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ABOUT THIS REPORT

Da Ming International Holdings Limited (the “Company”), together with its subsidiaries (the “Group” or “Da Ming Group”), is pleased to present this Environmental, Social and Governance Report (the “Report”) to provide an overview of the Group’s management of significant issues affecting the operation, including environmental, social and governance issues. This Report is prepared by the Group with the professional assistance of APAC Compliance Consultancy and Internal Control Services Limited.

PREPARATION BASIS AND SCOPE

This Report is prepared in accordance with Appendix C2 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) (the “Listing Rules”) – “Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide” and has complied with “comply or explain” provision in the Listing Rules.

This Report summarises the performance of the Group in respect of corporate social responsibility, covering the stainless steel and carbon steel processing business of the Group in the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) and Hong Kong. With the aim to optimise and improve the disclosure requirements in the Report, the Group has taken initiative to formulate policies, record relevant data as well as implement and monitor measures. This Report shall be published both in Chinese and English on the website of Stock Exchange. Should there be any discrepancy between the Chinese and the English versions, the English version shall prevail.

REPORTING PERIOD

This Report demonstrates our sustainability initiatives during the reporting period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

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INTRODUCTION

Throughout years of rapid development, the Group has become a comprehensive steel fabrication enterprise well known in China, specialising in processing, sales and technical service services of stainless steel and carbon steel. The Group has a network of ten processing centres in the PRC and several branch offices in Hong Kong and the PRC.

Since 2010, the Group has been officially listed on the Main Board of Hong Kong Stock Exchange and was the first enterprise listed in Hong Kong among stainless steel processing and manufacturing industry in China. The business of the Group has expanded to a variety of industries, including petrochemical, new energy, bio-pharmaceutical, electronic communications, special ship, rail transit and aerospace industry. The Group believes our processing capability, inventory management and just-in-time delivery has made us an important steel processor to our customers.

The Group acknowledges the significance of effective sustainability practices to achieve business excellence and enhance capabilities for long-term competitiveness. The Group is committed to maintaining its operation in a responsible and value-optimising manner for stakeholders and community by incorporating environmental, social and governance considerations into its operation. The Group has established and implemented various policies to manage and monitor the risks related to the environment, employment, operating practices and community. Details of the management approaches to sustainable development of different areas are illustrated in this Report.

STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT

The Group understands the success of the Group's business depends on the support from its key stakeholders, who (a) have invested or will invest in the Group; (b) have the ability to influence the outcomes within the Group; and (c) are interested in or affected by or have the potential to be affected by the impact of the Group's activities, products, services and relationships. It allows the Group to understand risks and opportunities. The Group will continue to ensure effective communication and maintain good relationship with each of its key stakeholders.

Stakeholders are prioritised from time to time in view of the Group's roles and duties, strategic plan and business initiatives. The Group engages with its stakeholders to develop mutually beneficial relationships and to seek their views on its business proposals and initiatives as well as to promote sustainability in the marketplace, workplace, community and environment.

The Group acknowledges the importance of intelligence gained from the stakeholders' insights, inquiries and continuous interest in the Group's business activities. The Group has identified key stakeholders that are important to our business and established various channels for communication. The following table provides an overview of the Group's key stakeholders, and various platforms and methods of communication are used to reach, listen and respond.



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Stakeholders	Expectations	Engagement channels
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Compliance with the law and regulations – Promote regional economic development and employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – On-site inspections and checks – Research and discussion through work conferences, work reports preparation and submission for approval – Annual reports – Website
Shareholders and Investors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Low risk – Return on the investment – Information disclosure and transparency – Protection of interests and fair treatment of shareholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Annual general meeting and other shareholder meetings – Annual reports, interim reports, circulars and announcements – Newsletter – Meeting with investors and analysts
Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Safeguard the rights and interests of employees – Working environment – Career development opportunities – Self-actualization – Health and safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Conference – Training, seminars, briefing sessions – Cultural and sport activities – Newsletters – Intranet and emails
Customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Safe and high-quality products – Stable relationship – Information transparency – Integrity – Business ethics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Website, brochures, annual reports – Email and customer service hotline – Feedback forms – Regular meetings
Suppliers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Long-term partnership – Honest cooperation – Fair, open – Information resources sharing – Risk reduction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Business meetings, supplier conferences, phone calls, interviews – Regular meetings – Review and assessment – Tendering process



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Stakeholders	Expectations	Engagement channels
Peer and Industry Associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Experience sharing – Cooperation – Fair competition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Industry conference – Site visits
Financial Institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Compliance with the laws and regulations – Disclosure information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Consulting – Information disclosure – Reports
Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Transparent information – Communication with media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Website – Interviews – Media conference – Media gathering
Public and Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Community involvement – Social responsibilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Volunteering – Charity and social investment – Annual reports



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Through general communication with stakeholders, the Group understands the expectations and concerns from stakeholders. The feedbacks obtained allow the Group to make more informed decisions, and to better assess and manage the resulting impact.

The Group has adopted the principle of materiality in the ESG reporting by understanding the key ESG issues that are important to the business of the Group. All the key ESG issues and key performance indicators (KPIs) are reported in the Report according to recommendations of the ESG Reporting Guide (Appendix C2 of the Listing Rules) and the GRI Guidelines.

The Group has evaluated the materiality and importance in ESG aspects through the following steps:

Step 1: Identification – Industry Benchmarking

- Relevant ESG areas were identified through the review of relevant ESG reports of the local and international industry peers.
- The materiality of each ESG areas was determined based on the important of each ESG area to the Group through internal discussion of the management and the recommendation of ESG Reporting Guide (Appendix C2 of the Listing Rules).

Step 2: Prioritization – Stakeholder Engagement

- The Group discussed with key stakeholders on key ESG areas identified above to ensure all the key aspects were covered.

Step 3: Validation – Determining Material Issues

- Based on the discussion with key stakeholders and internal discussion among the management, the Group's management ensured that all the key and material ESG areas, which were important to the business development, were reported and in compliance with ESG Reporting Guide.

As a result of this process carried out in 2024, those important ESG areas to the Group were discussed in this Report.



ESG GOVERNANCE

Board's oversight of ESG issues

Board's overall vision and strategy in managing ESG issues

The board of directors ("Board") has a primary role in overseeing the management of the Group's sustainability issues. During the year, the Board and the ESG working group spent significant time in evaluating the impact of ESG-related risks on our operation and formulating relevant policy in dealing with the risks. The oversight of the Board is to ensure the management to have all the right tools and resources to oversee the ESG issues in the context of strategy and long-term value creation.

ESG working group

To demonstrate our commitment to transparency and accountability, our Group has established an ESG working group. We highly value the opinions of each stakeholder and treat them as the cornerstone for the development of the Group. During the reporting period, the ESG working group consisted of designated staff from various departments of the Group.

The ESG working group is primarily responsible for reviewing and supervising the ESG process, risk management of the Group, and reporting ESG issues to the Board. Different ESG issues are reviewed by the ESG working group annually. During the reporting period, the ESG working group and the management reviewed the ESG governance and different ESG issues.

Board's ESG management approach and strategy for material ESG-related issues

In order to better understand the opinions and expectations of different stakeholders on our ESG issues, materiality assessment is conducted each year. We ensure various platforms and channels of communication are used to reach, listen and respond to our key stakeholders. Through general communication with stakeholders, the Group understands the expectations and concerns from stakeholders. The feedbacks obtained allow the Group to make more informed decisions, and to better assess and manage the resulting impact.

The Group has evaluated the materiality and importance in ESG aspects through the steps: (1) material ESG area identification by industry benchmarking; (2) key ESG area prioritization with stakeholder engagement; and (3) validation and determining material ESG issues based on results of communication among stakeholders and the management.

Hence, this can enhance understanding of their degree and change of attention to each significant ESG issue, and can enable us to more comprehensively plan our sustainable development work in the future. Those important and material ESG areas identified during our material assessment were discussed in this Report.



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Board review progress against ESG-related goals and targets

The progress of target implementation and the performance of the goals and targets should be closely reviewed from time to time. Rectification may be needed if the progress falls short of expectation. Effective communication about the goals and target process with key stakeholders such as employees is essential, as this enables them to be engaged in the implementation process, and to feel they are part of the change that the Company aspires to achieve.

Setting strategic goals for the coming three to five years enables the Group to develop a realistic roadmap and focus on results in achieving the visions.

Setting targets requires the ESG working group to carefully examine the attainability of the targets which should be weighed against the Company's ambitions and goals. During the year, our Group set targets on an absolute basis.

A. ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT

The Group only provides processing services on stainless steel and carbon steel to customers, while we are not involved in the steel production. Besides, the design of existing facilities does not cause serious environmental problem. Hence, the Group is not categorised by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the PRC as a polluting enterprise. In spite of this, environmental protection remains one of the key focuses of the Group in fulfilling its social responsibilities. The Group is committed to minimising the environmental impacts while maintaining a high quality of services to our customers. To achieve the commitment, the Group has established relevant environmental policies and implemented various measures in accordance to the requirement of ISO 14001 Environmental Management System.

The Group fully complies with the Environmental Protection Law of the PRC, the Law of the PRC on the Prevention and Control of Atmospheric Pollution, the Law of the PRC on the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution and all other applicable environmental laws and regulations in the PRC. In order to ensure strict compliance with applicable environmental laws, regulations and standards, the Group has appointed a working group within the quality assurance department to oversee the environmental protection policy. During the reporting period, the Group was not aware of any non-compliance issue in relation to environmental law.



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A1. EMISSIONS

Air Pollutant Emission

The air pollutants emitted by the Group mainly come from fuel consumption and vehicles. It is important to implement emission control measures to reduce the environmental impacts and protect the health of employees. In order to ensure strict compliance with relevant laws and regulations and reduce the emission, the Group has established a policy of “Exhaust Gas Management Regulation” to regulate and monitor the emission from welding and solvent storage, vehicles and canteens.

To control the emission sources, the Group procures facilities that meet the emission standard and raw materials with low emission. Relevant personnel who handle machinery are required to strictly follow the Group’s work procedure during operation to avoid exhaust gas emission from inappropriate work procedure. The condition of machinery is checked and recorded regularly. In case there is any abnormal emission, maintenance will be conducted immediately.

To monitor the emission, the Group conducts annual assessment on the air pollutants in the production plants so as to ensure that the emission meets the level III standard as stated in the “integrated Emission Standard of Air Pollutant (GB16297-1996)”. The increase in air pollutant emission in 2024 was mainly due to the increase in the operating rate of heat treatment furnaces during the year. Furthermore, the Group strives to reduce air pollutant emission by 5% by 2025.

During the reporting period, the air pollutant emission was as follows:

Air Pollutant Emission			
Type of air pollutants	Unit	2024	2023
Nitrogen oxides (NO _x)	kg	52,900.54	41,763.91
Sulphur dioxide (SO ₂)	kg	776.35	669.87
Particulate matter (PM)	kg	1,479.74	1,652.99

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission

Greenhouse gas is considered as one of the major contributors to the climate change and global warming. As a steel processing enterprise, energy consumption accounts for a major part of the Group’s GHG emission. The Group has managed the carbon footprint by adopting energy saving strategies and initiatives based on our internal procedure. Policies and procedures adopted on energy saving are mentioned in the section “Use of Resources” of this Report. The increase in GHG emission in 2024 was mainly attributable to the increase in the operating rate of heat treatment furnaces during the year. Furthermore, the Group strives to reduce GHG emission by 5% by 2025.



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During the reporting period, the emission of greenhouse gas was as follows:

GHG Emission			
Type of GHG emission	Unit	2024	2023
Scope 1 ¹ Direct emission	tonnes of CO ₂ -e	10,555.37	8,443.11
Scope 2 ² Indirect emission	tonnes of CO ₂ -e	106,453.78	103,895.88
Total	tonnes of CO₂-e	117,009.14	112,338.99
GHG emission intensity	tonnes of CO ₂ -e/tonnes of production	0.021	0.018

Hazardous and Non-hazardous Wastes

The Group acknowledges the importance to handle the waste properly to minimise the impacts on the environment. The Group has established a policy of “Waste Handling Regulation” to manage waste collection, storage and disposal. There are specific collection processes, storage locations, disposal methods and responsible departments for production waste and domestic waste based on their types and sources of production. Recyclable waste, non-recyclable waste and hazardous waste are marked with different colour labels and symbols to clearly identify the waste for further processing. Recyclable waste such as paper, wood and plastic, are collected and sold to third parties for recycling. Non-recyclable waste such as used-up stationery and discarded tools, are collected by outsourced cleaning companies. For hazardous waste such as oil and batteries, they are handled and stored with due care and in accordance with relevant laws and regulations. The Group engages qualified recycling companies to perform waste treatment in order to ensure they are treated in appropriate ways and do not cause significant impact on the environment. The reduction in hazardous waste generation in 2024 was mainly due to the effective implementation of waste reduction measures this year. Besides, the reduction in non-hazardous waste generation in 2024 was mainly due to the reduction in stainless steel and carbon steel product processing during the reporting period. Furthermore, the Group strives to reduce both of the hazardous and non-hazardous wastes by 3% by 2025.

¹ Scope 1: Direct emission from sources that are owned or controlled by the Group.

² Scope 2: Indirect emissions from the generation of purchased electricity consumed by the Group.



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Apart from recycling, the Group endeavours to reduce the solid waste by implementing various waste reduction measures as follows:

- Communication by electronic means such as emails is promoted.
- Double-sided printing is encouraged.
- Reusable utensils are used instead of disposable ones.
- Employees are encouraged to reuse stationery, such as used envelopes.

During the reporting period, the hazardous and non-hazardous wastes generated by the Group were as follows:

Hazardous Waste and Non-Hazardous Waste			
Type of waste	Unit	2024	2023
Hazardous waste	tonnes	56.87	56.98
Hazardous waste intensity	tonnes/tonnes of production	0.000010	0.000009
Non-hazardous waste			
– Domestic waste	tonnes	193.71	197.54
Non-hazardous waste intensity	tonnes/tonnes of production	0.000035	0.000031



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Wastewater

The Group strives to effectively regulate the discharge of industrial and domestic sewage with the implementation of “Wastewater Management Regulation”. All discharged sewage meets the national and regional standards, including “Integrated Wastewater Discharge Standard (GB8878-1996)” and “Wastewater Quality Standards for Discharge to Municipal Sewers (CJ343-2010)”. The domestic sewage is discharged into the municipal sewer systems for collective treatment in sewage treatment plant. For other types of wastewater, measures are adopted to avoid mixing the domestic sewage and prevent the pollution to surrounding water bodies as follows:

- Prohibition of using domestic water taps in cleaning of oil tanks and chemical containers.
- Immediate cleaning of any lubricating oil and fuel oil spillage.
- Reduction of the pesticide usage during greening process.
- Prohibition of discharging residual pesticide to the sewer.

In addition, the Group conducts annual assessment on the sewage to ensure that the pollutant levels in the sewage meet the standard of domestic sewage discharge.

A2. USE OF RESOURCES

The major resources used by the Group are energy and water consumed in offices and during steel processing, and packaging materials for processed stainless steel products. The Group attaches great importance to reduce the resource consumption by implementing the “Energy and Resource Management Procedure” to manage the use of resources.

Energy Consumption

The major sources of energy consumption are the fuel consumed by vehicles and machineries, and electricity used in offices and operation lines. The Group manages the use of energy in accordance with the national and local requirements. In order to monitor and reduce the energy consumption, the Group has adopted a variety of measures in production plants and in the office. The increase in total energy consumption in 2024 was mainly attributable to the increase in the operating rate of heat treatment furnaces during the year. Furthermore, the Group strive to reduce energy consumption by 5% by 2025.



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In production plants,

- Frequent starting of production facilities, especially air compressor set, water cooling system and central air-conditioning, is avoided to reduce energy consumed from idling operation.
- Electricity meters are installed to monitor the energy usage and determine the effectiveness of energy saving measures.

In office,

- Lights and air-conditioners are switched off before leaving the office.
- Air-conditioning is maintained at an average temperature between 24 to 26 degrees Celsius.
- Energy saving light bulbs, such as compact fluorescent lamps, T5 fluorescent lamps and LED lightings are used.
- Electrical appliances with “Grade 1” energy labels are procured.

Case 1 5S Workplace Organization Methodology Program

5S Workplace Organization Methodology Program (“5S”) is a system to reduce waste and optimise productivity while maintaining an orderly workplace. During the year, Jiangsu Daming production team 1 has implemented a variety of environmental-friendly measures in accordance with 5S to eliminate unnecessary energy consumption, increase operation efficiency and reduce production cost. Equipment idle is a problem that consumes unnecessary energy and accelerates depreciation of machinery. The team has identified the problem of equipment idle and implemented improvement plans to reduce the energy consumption and machinery maintenance cost.



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During the reporting period, the energy consumption was as follows:

Energy Consumption			
Type of energy	Unit	2024	2023
Petrol	MWh	3,204.90	4,629.63
Diesel	MWh	4,670.67	5,094.03
LPG	MWh	63.78	124.25
Natural gas	MWh	39,466.39	27,516.26
Purchased electricity	MWh	134,421.65	125,698.52
Total	MWh	181,827.38	163,062.69
Energy consumption intensity	MWh/tonnes of production	0.033	0.026

Water Consumption

Water is another important resource used by the Group in daily operation. It is used mainly in canteens, offices and production lines for cleaning and machinery cooling. During the reporting period, the increase in water consumption was due to the aging and rupture of water pipes in the subsidiary's factory area and the renewal of water purification equipment in the internal canteen. Furthermore, the Group strive to reduce water consumption by 5% by 2025.

The Group strives to conserve water effectively by identifying water saving initiatives as follows:

- Water-saving fixtures are installed for lavatories.
- Water-saving labels have been posted on water taps to remind employees.
- Regular maintenance is conducted for water supply equipment to prevent water leakage.

During the reporting period, the water consumption was as follows:

Water Consumption			
Water consumption	Unit	2024	2023
Total water consumption	m ³	622,694.02	553,543.65
Water consumption Intensity	m ³ /tonnes of production	0.113	0.087



Packaging Material and Other Resources

The major packaging materials used by the Group are wood, metal, paper and plastic. They are used to protect the stainless-steel products in order to minimise the risk of damage during transportation. The decrease in packaging material consumption in 2024 was mainly due to the effective implementation of packing material saving policies during the year. Furthermore, the Group strive to packaging material consumption by 5% by 2025.

The packaging material consumption was as follows:

Packaging Material Consumption			
Type of packaging material	Unit	2024	2023
Wood	tonnes	1,148.29	1,584.59
Metal	tonnes	1,376.65	1,454.79
Paper	tonnes	1,049.13	1,039.40
Plastic	tonnes	297.85	253.30

A3. THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

According to the Environmental Protection Law of the PRC, where the construction of a project may cause any pollution to the environment, an environmental assessment must be performed. Environmental impact assessment is crucial for construction projects to identify potential environmental impacts and determine the prevention and remedial measures to be adopted. All the Group’s construction and extension projects comply with relevant environmental impact assessment procedures, undergo inspection and have been approved by the relevant environmental protection authorities. The discharge of all pollutants complies with the relevant national standards.

The Group has established “Environmental Factors Identification and Evaluation Management Policy” to identify and evaluate any significant impacts on environment in production, delivery, service and operational activities. The environmental impact is assessed based on the scale, severity, probability of occurrence and duration of the environmental impact, and relevant environmental laws and regulations. With the results from environmental impact assessment, the Group can better formulate targets, indicators and improvement plans to minimise the impacts on the environment.



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A4. CLIMATE CHANGE

Governance

Our Group addresses climate-related risks based on the nature of the risk to our operations. The physical impacts of climate change, including extreme weather events, or damage to facilities have immediate operational impacts and are treated as operational risks. Long-term challenges, such as emerging ESG issues and climate-related risks and opportunities, may be discussed by the Group's ESG working group. Our ESG working group provides effective governance for integrating and addressing ESG issues, including climate change, within our business.

Supported by our ESG working group, our Board oversees climate-related issues and risks regularly during board meetings and ensures that they are incorporated into our strategy.

To ensure our Board to keep up with the latest trend of climate-related issues, climate competence training will be provided to ensure it has the necessary expertise and skills to oversee the management of climate-related issues. Our Board also seeks professional advice from external experts when necessary to better support the decision-making process.

The ESG working group is responsible for approving operational emissions targets for the Group and commissioning an ESG benchmarking, as well as gap analysis exercise to identify gaps in both disclosure and policy relative to best practice standards. Moreover, the ESG working group works closely with the Group's different operation departments, with an aim to develop consistent and enhanced approaches on addressing ESG risk issues and report to the management.

Strategy

Climate change risk forms part of our overall risk profile through its role in increasing the frequency and intensity of certain diseases, and the health and mortality impacts resulting from natural disasters. We assess the overall level of risk by taking into consideration a range of diverse risk factors across the many categories in our product or services range.



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This diversity of risk is combined with our business strategy and broad geographic footprint helps us distribute risk and provide protection against the impacts of shortterm climate change effects. Our products and services continue to provide protection for people in our communities against weather and heat-related disease. Besides, we continue to explore opportunities to engage our business partners and encourage them to develop climate resilience and reduce their operational carbon footprint by taking into consideration of different climate-related scenarios, including a “2° C or lower scenario” through the following steps:

Step 1: Set Future Images Assuming Climate Change Effects

As climate change measures proceeds, there is a possibility that the industry will be exposed to substantial changes, such as stricter policies including the introduction of and increases in carbon pricing, as well as advances in technology and changes in customer awareness. In light of these climate change effects, based on the International Energy Agency (“IEA”) scenarios and others, we developed multiple future images as the external environment that will surround our Group.

With regard to the IEA scenarios, we put focus on the 2° C scenario (2DS) and pictured future images in case where climate change measures do not progress and where such measures progress further “Beyond 2° C scenario”.

Step 2: Consider the Impacts

We considered the impacts on our Group for each of the future images developed in Step 1. We believe that it will be possible to expedite carbon dioxide reduction effects in our society.

With regard to the effects on raw material procurement and production, introduction of and increases in carbon pricing is anticipated in accordance with the global advance of climate change measures, leading to the possibility of higher raw material procurement and production costs.

On the other hand, in the case where climate change measures are not adequate throughout society, production interruptions and supply chain disruptions are likely to increase as a result of higher frequency and intensification of natural disasters such as flooding.



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Step 3: Respond to the Strategies

Our Group will begin promoting the reduction of non-renewable energy in our daily operation. This strategy will allow for flexible and strategic responses to each demand for the regions where the emission factors of purchased electricity consumptions are high. By promoting real carbon emissions reductions throughout the world through these types of initiatives, we are working to achieve zero carbon emission in our business.

We minimize carbon emissions through comprehensive energy-saving and introduction of renewable energy. With respect to renewable energy in particular, we have set a new target, achieve a reduction rate for purchased electricity in coming few years.

With regard to the ongoing confirmation of the suitability and progress of the Group's strategies, we believe that we will have opportunities for stable funding and sustainable increase in corporate value through appropriate information disclosure, dialogue with institutional investors and other stakeholders.

Risk Management

Our Group identifies the climate change related risks or to test the existing risk management strategies under climate change with the aid of risk assessment. Hence, the areas where new strategies are needed can be identified.

The risk assessment takes a standard risk-based approach using national data, local information and expert knowledge, which can identify how climate change may compound existing risks or create new ones.

The risk assessment is conducted through the following steps:

Step 1: Establish the context

- Objective/goal
- Scale
- Time frame
- Climate change scenario for most climate variables and sea level

Step 2: Identify existing risk (past and current)

- Identify the record of occurrence of climatic hazard in the past in the area
- Risk management strategies in place to tackle future occurrence of the hazard



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Step 3: Identify future risk and opportunities

- Explore climate change projections for the selected time frame(s) and emission scenario(s)
- Identify potential hazards
- Investigate whether any existing risk from Step 2 may get worse under future projected changes
- Identify new risks that can emerge under future projected changes

Step 4: Analyze and evaluate risk

- Identify a set of decision areas or systems (i.e., geographical areas, business operation, assets, ecosystems, etc.) that has the potential to be at risk in future

As outlined within the Governance section above, the Group has robust risk management and business planning processes that are overseen by the board of directors in order to identify, assess and manage climate-related risks. The Group engages with government and other appropriate organizations in order to keep abreast of expected and potential regulatory and/or fiscal changes.

We continue to raise awareness of climate change in regard to monitoring of carbon and energy footprint in our daily operation. However, there remains gaps in understanding how such climate risks and opportunities may impact our operations, assets and profits. Our Group assesses how the business addresses climate change risks and opportunities and takes the initiative to monitor and reduce their environmental footprint.

Significant Climate-related Issues

During the reporting period, the significant climate-related physical risks and transition risks, which have impacted and/or may impact our Group's business and strategy in (i) operations, products and services, (ii) supply chain and value chain, (iii) adaptation and mitigation activities, (iv) investment in research and development, and (v) financial planning, as well as the steps taken to manage these risks, are as follows:



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Climate-related risks description	Financial Impact	Steps taken to manage the risks
Physical Risk		
<p>Acute physical risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased severity and frequency of extreme weather events such as cyclones and floods, strong wind. Hence, staff are easily injured. In addition, under the extreme weather events, the costs of transportation, communications and living increase, which may lead to financial loss. Increased likelihood and severity of wildfire, which may hinder the operations of factories. Financial loss occurs due to the interruption of supply chain, logistics and transportation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating cost and repairing expense increase Capital cost increases due to the damage of facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned to establish a natural disasters emergency plan. Planned to devise an action plan to articulate the goals and targets of the reductions in GHG emission and energy consumption. Outlined the plan to achieving those targets and defined responsibilities.
<p>Chronic physical risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes in precipitation patterns and extreme variability in weather patterns. Frequent extreme weather events and rising in sea levels are likely to pose disruptions to communities across the region over the long term, affecting economic output and business productivity. Governments that have been pushing for new regulation to reduce GHG emission will pose a threat to financial performance of a business and increase regulatory risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revenue reduces Operating cost increases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned improvements, retrofits, relocations, or other changes to facilities that may reduce their vulnerability to climate impacts, and increases climate resilience in long term. Record the energy consumption to identify peaks in usage, thus significant savings could be determined. Engaged with local or national governments and local stakeholders on local resilience.



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Climate-related risks description	Financial Impact	Steps taken to manage the risks
Transitional Risk		
<p>Policy risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of energy efficiency requirements, carbon-pricing mechanisms increase the price of fossil fuels, or policies to encourage sustainable land use, hindering the area of expansion, which increase the operation cost. Mandates on and regulation of existing products and services as of the tightened environmental and safety laws and standards of oil. We have to spend much compliance cost to update or maintain the equipment to fulfil the new regulations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating cost increases due to increased insurance premiums for the factories. Risk of trade increases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned to conduct a carbon footprint survey, in order to work out the company's footprint, to prioritize energy and waste reductions. Monitor the updates of the relevant environmental laws and regulations against existing products and services, to avoid the unnecessary increase in cost and expenditure due to non-compliance.
<p>Legal risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exposure to litigation risk. We have to adapt the tightened law and regulations imposed by the government due to climate change, as well as bear the risk of potential litigation once we fail to obligate the new regulations. Enhanced air pollutant emissions-reporting obligations for local government, and we may have to spend more time on fulfilling the ESG reporting standards to comply with the updated Hong Kong Listing Rules. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating cost increases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitored the updates of environmental laws and regulations and implemented GHG emissions calculations in advance. Continued monitoring of the ESG reporting standards of the Hong Kong Listing Rules.



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Climate-related risks description	Financial Impact	Steps taken to manage the risks
Technology risk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing the low carbon energy saving technologies, the capital investment and Research and Development (R&D) expense increase consequently. More green building strategies with low-carbon, energy-saving technologies are adopted by industry peers. Lagging behind may weaken our competitive edges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital investment increases Research and Development (R&D) expense increases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned to invest in the innovations of energy saving technologies. Examined the feasibility and benefits of applying the latest low-carbon and energy-saving technologies into our operation.
Market risk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More customers are concerned about climate-related risks and opportunities, which may lead to changes in customer preference. Inability to attract co-financiers and/or investors due to uncertain risks related to the climate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revenue decreases Operating cost increases Production cost increases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulfilled the climate-related regulations by the government. Prioritize the climate change as a high concern in the market decisions to show to the clients that the company is concerned about the problem of climate change.
Reputational risk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to fulfil the expectations of the customers, damage the Group's reputation and image. Stigmatization of our business sector, such as more stakeholder concern or negative stakeholder feedback on the product designed in a less environmentally-friendly way. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revenue decreases from decreased demand for goods and the decrease in production capacity. Operating costs increases from negative impacts on workforce management and planning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported the green productions. Fulfilled the social responsibility by organizing more activities or executing actions to demonstrate how we place importance on climate change.



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During the reporting period, the primary climate-related opportunities and the corresponding financial impacts were as follows:

Detailed description of climate-related opportunities	Financial Impact
Resource efficiency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of more efficient modes of transport • Use of more efficient production and distribution processes • Use of recycling • Reduce water consumption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating cost reduces through efficiency gains and cost reductions
Energy source <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of lower-emission sources of energy • Use of supportive policy incentives • Use of new technologies • Shift toward decentralized energy generation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating cost reduces through use of lowest cost abatement • Returns on investment in low- emission technology increases
Products and services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of climate adaptation and insurance risk solutions • Ability to diversify business activities • Development of new products or services through R&D and innovation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue increases through new solutions to adaptation needs, such as insurance risk transfer of products and services
Markets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to new markets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue increases through access to new and emerging markets



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Detailed description of climate-related opportunities	Financial Impact
<p>Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in renewable energy programs and adoption of energy-efficiency measures • Resource substitution or diversification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market valuation increases through resilience planning, such as planning of the research in the use of electric vehicles • Reliability of supply chain and ability to operate under various condition increases • Revenue increases through new products and services related to ensuring resiliency

Metrics and Targets

Our Group adopts the key metrics to assess and manage climate-related risks and opportunities. The energy consumption and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions indicators are the key metrics used to assess and manage relevant climate-related risks where we consider such information is material and crucial for evaluating the impact of our operation on global climate change during the year. Our Group strives to track our energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions indicators regularly to assess the effectiveness of emission reduction initiatives, as well as set targets to contribute our effort to have minimal impact on global warming.

The details of time frames over which the target applies and base year from which progress is measured are described in the section A1: “Emissions” and section A2: “Use of Resources” of this Report. Our Group adopts absolute target to manage climaterelated risks, opportunities and performance



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B. SOCIAL ASPECT

The Group believes people are important assets and the keys to maintain its competitiveness. The Group strives to maintain a safe and equal working environment for our employees, provide development opportunities and promote employee health and well-being. The commitment is incorporated into staff handbook and other human resources management policies.

The Group is in strict compliance with the Labour Law of the PRC, the Labour Contract Law of the PRC and other applicable laws and regulations in the PRC. During the reporting period, the Group was not aware of any non-compliance with those applicable laws and regulations.

B1. EMPLOYMENT

The staff handbook covers the Group's standard in respect of compensation and dismissal, recruitment and promotion, working hours, rest periods and other benefits and welfare. The Group fully complies with relevant laws and regulations to provide basic pension insurance, basic medical insurance, work-related injury insurance, unemployment insurance and maternity insurance, and housing provident fund to employees. Employees are also entitled to various holidays and paid leaves such as statutory holidays, paid annual leave, marriage leave, maternity leave and compassionate leave.

The Group strives to create a diverse and inclusive workplace where all its employees are treated with dignity and respect. All employees are treated equally and their employment, remuneration and promotion opportunities will not be affected by their nationality, race, age, gender, religion, marital status or any status protected by law.



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At the end of the reporting period, the employee compositions (in percentage of employees) by gender, age group, geographical region, employment category and employment mode were as follows:

Employee compositions		
Category	2024	2023
By gender		
• Male	81%	81%
• Female	19%	19%
By age group		
• Age 30 or below	21%	21%
• Age 31-40	52%	52%
• Age 41-50	23%	23%
• Age 51 or above	4%	4%
By geographical region		
• Hong Kong	—	—
• PRC	100%	100%
By employment category		
• Senior management	1%	1%
• Middle management	3%	4%
• General staff	95%	95%
• Contract/Short-term staff	1%	1%
By employment mode		
• Full-time staff	100%	99%
• Part-time staff	0%	1%



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The employee turnover rates by gender and age group during the reporting period were as follows:

Employee Turnover Rate		
Category	2024	2023
By gender³		
– Male	18%	18%
– Female	11%	10%
By age group⁴		
– 30 or below	23%	29%
– 31-40	15%	15%
– 41-50	15%	10%
– 51 or above	16%	10%
By geographical region		
– Hong Kong	–	–
– PRC	17%	17%
Overall⁵	17%	17%

Recognising the importance of a work-life balance to a motivated and productive workforce, the Group organised a range of recreational activities to promote a healthy workplace, strengthen employees' sense of belongings and encourage them to explore personal interests during the reporting period and prior year.

³ Turnover rate refers to total number of employee turnover of the gender group per total number of employees of the corresponding gender group on average of the year.

⁴ Turnover rate refers to total number of employee turnover of the age group per total number of employees of the corresponding age group on average of the year.

⁵ Turnover rate refers to total number of employee turnover during the reporting period per total number of employees on average of the year.



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Visit and Exchange: Visit Posco (Zhangjiagang) Stainless Steel Plant

In order to ensure the sustainable development of the group and build a reserve talent team, it is necessary to systematically improve the professional service capabilities and management abilities of grassroots managers. By visiting Posco, we have gained a detailed understanding of the manufacturing process and related technology of stainless steel, laying a solid theoretical foundation for future customer service.

Year 2024

Start-up Plan: FineBI Digital Training

In 2024, the Group organized the second FineBI data report training. FineBI tools can improve the efficiency and presentation of report analysis on the one hand, and provide more detailed data support for Da Ming's management decisions on the other hand. More than 40 trainees from the Group and its branches and subsidiaries transformed the training effect through multiple practical links such as learning and practicing, FCA certification, practical operation exercises, and submission of high-quality works, in order to promote the Group's digital transformation.

The employee welfare and expense during the reporting period was as follows:

Employee Welfare Items and Expenses		
Time	Welfare/Event	Expense per person (RMB)
January 2024	Chinese New Year Gift	330
January 2024	Annual Dinner	250
March 2024	International Women's Day Gift	150
June 2024	Dragon Boat Festival Gift	166
July 2024	Personal Care Products	0
September 2024	Mid-Autumn Festival Gift	190
Every month in 2024	Birthday Card	150



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B2. HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Group places the highest priority on securing health and safety of all employees and strictly complies with the Law of the PRC on Prevention and Control of Occupational Diseases, the Law of the PRC on Work Safety and other applicable laws and regulations in the PRC. The Group strives to provide and maintain a safe and healthy working environment for employees to protect them from work-related injuries. To achieve this goal, the Group has set up a Safety Production Committee and implemented a range of health and safety related policies to manage occupational health and safety issues.

Safety Education

Safety education, including training, assessment and safety management certification, is essential to ensure employees are well equipped to handle the machinery and fully understand the safety risks associated with relevant equipment. All newly recruited production staff receive the three-tier safety education, which includes knowledge of safe production, relevant regulations and operation procedures with the aims to strengthen employees' safety awareness and ability to handle emergency cases. For special operation, relevant personnel must receive safety training and obtain special operation certificate in accordance with national laws and regulations before working at the sites.

Protective Equipment

To secure the health and safety of employees during operation, the Group has implemented a policy of "Labour Protective Supplies Management Regulation". Operational staff is required to wear safety gear such as helmets, gloves and safety shoes to minimise the risk of work-related injuries. In procuring the protective equipment, a qualified supplier is chosen and the equipment is required to meet the relevant national laws and regulations, for example, the safety label and pass certificate. Suppliers are required to present the production and sell certificates.

In addition to protective gear, the Group adopted a policy of "Employee Body Checking Management Regulation" to protect the health of employees. The Group provides pre-placement body checks for newly joined employees, annual body checks for existing employees and specialised body checks for employees who are working in special types of work.

Extreme Hot Weather Precaution

The Group acknowledges the health and safety risk in working under extreme hot weather. Hence, the Group has adopted a policy of "Heatstroke Prevention Management" to implement plans and measures for sunstroke prevention. Under hot weather, the Group provides salted soda water and ice for employees to avoid dehydration and lower body temperature. Employees should avoid working outdoor whenever the temperature of the day reaches 37 degrees Celsius. Employees who are pregnant or whose physical conditions are not suitable to work under high temperature should be avoided from working under hot weather.



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During the reporting period, the Group was not aware of any non-compliance with relevant laws and regulations. There were 34 injury cases (2023: 38 cases, 2022: 18 cases) and 1,772 lost days (2023: 1551 days, 2022: 776 days) due to minor injuries during retail operations. There were 3 work-related fatality cases (2023: 1 case, 2022: nil) during the reporting period. Employees were given paid sick leave for their recovery.

B3. DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

The Group considers the skills and knowledge of our employees as the key elements for sustainable development of the Group. The Group offers training programs and job rotation based on the needs of respective positions and the talents and interests of the employee. The trainings offered can be divided into two main categories, orientation training and on-the job training. The orientation training is provided for newly joined employees. It covers corporate culture, regulation and product knowledge. The on-the-job training is provided for existing employees. The content is based on the needs of each department to enhance employees' skills in discharging their duties. In addition, employees are encouraged to attain relevant examination and obtain relevant certificates to enhance their personal performance.

During the reporting period, the percentage of employees trained by gender and employee categories were as follows:

Percentage of training participants to the number of employees		
By gender ⁶	2024	2023
– Male	100%	100%
– Female	100%	100%
By employment category ⁷		
– Senior management	100%	100%
– Middle management	100%	100%
– General staff	100%	100%
– Contract or short-term staff	0%	91%
Overall	100%	100%

⁶ Percentage of employee trained refers to total number of trained employees of the gender group per the total number of employees of the corresponding gender group on average of the year.

⁷ Percentage of employee trained refers to total number of trained employees of the corresponding employee category per the total number of employees of the corresponding employee category on average of the year.



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During the reporting period, the composition of employees trained by gender and employee categories were as follows:

Composition of training participants to the number of employees		
By gender ⁸	2024	2023
– Male	82%	83%
– Female	18%	17%
By employment category ⁹		
– Senior management	1%	1%
– Middle management	3%	3%
– General staff	96%	95%
– Contract or short-term staff	0%	1%

During the reporting period, the average training hours for employee by gender and employment categories were as follows:

Average training hours for employees			
By gender	Unit	2024	2023
– Male	hours/employee	35.4	19.2
– Female	hours/employee	33.4	21.8
By employment category			
– Senior management	hours/employee	96.6	58.3
– Middle management	hours/employee	40.2	24.0
– General staff	hours/employee	34.5	19.3
– Contract or short-term staff	hours/employee	–	157.1
Overall		35	19.7

⁸ Composition of employee trained refers to total number of trained employees of the gender group per the total number of trained employees of the corresponding gender group on average of the year.

⁹ Composition of employee trained refers to total number of trained employees of the corresponding employee category per the total number of trained employees of the corresponding employee category on average of the year.



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Case 1 Executive Training Course

In order to comprehensively enhance the comprehensive literacy and leadership of senior management personnel in Da Ming Group, and to stimulate team vitality, the group launched the Navigation Program in 2021 and cooperated with Shanghai Jiao Tong University to carry out executive training programs. So far, 3 batches of executives have been selected to participate in the program, with a total of 20 people trained.

Case 2 Jiangnan University MBA Class

Starting from September 2022, Da Ming Group and Jiangnan University will jointly carry out a high-potential talent management capability enhancement program, which will last for 2 years. Through academic lectures, mobile classrooms, corporate interviews, benchmarking exchanges, interactive discussions, and team building, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of management systems and develop systematic and professional management thinking and abilities, truly building an outstanding management team that can achieve success and lead the team.

Case 3 Providing Training for Grass-root Employees

Grass-root managers are the implementers and executors of the group's strategy, and are an important cornerstone for ensuring the group's sustainable and stable development. This year, Da Ming Group has established a systematic training model for grass-root managers. As the main systematic training program for grass-roots managers, the Da Ming Escort Program has conducted several training sessions for employees in various departments.

Case 4 Internal Trainer Training Project

In order to support the talent development of Da Ming Group, strengthen the accumulation and inheritance of knowledge, experience, and skills within the group, establish a stable, high-quality, and professional internal trainer team, and create a learning organization to continuously empower the development of the company, the Human Resources Department of the group organized internal trainer training activities at the end of July.

Case 5 Standardized Training Project for New Employees

In order to standardize the content and process of new employee onboarding training, strengthen the effectiveness of new employee training, help new employees adapt to the work environment and roles as soon as possible, and improve work efficiency, Da Ming Group is promoting the standardization of new employee training.



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Case 1 Shanghai Jiao Tong University President Class (Third Phase)

In 2024, a total of 7 general managers of Da Ming Group participated in the “Advanced Business Administration Training Program” of Antai, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. The overall course adopts the MBA\EMBA core course system, with leadership and innovation as the main line, and aims to help enterprises solve practical problems.

Case 2 Jiangnan University MBA Class

Da Ming Group cooperated with Jiangnan University to carry out a two-year high-potential talent management capacity improvement project, with 43 trainees. The 2024 trainee courses include “Organizational Change and Management Innovation”, “Quality Engineering and Management”, “Human Resource Management Change Based on Group Strategic Orientation”, etc. In September 2024, the project was successfully completed.

Case 3 Da Ming Academy Knowledge Platform started operation

As an important platform for the group’s talent training, Da Ming Academy undertakes the important functions of the group’s cultural inheritance, talent training, and knowledge sharing. It is committed to building career growth channels for employees in various systems, promoting the company’s talent training strategy, and creating a Da Ming learning organization! The establishment of Da Ming Academy marks that Da Ming Group’s talent training work has entered a new stage of full-process training, intelligent management, and digital empowerment.

Case 4 Group Micro-Course Competition

In order to promote the knowledge accumulation and experience inheritance of Da Ming Group and help the talent training model gradually move towards a learning organization, the 2024 Da Ming Group’s first “Not less than a tiny light, creating a torch into the sun” micro-course crowd creation competition is in full swing! 79 employees from various business units and departments of the company signed up for the competition. The contestants independently selected topics and produced micro-courses based on their actual job positions. At the same time, the group also adopted various forms of empowerment training for the contestants (online professional courses, offline workshops, live tutoring, etc.), and finally formed 54 micro-course works.



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B4. LABOUR STANDARDS

The Group strictly emphasises on the prohibition of engaging child labour and forced labour and fully complies with the Labour Law of the PRC, Provisions on the Prohibition of Using Child Labour and other relevant laws and regulations in the PRC. The Group has formulated policy of “Recruitment Procedure” on managing the prohibition of child labour. As prevention for child labour, candidates are required to present their identity cards for age verification during recruitment process. Individuals under the age of 16 or without any identification documents are disqualified from employment. In case of any child labour, the Group will terminate his/her employment and offer medical checks for him/her. The Group will also review the problem to prevent recurrence.

The Group is committed to respecting the freedom of employee and prohibiting all form of forced labour. The working hours are regulated in the staff handbook and overtime working is compensated in accordance to relevant laws and regulations.

With regard to third party suppliers, they are required to comply with relevant laws and regulations to uphold the elimination of child labour and forced labour. Once they are discovered of being intentionally complicit in child or forced labour, cooperation will be terminated immediately.

During the reporting period, the Group did not discover any significant risk exposure in relation to the employment of child labour for works of hazardous nature, forced or compulsory labour in any operation.

B5. SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

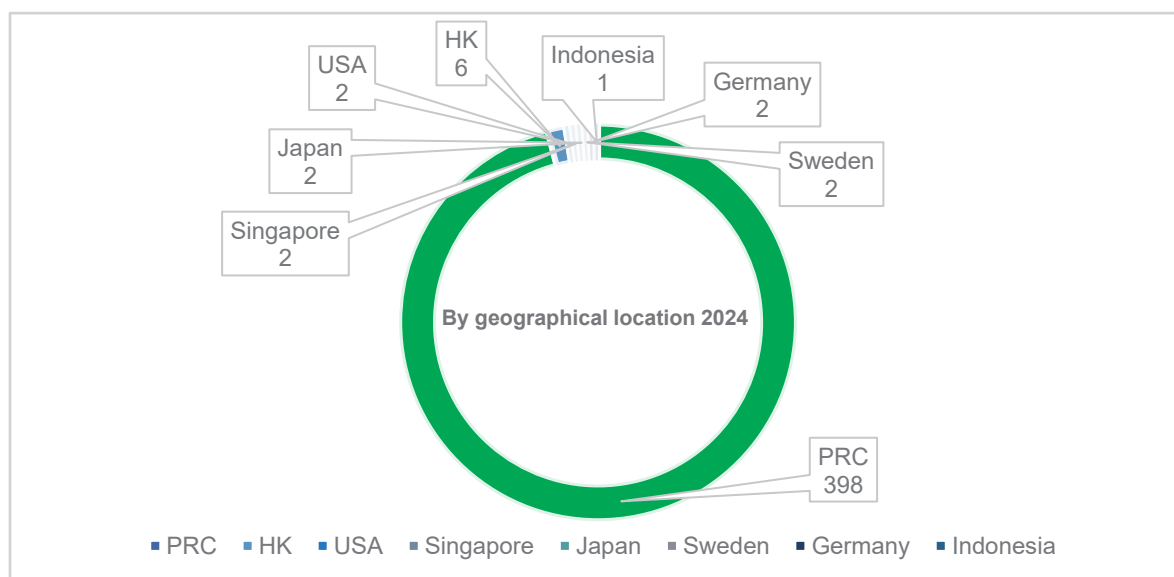
In order to manage and mitigate the environmental and social risks in the supply chain, the Group selected suppliers and products carefully and maintained long-term and stable relationship with qualified suppliers. According to the Group’s policy “Supplier, Distributor and Subcontractor Management Procedure”, the Group considers the social responsibilities of suppliers in selecting suppliers and encourages all suppliers to enhance social responsibility performance. The Group has established social responsibility profiles for suppliers and distributors to keep record of their evaluation results and improvement plans. Suppliers and distributors are required to sign a Social Responsibility Agreement and fully abide by the local labour laws and regulations and the SA8000 Social Compliance Standard. In addition, the Group conducts site inspection at least once a year to assess the social responsibility performance of suppliers and distributors and keep tracks of the improvements.



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During the reporting period, the supplier composition (in numbers of suppliers) by geographical region was as follows:



B6. PRODUCT RESPONSIBILITY

The Group regards product and service qualities as key competitive advantages of its business and makes every effort to improve the product and service qualities while strengthening communications with our customers. The Group strictly complies with the Trademark Law of the PRC, Law of the PRC on Product Quality, Law of the PRC on the Protection of Consumer Rights and Interests and other applicable laws and regulations in the PRC.

Quality Control

The Group has established various quality control policies and procedures to ensure our products comply with the product specifications requested by customers and meet the requirement of ISO9001:2008 Quality Management System.

The quality control system can be divided into two main categories, including quality control for raw materials and quality control on processing procedures. To ensure the quality of raw materials meet their respective specifications, samples are taken and sent to laboratories for testing on chemical contents. In order to control the quality of processing process, regular inspections are carried out by quality control personnel at various stages of the processing procedures to ensure consistency of the processing procedures.



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Complaints and Opinions Handling

The Group believes the opinions from customers can drive its continuous improvement program and are essential to its pursuit for excellence. The Group welcomes the opinions from customers by establishing customer service hotlines, conducting site visits and convening customer meetings. In case of receipt of complaints, the Group will take prompt actions and carry out remediation plans. During the reporting period, 5,749 products (2023: 3,897 products) and service-related complaints were received, and 3,244 tonnes of products (2023: 4,250 tonnes) sold or shipped were subjected to recalls for safety and health reasons.

Intellectual Property Protection

The Group is dedicated to protecting and enforcing its intellectual property rights which are crucial to sustainable business growth. Management systems are in place to specify requirements on submission, application, indexing and rewarding of patents. In addition, the Group signs confidentiality agreements with technical specialists.

Customer Data Protection and Privacy

The Group is aware of the importance in handling customer information and takes high precaution in ensuring their confidentiality to avoid misuse of personal data. The Group has implemented policy “Business Ethics Control Procedure” and required employees to fully abide by the guidance on prohibiting any unauthorised disclosure of confidential information.

B7. ANTI-CORRUPTION

The Group is committed to upholding high standards of business ethics. With the implementation of “Anti-Corruption Control Procedure”, the Group conveys its firm stance against corruption and fraud to its customers, suppliers, contractors and employees. The Group requests employees and third parties to sign an anti-bribery/anticorruption commitment and fully comply with the requirements as defined. Management department is responsible to monitor the business operation and oversee any cases related to corruption or fraud.

The Group’s whistle-blowing procedure encourages and enables stakeholders to report on observed and suspected non-compliance and questionable practice by setting up report box and report phone. Once misconduct case is found and confirmed, the relevant personnel will be subject to disciplinary actions and reported to legal authorities when necessary.

During the reporting period, no legal case concerned (2023: nil) with corrupt practices was brought against the Group.



B8. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

As a socially responsible corporate citizen, the Group is constantly aware of the community needs and has actively participated in local community's activities. The Group also encourages employees to devote their effort to community care.

Cooperation with education institutions

The Group believes that youths are the future leaders of our society and continues to cultivate young people by cooperating with education institutions.

Year 2023

Case 1 Providing Training for University Graduates

Campus recruitment is an important part of talent team building and strategic development for companies. This year, in order to continue to pay attention to the growth of campus recruitment talents, help them summarize their stage work, and better plan for future career growth, Da Ming Group has actively implemented the program.

Case 2 School-Enterprise Cooperation: Wuxi Vocational and Technical College and Group Sign Strategic School-Enterprise Cooperation Agreement

On 25 May 2023, leaders from Wuxi Vocational and Technical College visited Da Ming Group. During the meeting, both sides reached a consensus on professional construction, talent training, and school-enterprise cooperation. A school-enterprise cooperation agreement was signed with Da Ming Group, and Da Ming was awarded the title of "Internship and Employment Base".

Case 3 Visit from China University of Mining and Technology Xuhai College

On 30 March 2023, a delegation of 3 people from China University of Mining and Technology Xuhai College, visited our company for a research and visit activity. The leaders of Xu Hai College introduced the school's new plans and also learned about the development of Da Ming Group. They also had career development exchanges with Xu Hai College graduates who are currently working at Da Ming.

Case 4 Visit from China University of Mining and Technology Xuhai College

On 21 July 2023, a delegation of 6 people from China University of Mining and Technology Xuhai College visited our company for exchanges. The focus of this exchange was on talent and professional matching between the university and the company. With the transformation and upgrading of the manufacturing industry at home and abroad, there have been innovations in product materials and material processing techniques. Da Ming's overall plan focuses on metal material processing, and the two sides had discussions on how to find suitable talents from the university.



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Year 2024

Case 1 Campus Recruitment and Training Program for College Students

Talents recruited from campus are the backbone and important guarantee for the future development of the Group. In July 2024, the Group organized an induction training for college students, with a total of 22 people participating. From corporate culture to business awareness and job skills, the 2024 campus recruits learned about Da Ming's development in all aspects and clarified their career plans through a week of face-to-face courses, theme visits, and practical activities. All employees successfully completed the training. In the later stage, a report and defense meeting for campus recruits was organized to help campus recruits sort out and summarize their phased work and better look forward to future growth plans for their positions.

Fulfilling social responsibility

Year 2023

Case 1 The 4th Da Ming Cup Production Operation Exchange Competition · The 2nd Cutting Platform High-load Unit Efficiency Improvement Competition

In order to ensure the company's rapid and sustainable development, each processing center has been focusing on increasing production efficiency, cultivating outstanding talents, and improving the skills of all employees. With the increase in sales, it is urgent to make breakthroughs in the efficiency of the main unit in terms of personnel and machine efficiency. In 2023, the Cutting Platform High-load Unit Efficiency Improvement Competition was held. Through this competition, we were able to identify areas for improvement and innovation, break through bottlenecks, and drive more conventional units to make breakthroughs and improve efficiency.

Case 2 1st Da Ming Marketing System Business and Management Capability Competition Exchange and "Da Ming Cup" PPT Presentation Show

"Customer-oriented, employee-oriented." In order to inspire fighting spirit, select talents, and improve services, the first Da Ming Marketing System Business and Management Capability Competition Exchange was held in 2023. The aim was to share business development, team management cases and experiences, and discover elite talents, while also building more ambitious and determined "wolf-like" business teams. This effectively improves Da Ming's service capabilities and level while enhancing employees' self-abilities.



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Case 3 “Jiangsu Social Support Love Contribution Award” and “Love Enterprise Unit”

Visit and condolences to Xitong Community’s underprivileged groups.

Visit and condolences to Wuxi Children’s Welfare Institute by the visit and condolences group.

Case 4 The 6th “Da Ming Cup” Basketball Invitational Tournament

On the morning of October 28th, after two and a half days of intense competition, the 6th “Da Ming Cup” Basketball Invitational Tournament came to a successful end. The seven participating teams came from different parts of the industry chain, and the “Da Ming Cup” is not only a sports competition, but also an interactive platform for industry partners to promote friendship and development. It has become a well-known brand event for Da Ming to spread healthy and positive energy.

Year 2024

Case 1 The Fifth Da Ming Cup Production Operation Exchange Competition and Job Skills Operation Competition Plan

This job skills operation competition aims to comprehensively test the working ability and safety and standard working awareness of the core positions in cutting, grinding, warehousing and other front-end processing of Da Ming branches and subsidiaries. Each step of lean processing is the key to completing the back-end process and is an indispensable part of the company’s production process. Through this competition, a group of employees and teams with excellent job skills and excellent operating methods will be selected. And through their demonstration and leading role, the overall production level of the company will be further improved.

Case 2 Wuxi City 2024 Second Corporate Games 3x3 Basketball

As a key enterprise in Wuxi, Daming was invited to participate in the 2nd Wuxi Workers' Games in 2024. The participating players were selected from various subsidiaries. The competition fully demonstrated the positive spirit of Da Ming’s employees and interpreted the corporate culture concept of Healthy Da Ming. On the one hand, the event is an interactive communication platform to increase friendship and promote development, and it also conveys Da Ming’s healthy positive energy to the outside world.



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Case 3 The upstream and downstream of the supply chain discuss building a brand alliance

In order to further enhance the company's brand promotion and social responsibility construction work and improve the co-construction effect, we specially invited Posco (Zhangjiagang) and Shanghai Shida to discuss how to innovate and build an industrial chain brand co-construction alliance.

Case 4 The delegation visited the needy people in Xitong Community and the Wuxi Children's Welfare Institute

Over the years, Da Ming Group has been based in Wuxi and serving the world. While continuing to grow and develop, it has also always insisted on fulfilling its social responsibilities. Through visits, donations, blood donations, voluntary services, environmental protection activities and other methods, it has actively created a positive energy culture internally and carried forward the fine tradition of helping the poor and the needy, and being kind and charitable externally. It has used good deeds to support responsibility and used love to promote positive energy, thus achieving sharing and common development with society.



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