stated in the balance sheets.
- ii. The maximum amount the entity would have to pay if the financial guarantee is called upon, irrespective of the likelihood of the guarantee being exercised.

The Group's concentration of credit risk was mainly from customer A, which accounted for 44%, 47% and 72% of the total trade receivables as of March 31, 2024, December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, respectively.

c) Liquidity risk

The Group manages liquidity risk by monitoring and maintaining a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate to finance the Group's operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows. In addition, management monitors the utilization of bank borrowings and ensures compliance with loan covenants.

The Group relies on bank borrowings as a significant source of liquidity. As of March 31, 2024, December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, the Group had available unutilized bank loan facilities of \$14,768,008 thousand, \$14,159,042 thousand and \$8,946,515 thousand, respectively.

Liquidity and interest rate risk table for non-derivative financial liabilities

The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturities for its non-derivative financial liabilities with agreed upon repayment periods. The table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities from the earliest date on which the Group can be required to pay. Specifically, bank loans with a repayment on demand clause were included in the earliest time band regardless of the probability of the banks choosing to exercise their rights. The maturity dates for other non-derivative financial liabilities were based on the agreed upon repayment dates.

	On Demand or Less than 1 Year	1-2 Years	More than 2 Years
March 31, 2024			
Non-interest bearing liabilities Lease liabilities Variable interest rate liabilities Fixed interest rate liabilities	\$ 4,023,375 46,727 3,763,860 	\$	\$
	<u>\$10,300,463</u>	<u>\$ 343,603</u>	<u>\$ 806,740</u>
December 31, 2023			
Non-interest bearing liabilities Lease liabilities Variable interest rate liabilities Fixed interest rate liabilities	\$ 3,756,645 53,975 4,051,459 2,305,666	\$ 21,280 296,774 27,496	\$ - 10,788 814,839 <u>30,466</u>
	<u>\$10,167,745</u>	<u>\$ 345,550</u>	<u>\$ 856,093</u>
March 31, 2023			
Non-interest bearing liabilities Lease liabilities Variable interest rate liabilities Fixed interest rate liabilities	\$ 6,264,252 55,429 4,661,515 2,031,494	\$ - 36,183 220,539 53,189	\$ - 10,127 943,918 21,795
	<u>\$13,012,690</u>	<u>\$ 309,911</u>	<u>\$ 975,840</u>

Further information on the maturity analysis of the above financial liabilities was as follows:

	Less than 1 Year 1-5 Years		5-10 Years	
March 31, 2024				
Lease liabilities Variable interest rate liabilities Fixed interest rate liabilities	\$ 46,727 3,763,860 2,466,501 \$ 6,277,088	\$ 24,426 767,545 52,927 <u>\$ 844,898</u>	\$ - 305,445 - \$ 305,445	
December 31, 2023				
Lease liabilities Variable interest rate liabilities Fixed interest rate liabilities	53,975 4,051,459 2,305,666 <u>6,411,100</u>	\$ 32,068 804,461 <u>57,962</u> <u>\$ 894,491</u>	\$ 307,152 <u></u> <u>\$ 307,152</u>	

	Less than 1 Year	1-5 Years	5-10 Years	
March 31, 2023				
Lease liabilities Variable interest rate liabilities Fixed interest rate liabilities	\$ 55,429 4,661,515 <u>2,031,493</u>	\$ 46,310 808,419 74,984	\$ 356,038 	
	<u>\$ 6,748,437</u>	<u>\$ 929,713</u>	<u>\$ 356,038</u>	

26. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

Balances and transactions between the Corporation and its subsidiaries have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note. Besides information disclosed elsewhere in the other notes, details of transactions between the Group and other related parties are disclosed below.

a. Related Party Categories/Names

Related Party	Relationship with the Group
SBC Group	Associate
SAIL & SURF	Associate
Merida Bikes SWE	Associate
Merida Czech	Associate
Merida Slovakia	Associate
Merida Korea	Associate
Merida Italy	Associate
Cheng Shin Rubber Industry Co., Ltd. ("Cheng Shin")	Other
Cheng Shin Rubber (Xiamen) Ind., Ltd. ("Cheng Shin	Other
(Xiamen)")	
Tianjin Tafeng Rubber Industry Co., Ltd. ("Tianjin	Other
Tafeng")	
Cheng Shin Rubber (Vietnam) Ind., Ltd. ("Cheng Shin	Other
(Vietnam)")	
Merida Bikes SWE Merida Czech Merida Slovakia Merida Korea Merida Italy Cheng Shin Rubber Industry Co., Ltd. ("Cheng Shin") Cheng Shin Rubber (Xiamen) Ind., Ltd. ("Cheng Shin (Xiamen)") Tianjin Tafeng Rubber Industry Co., Ltd. ("Tianjin Tafeng") Cheng Shin Rubber (Vietnam) Ind., Ltd. ("Cheng Shin	Associate Associate Associate Associate Associate Other Other

b. Sales of goods

	For the Three Months Ended March 31			
Related Party Category/Name	2024	2023		
Associates SBC Group Others	\$ 2,070,638 <u>336,984</u>	\$ 5,055,423 <u>416,739</u>		
	<u>\$ 2,407,622</u>	<u>\$ 5,472,162</u>		

The selling price and gross profit of the products that the Group sells to related parties are quoted based on the differences in the products and the acceptance of the market. The quoted price is different from that of OEM products. c. Purchase of goods

	For the Three Months Ended March 31				
Related Party Category	2024	2023			
Other related parties Associates	\$ 58,394 	\$ 64,776 <u>13,785</u>			
	<u>\$ 76,383</u>	<u>\$ 78,561</u>			

The purchase price is quoted based on market prices.

d. Contract liabilities - advance receipts

	Related Party Category/Name	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
	Associates			
	SBC Group	<u>\$ 15,143</u>	<u>\$ 15,116</u>	<u>\$ 644,123</u>
e.	Receivables from related parties			
	Related Party Category/Name	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
	Trade receivables			
	Associates			
	SBC Group Others	\$ 1,379,406 502,071	\$ 1,106,418	\$ 4,367,987
	Others	592,971	456,147	523,004
	Other receivables	<u>\$ 1,972,377</u>	<u>\$ 1,562,565</u>	<u>\$ 4,890,991</u>
	<u>Other receivables</u>			
	Associates SBC Group	\$ 2,581	\$ 6,115	\$ 62,307
	Others	<u> </u>	2,514	2,413
		<u>\$ 5,574</u>	<u>\$ 8,629</u>	<u>\$ 64,720</u>
f.	Payables to related parties			
		March 31,	December 31,	March 31,
	Related Party Category/Name	2024	2023	2023
	Trade payables			
	Other related parties	\$ 49,609	\$ 46,739	\$ 58,448
	Associates	17,118	18,038	7,938
		<u>\$ 66,727</u>	<u>\$ 64,777</u>	<u>\$ 66,386</u>

- g. Other transactions with related parties
 - 1) Interest income

	For the Three Months Ended March 31				
Related Party Category/Name	20	24		2023	
Associates SBC Group Others	\$	2,495 2,726	\$	3,504 1,046	
	<u>\$</u>	5,221	<u>\$</u>	4,550	

The Corporation receives interest from overdue trade receivables at an interest rate agreed upon in the terms of the transactions.

2) Other income

	For the Three Months Ended March 31			
Related Party Category/Name	2024	2023		
Associates SBC Group	<u>\$ 933</u>	<u>\$ 2,128</u>		

h. Remuneration of key management personnel

	For the Three Months Ended March 31				
	2024	4	2023		
Short-term employee benefits Post-employment benefits	\$ 22	2,630 \$ <u>146</u>	29,864 129		
	<u>\$ 22</u>	<u>2,776</u>	29,993		

The remuneration of directors and key executives, as determined by the remuneration committee, is based on the performance of individuals and market trends.

27. ASSETS PLEDGED AS COLLATERAL OR FOR SECURITY

The following assets were provided as collateral for bank borrowings:

	March 31,	December 31,	March 31,
	2024	2023	2023
Inventories	\$ 453,565	\$ 494,657	\$ 291,740
Trade receivables	174,575	82,009	307,742
Property, plant and equipment	<u>16,245</u>	32,448	9,129
	<u>\$ 644,385</u>	<u>\$ 609,114</u>	<u>\$ 608,611</u>

28. SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND UNRECOGNIZED COMMITMENTS

In addition to those disclosed in other notes, significant commitments and contingencies of the Group as of March 31, 2024, December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023 were as follows:

- a. As of March 31, 2024, December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, unused letters of credit for purchases of raw materials amounted to approximately \$557,627 thousand, \$424,515 thousand and \$285,445 thousand, respectively.
- b. Unrecognized commitments were as follows:

	March 31,		December 31,		March 31,	
	2024		2023		2023	
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	<u>\$</u>	720	<u>\$</u>	6,033	<u>\$</u>	8,600

c. Product liability insurance

The Corporation purchased product liability insurance over the products manufactured by the Corporation and its subsidiaries. The insured amount of the sales in USA and Canada is USD4,000 thousand and it covers accidents happening after September 18, 2000. The maximum indemnity claims for the single original cause of a liability is USD3,000 thousand. The insured amount for sales, other than those within the USA and Canada, is USD1,000 thousand, and covers accidents happening after January 7, 1999. The maximum indemnity claims for the single original cause of a liability is USD1,000 thousand.

29. SIGNIFICANT LOSSES FROM DISASTERS

No such incident.

30. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

No such incident.

31. SIGNIFICANT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES

The group entities' significant financial assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies aggregated by the foreign currencies other than functional currencies and the related exchange rates between foreign currencies and respective functional currencies were as follows:

	1	March 31, 2024			December 31, 2023		
	Foreign Currency	Exchange Rate	Carrying Amount	Foreign Currency	Exchange Rate	Carrying Amount	
Financial assets							
Monetary items USD JPY	\$ 160,130 1,173,620	32.000 0.2115	\$ 5,124,160 248,221	\$ 127,930 659,067	30.705 0.2172	\$ 3,928,091 143,149	

(Continued)

	March 31, 2024		December 31, 2023			
	Foreign Currency	Exchange Rate	Carrying Amount	Foreign Currency	Exchange Rate	Carrying Amount
<u>Non-monetary items</u> Investments accounted for using the equity method USD EUR	\$ 605,326 7,267	32.000 34.46	\$ 19,370,432 250,421	\$ 607,930 7,185	30.705 33.98	\$ 18,666,491 244,146
	1,207	54.40	250,421	7,105	55.70	211,110
Financial liabilities						
Monetary items USD JPY	20,430 1,627,247	32.000 0.2115	653,760 344,163	20,089 1,602,346	30.705 0.2172	616,833 348,030 (Concluded)
		March 31, 2023				
	Foreign Currency	Exchange Rate	Carrying Amount			
Financial assets						
Monetary items USD JPY	\$ 288,608 322,467	30.450 0.2288	\$ 8,788,114 73,780			
<u>Non-monetary items</u> Investments accounted for using the equity method						
USD	625,983	30.450	19,061,182			
EUR	6,808	33.15	225,685			
Financial liabilities						
Monetary items		00 / - 0				
USD JPY	60,731 3,955,627	30.450 0.2288	1,849,259 905,047			
v. 1	5,755,621	0.2200	202,047			

The Group is mainly exposed to the USD. The following information was aggregated by functional currencies of group entities, and the exchange rates between respective functional currencies and the presentation currency are disclosed. The significant (realized and unrealized) foreign exchange gains (losses) were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31						
	2024		2023				
Foreign Currency	Exchange Rate	Net Foreign Exchange Gains (Losses)	Exchange Rate	Net Foreign Exchange Gains (Losses)			
NTD RMB EUR	1(NTD:NTD) 4.366(RMB:NTD) 34.16(EUR:NTD)	\$ 176,232 (3,613) <u>8,729</u>	1(NTD:NTD) 4.441(RMB:NTD) 32.62(EUR:NTD)	\$ (141,328) (2,802) <u>34,507</u>			
		<u>\$ 181,348</u>		<u>\$ (109,623</u>)			

32. SEPARATELY DISCLOSED ITEMS

- a. Information about significant transactions and investees:
 - 1) Financing provided to others. (Table1)
 - 2) Endorsements/guarantees provided. (Table 2)
 - 3) Marketable securities held (excluding investments in subsidiaries and associates). (Table 3)
 - 4) Marketable securities acquired or disposed of at costs or prices of at least NT\$300 million or 20% of the paid-in capital. (None)
 - 5) Acquisition of individual real estate at costs of at least NT\$300 million or 20% of the paid-in capital. (None)
 - 6) Disposal of individual real estate at prices of at least NT\$300 million or 20% of the paid-in capital. (None)
 - 7) Total purchases from or sales to related parties amounting to at least NT\$100 million or 20% of the paid-in capital. (Table 4)
 - 8) Receivables from related parties amounting to at least NT\$100 million or 20% of the paid-in capital. (Table 5)
 - 9) Trading in derivative instruments.

The Corporation has no outstanding forward contracts as of March 31, 2024 and 2023.

- 10) Intercompany relationships and significant intercompany transactions. (Table 6)
- 11) Information on investees. (Table 7)
- b. Information on investments in mainland China:
 - 1) Information on any investee company in mainland China, showing the name, principal business activities, paid-in capital, method of investment, inward and outward remittance of funds, ownership percentage, net income of investees, investment income or loss, carrying amount of the investment at the end of the period, repatriations of investment income, and limit on the amount of investment in the mainland China area. (Table 8)
 - 2) Any of the following significant transactions with investee companies in mainland China, either directly or indirectly through a third party, and their prices, payment terms, and unrealized gains or losses:
 - a) The amount and percentage of purchases and the balance and percentage of the related payables at the end of the period. (Table 4)
 - b) The amount and percentage of sales and the balance and percentage of the related receivables at the end of the period. (Table 4)
 - c) The amount of property transactions and the amount of the resultant gains or losses. (None)
 - d) The balance of negotiable instrument endorsements, guarantees or pledges of collateral at the end of the year and their purposes. (Table 2)

- e) The highest balance, the end of year balance, the interest rate range, and total current period interest with respect to financing of funds. (Table 1)
- f) Other transactions that have a material effect on the profit or loss for the period or on the financial position, such as the rendering or receipt of services. (None)
- c. Information of major shareholders:

List of all shareholders with ownership of 5% or greater showing the names and the number of shares and percentage of ownership held by each shareholder. (Table 9)

33. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Information reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on the location of operations. The Group focuses on the manufacture and sale of bicycles and bicycle components. The Group's reportable segments are determined by products manufactured and the location of sales as follows:

- 1. Domestic operations products manufactured and sold in Taiwan
- 2. Asia operations products manufactured and sold in China, Hong Kong and Japan
- 3. Europe operations products sold in Europe

		For the Three	Months Ended	March 31, 2024	
	Domestic Operations	Asia Operations	Europe Operations	Reconciliation and Elimination	Total
<u>Revenue</u>					
Revenue from external customers Inter-segment revenue Interest income Share of profit (loss) of	\$ 2,636,099 839,944 13,656	\$ 1,866,278 135,535 11,395	\$ 1,343,118 22,517 1,689	\$ - (997,996) (7,291)	\$ 5,845,495 - 19,449
associates accounted for using the equity method	123,821	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	(200,010)	(76,189)
Total revenue	<u>\$ 3,613,520</u>	<u>\$ 2,013,208</u>	<u>\$ 1,367,324</u>	<u>\$ (1,205,297</u>)	<u>\$ 5,788,755</u>
Interest expense Depreciation and amortization Income tax expense Segment profit and loss	\$ 18,969 29,354 102,296 415,769	\$ 9,226 26,098 62,336 208,475	\$ 31,106 18,775 12,162 8,500	\$ (5,664) - (200,010)	\$ 53,637 74,227 176,794 432,734
Assets					
Investments accounted for using the equity method Segment assets Segment liabilities	23,354,252 33,991,128 12,215,281	5,800,701 2,706,405	6,633,434 4,470,260	(3,654,602) (6,656,593) (2,480,256)	19,699,650 39,768,670 16,911,690

		For the Three	Months Ended N	Iarch 31, 2023	
	Domestic Operations	Asia Operations	Europe Operations	Reconciliation and Elimination	Total
Revenue					
Revenue from external customers Inter-segment revenue Interest income Share of profit of associates accounted for using the	\$ 5,856,562 1,083,435 10,876	\$ 1,114,648 549,466 3,631	\$ 1,415,371 (1,079) 1,772	\$ (1,631,822) (5,040)	\$ 8,386,581 - 11,239
equity method	193,242			(176,103)	17,139
Total revenue	<u>\$ 7,144,115</u>	<u>\$ 1,667,745</u>	<u>\$ 1,416,064</u>	<u>\$ (1,812,965</u>)	<u>\$ 8,414,959</u>
Interest expense Depreciation and amortization Income tax expense Segment profit and loss	\$ 20,642 31,023 140,428 565,182	\$ 6,717 28,932 34,180 101,926	\$ 23,277 22,930 41,952 136,515	\$ (4,241) - (176,103)	\$ 46,395 82,885 216,560 627,520
Assets					
Investments accounted for using the equity method Non-current assets	22,401,372	-	-	(3,433,962)	18,967,410
Segment assets Segment liabilities	38,465,653 17,424,685	4,796,788 2,074,984	5,538,623 3,526,454	(5,940,346) (2,189,399)	42,860,718 20,836,724

FINANCING PROVIDED TO OTHERS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024 (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars and Foreign Currencies)

No.	Lender	Borrower (Note 4)	Financial Statement Account	Related Party	Highest Balance for the Period	Ending Balance	Actual Amount Borrowed	Interest Rate (%)	Nature of Financing	Business Transaction Amounts Reasons for Short-term Financing	Allowance for Impairment Loss		ollateral Value	Financing Limit for Each Borrower	Aggregate Financing Limit
1	The Corporation	Merida Benelux	Other receivables from related parties	Yes	\$ 76,462	\$ 76,462	\$ 72,757	5-6.3	For short-term financing needs	\$ - Operating capital	\$-	-	\$ -	\$ 8,710,339 (Note 1)	
2	Merida Shandong	Merida Jiangsu	Other receivables from related parties	Yes	RMB 80,000	RMB 80,000	RMB 30,000	2.33	For short-term financing needs	- Operating capital	-	-	-	RMB 158,670 (Note 3)	RMB 158,670 (Note 3)

Note 1: 40% of the net assets of the Group in their latest financial statements.

Note 2: 50% of the net assets of the Group in their latest financial statements.

Note 3: 40% of the net assets of Merida Shandong in their latest financial statements.

Note 4: Significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

ENDORSEMENTS/GUARANTEES PROVIDED FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024 (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars and Foreign Currencies)

		Endorsee/Gua	aranteed Party						Ratio of				
No.	Endorser/Guarantor	Name	Relationship	Limits on Endorsement/ Guarantee Given on Behalf of Each Party (Note 1)	Maximum Amount Endorsed/ Guaranteed During the Period	Outstanding Endorsement/ Guarantee at the End of the Period	Actual Borrowing Amount	Amount Endorsed/ Guaranteed by Collateral	Accumulated Endorsement/ Guarantee to Net Equity in Latest Financial Statements (%)	Aggregate Endorsement/ Guarantee Limit (Note 2)	Endorsement/ Guarantee Given by Parent on Behalf of Subsidiaries	Endorsement/ Guarantee Given by Subsidiaries on Behalf of Parent	Endorsement/ Guarantee Given on Behalf of Companies in Mainland China
0	The Corporation	Merida U.K.	Subsidiary	\$ 6,532,754	EUR 500 GBP 6,000	EUR 500 GBP 6,000	GBP 5,934	\$-	1.19	\$ 10,887,924	Yes	-	-
		Merida & Centurion	Subsidiary	6,532,754	EUR 24,600	EUR 24,600	EUR 22,850	-	3.89	10,887,924	Yes	-	-
		Merida Norge	Subsidiary	6,532,754	USD 1,000	USD 1,000	USD 1,000	-	0.15	10,887,924	Yes	-	-
		Merida Jiangsu	Third-tier subsidiary	6,532,754	RMB280,000	RMB280,000	RMB151,060	-	5.67	10,887,924	Yes	-	Yes
		Merida China	Third-tier subsidiary	6,532,754	RMB100,000	RMB100,000	RMB 10,000	-	2.02	10,887,924	Yes	-	Yes

Note 1: 30% of the net assets of the Corporation in their previous year's financial statements.

Note 2: 50% of the net assets of the Corporation in their previous year's financial statements.

MARKETABLE SECURITIES HELD MARCH 31, 2024 (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars)

				March 31, 2024								
Holding Company Name	Type and Name of Marketable Securities	Relationship with the Holding Company	Financial Statement Account	Number of Shares (In Thousands)	Carrying Amount	Percentage of Ownership (%)	Fair Value (Note 2)					
The Corporation	<u>Mutual funds</u> Yuanta Wan Tai Money Market Fund	-	Financial assets at FVTPL - current	6,417	\$ 100,129	-	\$ 100,129					
	<u>Share capital</u> Leechi Enterprises Co., Ltd. Cheng Shin Merida Benelux (Note 1) SR Suntour Inc. Taifong Golf Course Long Jee Holdings Pte. Ltd.	The Corporation's chairman is their director - - -	Financial assets at FVTPL - current Financial assets at FVTPL - current Financial assets at FVTOCI - non-current Financial assets at FVTOCI - non-current Financial assets at FVTOCI - non-current Financial assets at FVTOCI - non-current	113 1,146 2,749 110 30 330	1,821 57,291 89,220 3,000 400		1,821 57,291 89,220 3,000 400					

Note 1: The preference shares investments have been eliminated.

Note 2: Refer to Note 25 for information on the fair values.

TOTAL PURCHASES FROM OR SALES TO RELATED PARTIES AMOUNTING TO AT LEAST NT\$100 MILLION OR 20% OF THE PAID-IN CAPITAL FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024 (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars and Foreign Currencies)

Company Name	Related Party (Note)	Relationship		Transacti	on Details		Abnorma	l Transaction	Notes/Trade (Paya	Note	
	(INOLE)	_	Purchases/Sales	Amount	% of Total	Payment Terms	Unit Price	Payment Terms	Ending Balance	% of Total	
The Corporation	SBC Group Merida & Centurion	Associate Subsidiary	Sales Sales	\$ (2,070,638) (270,410)	· ,	O/A 60 days T/T 14 days or O/A	\$	-	\$ 1,379,406 954,185	32 22	
	Merida Jiangsu	Third-tier subsidiary	Sales	(158,344)	(5)	150 days O/A 90 days	-	-	121,437	3	
	Merida Norge SAIL & SURF	Subsidiary	Sales	(141,529)		T/T 14 days or O/A 120 days	-	-	196,571	5	
	SAIL & SURF	Associate	Sales	(126,259)	(4)	T/T 14 days or O/A 180 days	-	-	176,689	4	
Merida Jiangsu	Merida Shandong	Associate	Sales	RMB (115,707)	(78)	T/T 90 days	-	-	RMB 24,427	88	

Note: Significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

RECEIVABLES FROM RELATED PARTIES AMOUNTING TO AT LEAST NT\$100 MILLION OR 20% OF THE PAID-IN CAPITAL

MARCH 31, 2024

(In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars and Foreign Currencies)

	Related Party					0	verdue	Amounts Received	Allowance for
Company Name	(Note)	Relationship	Financial Statement Account	Ending Balance	Surnover Rate	Amount	Actions Taken	in Subsequent Period	Impairment Loss
The Corporation	SBC Group	Associate	Trade receivables from related parties	\$ 1,379,406	6.68	\$ 51,871	Enhanced collection	\$ 731,758	\$ -
			Other receivables from related parties	2,581	-	-	-	1,752	-
	Merida & Centurion	Subsidiary	Trade receivables from related parties	954,185	1.32	-	_	197,775	_
			Other receivables from related parties	12,580	-	-	-	2,695	-
	Merida Polska	Subsidiary	Trade receivables from related parties	374,880	0.24	222,767	Enhanced collection	59,415	-
	Merida Benelux	Subsidiary	Trade receivables from related parties	201,417	1.56	-	_	28,726	_
			Other receivables from related parties	76,785	-	-	-	575	-
	Merida Norge	Subsidiary	Trade receivables from related parties	196,571	3.40	-	_	52,022	-
			Other receivables from related parties	2,595	-	-	-	687	-
	SAIL & SURF	Associate	Trade receivables from related parties	176,689	3.60	-	-	33,094	888
			Other receivables from related parties	39	-	-	-	39	-
	Merida Italy	Associate	Trade receivables from related parties	175,667	1.12	-	-	14,680	883
	Merida Japan	Subsidiary	Trade receivables from related parties	128,218	2.24	36,179	Enhanced collection	23,646	_
			Other receivables from related parties	346	-	-	-	64	-
	Merida Jiangsu	Third-tier subsidiary	Trade receivables from related parties	121,437	4.20	33,778	Enhanced collection	93,120	-
			Other receivables from related parties	18,504	-	-	-	13,966	-
	Merida U.K.	Subsidiary	Trade receivables from related parties	113,806	3.04	-	-	18,649	-
	Merida Korea	Associate	Trade receivables from related parties	107,464	3.16	31,662	Enhanced collection	31,680	1,367
Merida Shandong	Merida Jiangsu	Associate	Other receivables from related parties	RMB 30,021	-	-	-	-	-
Merida Jiangsu	Merida Shandong	Associate	Trade receivables from related parties	RMB 24,427	18.40	-	-	RMB 24,104	-

Note: Significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

INTERCOMPANY RELATIONSHIPS AND SIGNIFICANT INTERCOMPANY TRANSACTIONS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024 (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars and Foreign Currencies)

						Tra	ansaction Details	
No.	Investee Company	Counterparty	Relationship (Note 1)	Financial Statement Account		ount ote 2)	Payment Terms	% of Total Sales or Assets
0	The Corporation	Merida & Centurion	1	Sales	\$	270,410	T/T 14 days or O/A 150 days	5
		Merida Jiangsu	1	Sales		158,344	O/A 90 days	3
		Merida Norge	1	Sales		141,529	T/T 14 or O/A 120 days	2
1	Merida Jiangsu	Merida Shandong	2	Sales	RMB	115,707	T/T 90 days	9

Note 1: Flow of transactions numbered as follows: (1) From parent company to subsidiary; (2) From subsidiary to subsidiary.

Note 2: This transaction has been eliminated.

INFORMATION ON INVESTEES FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024 (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars and Foreign Currencies)

				Orig	inal Inves	tment A	Amount	Aso	of March 31,	2024		Not T	ncome		
Investor Company	Investee Company (Note 2)	Location	Main Businesses and Products		rch 31, 2024		mber 31, 2023	Number of Shares (In Thousands)	%	Carry Amou	-	(Loss) of the Investee		Share of Profit (Loss)	Note
The Corporation	Share capital														
	SBC	California, United States of America	Design, development, manufacture and sale of bicycles	\$	887,013	\$	887,013	3,410	35	\$ 19,40	5,456	USD	(6,983)	\$ (77,709)	
	Merida B.V.I.	British Virgin Islands	International investment	1	,362,597	1	,362,597	42,500	100	2,86	8,417	USD	6,805	214,008	Subsidiary
	Merida & Centurion	Stuttgart, Germany	Sale of bicycles		103,725		103,725	-	51	54	7,324	EUR	908	15,820	Subsidiary
	Merida Polska	Gliwice, Poland	Sale of bicycles and bicycle components		113,170		113,170	-	74	8	5,109	PLN	(1,834)	(10,668)	Subsidiary
	Merida Norge	Lysaker, Norway	Sale of bicycles		151,459		151,459	198	75	6	5,671	NOK	(603)	(1,348)	Subsidiary
	SAIL & SURF	Strobl, Austria	Sale of bicycles		116,195		116,195	-	40		9,849	EUR	55	756	
	Merida Czech	Brno, Czech Republic	Sale of bicycles		21,042		21,042	-	45		7,597	CZK	(6,255)	(3,822)	
	Merida Bikes SWE	Madrid, Spain	Sale of bicycles		18,646		18,646	1	36		3,334	EUR	71	878	
	Merida Slovakia	Partizanska, Slovakia	Sale of bicycles		40		40	-	30	23	3,402	EUR	34	344	
	Merida Japan	Kanagawa, Japan	Sale of bicycles		118,875		118,875	2	90		5,533		(66,673)		Subsidiary
	Merida Italy	Reggio Emilia, Italy	Sale of bicycles		19,011		19,011	559	27		4,301	EUR	91	844	
	Merida Benelux	Beekbergen, Netherlands	Sale of bicycles		65,400		65,400	766	60		5,754)	EUR	(8)		Subsidiary
	Merida U.K.	Nottingham, United Kingdom	Sale of bicycles		40,309		40,309	482	81),548	GBP	(152)		Subsidiary
	Merida Korea	Seoul, Republic of Korea	Sale of bicycles		10,598		10,598	77	40	1:	5,711	KRW	263,650	2,520	
Merida B.V.I.	Share capital	Hene Vere	Internetional incontract and the de	LICD	27.097		27.097	202 800	100	LICD 7	5.052		49 220	(Nata 1)	Te dine etter error e d
	Merida Hong Kong	Hong Kong	International investment and trade	USD	27,087		27,087	202,800	100	USD 7:	5,053		48,239	(Note 1)	Indirectly owned subsidiary
	Merida SAMOA	Samoa	International investment	USD	24,500	USD	24,500	24,500	70	USD 12	2,780	USD	912	(Note 1)	Indirectly owned subsidiary
Merida Norge	Share capital														
	Sverige	Gothenburg, Sweden	Sale of bicycles	NOK	814	NOK	814	-	100	NOK :	5,591	SEK	(80)	(Note 1)	Indirectly owned subsidiary
Merida & Centurion	Share capital														
	Merida Europe GmbH	Stuttgart, Germany	Brand promotion and cycling team	EUR	25	EUR	25	-	100	EUR	1,754	EUR	-	(Note 1)	Indirectly owned
	Merida R&D Center GmbH	Stutteent Commence	management	EUR	25	EUR	25		100	EUR	452	EUR		(Nata 1)	subsidiary
	Menda R&D Center GmbH	Stuttgart, Germany	Design and development of bicycles	EUK	25	EUK	25	-	100	EUR	452	EUK	-	(Note 1)	Indirectly owned subsidiary
Merida Japan	Share capital														
	Miyata	Kanagawa, Japan	Sale of bicycles	JPY	62,371	JPY	62,371	-	100	JPY (9	9,117)	JPY	(34,370)	(Note 1)	Indirectly owned subsidiary

Note 1: Not applicable.

Note 2: Significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

INFORMATION ON INVESTMENTS IN MAINLAND CHINA FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024 (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars and Foreign Currencies)

Investee Company	Main Businesses and Products	Paid-in Capital	Method of Investment	Ou Remit Investr Taiw	mulated itward itance for nent from 7an as of ry 1, 2024	Remittand Outward	ce of Funds Inward	Ou Remit Invest Taiv	imulated itward ttance for ment from van as of h 31, 2024	Net Income (Loss) of the Investee	% Ownership of Direct or Indirect Investment	Investment Gain (Loss) (Note 1)	Carrying Amount as of March 31, 2024 (Note 1)	Accumulated Repatriation of Investment Income as of March 31, 2024
Merida China	Manufacture and sale of bicycles	\$ 392,960 (USD 12,280)	The investment was made through a corporation established in a third country, which, in turn, invested in companies located in mainland China	\$ (USD	354,784 11,087)	\$-	\$ -	\$ (USD	354,784 11,087)	\$ (1,917)	100	\$ (1,917)	\$ 357,624	\$ 2,002,144 (USD 62,567)
Merida Shandong	Manufacture and sale of e-bikes and bicycles	512,000 (USD 16,000)	The investment was made through a corporation established in a third country, which, in turn, invested in companies located in mainland China	(USD	512,000 16,000)	-	-	(USD	512,000 16,000)	195,706	100	195,706	1,748,774	1,036,640 (USD 32,395)
Merida Jiangsu	Manufacture and sale of e-bikes and bicycles	1,120,000 (USD 35,000)	The investment was made through a corporation established in a third country, which, in turn, invested in companies located in mainland China	(USD	528,000 16,500)	_	_	(USD	528,000 16,500)	28,269	70	19,788	374,554	-

Accumulated Outward Remittance for Investments in Mainland China as of MARCH 31, 2024	stments in Mainland China as of MARCH 31, 2024Investment Amounts Authorized by the Investment Commission, MOEA\$ 1,394,784\$ 1,462,880		
\$ 1,394,784 (USD 43,587)	\$ 1,462,880 (USD 45,715) (Note 2)	\$ 13,714,188 (Note 3)	

Note 1: The investment gain and carrying amount as of March 31, 2024 are recognized according to the financial statements reviewed by the Corporation's independent auditors.

Note 2: The amount includes the upper limit of the investment amount for Merida China of USD13,215 thousand, USD 16,000 thousand for Merida Shandong and USD16,500 thousand for Merida Jiangsu.

Note 3: Amounts are based on the upper limit of the investment amount regulated by the "Regulation for Screening of Application to Engage in Technical Cooperation in Mainland China".

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INFORMATION OF MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS MARCH 31, 2024

	Sh	ares
Name of Major Shareholder	Number of Shares	Percentage of Ownership (%)
Michael S.T. Tseng Cathay Life Insurance Company, Ltd.	48,664,715 20,820,414	16.27 6.96

Note: The information of major shareholders presented in this table is provided by the Taiwan Depository & Clearing Corporation based on the number of ordinary shares and preferred shares held by shareholders with ownership of 5% or greater, that have been issued without physical registration (including treasury shares) by the Corporation as of the last business day for the current quarter. The share capital in the consolidated financial statements may differ from the actual number of shares that have been issued without physical registration because of different preparation basis.