

# V E R T E X Communications & Technology Group Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with Limited Liability)

(慧峯集團有限公司)\*

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GEM has been established as a market designed to accommodate companies to which a high investment risk may be attached. In particular, companies may list on GEM with neither a track record of profitability nor any obligation to forecast future profitability. Furthermore, there may be risks arising out of the emerging nature of companies listed on GEM and the business sectors or countries in which the companies operate. Prospective investors should be aware of the potential risks of investing in such companies and should make the decision to invest only after due and careful consideration. The greater risk profile and other characteristics of GEM mean that it is a market more suited to professional and other sophisticated investors.

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This report, for which the directors (the "Directors") of Vertex Communications & Technology Group Limited (the "Company") collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "GEM Listing Rules") for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that, to the best of their knowledge and belief: i. the information contained in this interim report is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading; ii. there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement in this interim report misleading; and iii. all opinions expressed in this report have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and are founded on bases and assumptions that are fair and reasonable.

As at the date hereof, Mr. Poon Kwok Lim Steven, Mr. Poon Shu Yan Joseph and Ms. Au Yeung Pui Shan Karen are the executive directors of the Company, Mr. Lee Peng Fei Allen and Mr. Lee Shu Fan are the non-executive directors of the Company and Mr. Yeung Pak Sing and Mr. Tsui Yiu Wa Alec are the independent non-executive directors of the Company.



# **SUMMARY**

- For the nine months ended 30th September 2004, the Group's turnover decreased by approximately 33%, as compared to the corresponding period last year to approximately HK\$3.5 million.
- The loss attributable to shareholders recorded approximately HK\$26.8 million.
- Loss per share for the nine months ended 30th September 2004 is HK5.43 cents.
- The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Vertex Communications & Technology Group Limited does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the nine months ended 30th September 2004.



# **FINANCIAL RESULTS**

The Board of the Company is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the three and nine months ended 30th September 2004, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2003 as follows:

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

		Three months		Nine months	
		ended 30th September		ended 30th September	
		2004	2003	2004	2003
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Notes	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Turnover	(2)	1,920	1,680	3,551	5,321
Other operating income		-	13	13	82
Staff costs		(3,306)	(3,101)	(9,094)	(10,444)
Subcontracting costs		(330)	(1,420)	(1,372)	(4,271)
Depreciation		(296)	(316)	(844)	(966)
Royalty and production costs Impairment loss recognized in respect		(2,494)	(116)	(5,405)	(573)
of deferred expenditure		(4,709)	_	(4,709)	_
Other operating expenses		(1,874)	(2,474)	(9,212)	(8,044)
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Loss from operations		(11,089)	(5,734)	(27,072)	(18,895)
Finance cost		(78)	-	(186)	-
Share of results of an associate			(79)		(567)
Loss before taxation		(11,167)	(5,813)	(27,258)	(19,462)
Taxation	(3)				
Loss before minority interests		(11,167)	(5,813)	(27,258)	(19,462)
Minority interests			106	408	340
Net loss for the period		(11,167)	(5,707)	(26,850)	(19,122)
Loss per share – Basic	(4)	HK(2.26) cents	HK(1.17) cents	HK(5.43) cents	HK(3.93) cents



#### NOTES TO THE CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the nine months ended 30th September 2004

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Statement of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP"s) No. 25 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants ("HKSA") and the disclosure requirements set out in Chapter 18 of the GEM Listing Rules.

The condensed interim financial statements are unaudited but have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company.

The accounting policies and basis of preparation adopted for the preparation of the condensed interim financial statements are consistent with those adopted by the Group in its annual financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2003.

#### 2. TURNOVER

The Company is an investment holding company. The Group is engaged in communications and technology business, specializing in the provision of communications infrastructure services, application and development of content delivery technology and content production, procurement and delivery.

Turnover represents the value of goods and services recognized when services are rendered.



#### 3. TAXATION

Hong Kong Profits Tax has not been provided for the nine months ended 30th September 2004 (nine months ended 30th September 2003: Nil) as the Group did not generate any assessable profits in Hong Kong during these periods.

Pursuant to the Income Tax Law of the PRC for Enterprise with Foreign Investment and Foreign Enterprises, the Company's subsidiary in the PRC is exempted from income tax for its first two profitable years of operations and is entitled to a 50% relief on the income tax of the PRC for the following three years. No provision for the PRC income tax has been provided as the Company's subsidiary in the PRC has no assessable profit in the PRC for the nine months ended 30th September 2004 (nine months ended 30th September 2003: Nil).

The Company is exempted from taxation in the Cayman Islands until 2019.

No provision for deferred tax has been provided for the Group because there were no significant timing differences at the balance sheet date (2003: Nil).

#### 4. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic loss per share for the nine months ended 30th September 2004 is based on the unaudited consolidated loss from ordinary activities attributable to shareholders of approximately HK\$26,850,000 (nine months ended 30th September 2003: loss of HK\$19,122,000) and on the weighted average number of 494,247,023 Shares (nine months ended 30th September 2003: 486,465,136 Shares) deemed to be in issue throughout the periods.

No diluted loss per share was presented as there were no dilutive potential shares in existence during the nine months ended 30th September 2004 (nine months ended 30th September 2003: Nil)

#### 5. DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the nine months ended 30th September 2004 (nine months ended 30th September 2003: Nil).



#### 6. STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT TO AND FROM RESERVE

	Share Capital (unaudited) HK\$'000	Share Premium (unaudited) HK\$'000	Special Reserve (unaudited) HK\$'000	Retained Profits/ (Accumulated Losses) (unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (unaudited) HK\$'000
At 1st January 2003	4,922	66,683	1,000	(20,330)	52,275
Loss for the nine months ended 30th September 2003				(19,122)	(19,122)
At 30th September 2003	4,922	66,683	1,000	(39,452)	(33,153)
At 1st January 2004	4,922	66,683	1,000	(55,882)	16,723
Share issue at premium	32	357	-	-	389
Net loss for the period				(26,850)	(26,850)
At 30th September 2004	4,954	67,040	1,000	(82,732)	(9,738)

The special reserve of the Group represents the difference between the nominal value of shares of the acquired subsidiaries and the nominal value of the shares of the Company issued for the acquisitions at the time of the reorganization.

Pursuant to PRC law, a wholly foreign owned enterprise, Shanghai Vertex Communications & Technology Limited, shall make reservation on reserve fund and bonus and welfare funds. The proportion of reserve fund to be withdrawn shall not be lower than 10% of the total amount of profits after payment of tax. The withdrawal of reserve fund may be stopped when the total cumulative reserve has reached 50% of the registered capital. The proportion of bonus and welfare funds for workers and staff members to be withdrawn shall be determined by the wholly foreign owned enterprise. Under PRC law, the reserve fund can be used to offset prior years' losses, if any, and may be converted into share capital by issuing new shares to shareholders in proportion to their existing shareholdings, and the bonus and welfare funds are utilised for the capital expenditure on employees' welfare facilities. No appropriation was made to the reserve fund and bonus and welfare funds as the Company's subsidiary in the PRC incurred loss during the periods.



#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the nine months ended 30th September 2004, the Group recorded a decrease in revenue of approximately HK1.8 million, representing a drop of approximately 33% over the corresponding period in 2003. During the period under review, the Group focused on development of its media publishing business for the PRC market and ESPN Chinese edition will be launched at the 4th quarter of 2004.

Staff cost for the nine months under review decreased to approximately HK\$9 million from approximately HK\$10 million for the same period in the previous year. The decrease in staff cost was mainly attributable to retrenchment of operations staff in communications infrastructure and technology services business at end of 2003.

The subcontracting costs for the nine months ended 30th September 2004 amounted to approximately HK\$1.4 million, representing approximately 39% of the turnover. For the same period in previous year, the subcontracting cost was approximately HK\$4 million or 80% of the turnover. The decrease in subcontracting cost is in line with the decrease in turnover. The percentage of subcontracting cost against turnover improved as about 60% of the turnover was related to advertising and sales of magazines where no subcontracting cost had been incurred.

For the nine months ended 30th September 2004, the royalty and production cost amounted to HK\$5.4 million. The increase in the royalty and production costs was attributed to royalty and production cost in relation to the publication of Chinese language Newsweek and MIT Technology Review in Hong Kong and the PRC during the period under review.

Due to continuous losses incurred by the subsidiaries in publication, the Directors reassessed the recoverable amount of deferred expenditure arising from the development and production expenditure for the establishment of the framework and layout of the magazines, and recognized an impairment loss of approximately HK\$4.7 million during the period under review.

The other operating expenses for the nine months ended 30th September 2004 amounted to approximately HK\$9.2 million. The increase in other operating expenses was mainly attributable to compliance, legal and professional expenses in relation to issuance of bonds in an aggregate amount of HK\$15.5 million on 26th February 2004.



#### BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

# **Media Publishing**

Newsweek Chinese Edition

In 2001, the Group entered into a joint venture with Sino United Publishing (Holdings) Limited (Sino United) for the development of media business in the Greater China market. Sino United owns, among other entities, Commercial Press (Hong Kong) Limited, which is one of the oldest and well-established publishing companies. Sino United has substantial business in Hong Kong, China, Southeast Asia, USA and Europe, and is a major Chinese language publisher. The joint venture company is called SinoWorld Media Company Limited (華宇傳媒有限公司, SinoWorld Media).

In 2002, SinoWorld CNW Publishing Limited, a subsidiary of SinoWorld Media, entered into a license agreement with Newsweek Inc. to publish the Chinese Newsweek in simplified Chinese characters on a regular basis. Since the market for weekly magazine is still at its infancy stage in China, the Management and Newsweek decided to initially publish Chinese Newsweek monthly. The Chinese Newsweek will be named "Newsweek Select".

Through a company restructuring announced in November 2002, the Group now owns 80% of SinoWorld Media. And SinoWorld Media owns 80% of SinoWorld CNW, which is now holding the licenses to publish both Newsweek Select and Chinese Newsweek Special Edition.

Newsweek Select is available in Hong Kong and Macau since September 2003. Newsweek Select is also available to China Mainland reader on a subscription basis since June 2004. It is anticipated that advertising and circulation revenue from Newsweek Select will contribute to the Group's overall performance in 2004.

#### MIT Technology Review Chinese Edition

The Group concluded a licensing agreement with Technology Review Inc., which is associated with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The agreement enabled the Group to publish the MIT Technology Review in Chinese-language for the Greater China region.

MIT Technology Review is one of the most respected technology magazines in the US. It is a monthly magazine for entrepreneurs in the Technology Age, focusing in business application of new technologies. The US edition has a publishing history of over 100 years and has reached over 1 million readers. The magazine has a Japanese, German and Italian editions.



Under the global exclusive licensing agreement, the Group has right to publish MIT Technology Review in both traditional and simplified Chinese characters, and in electronic form. The Management plans to target the China Mainland market in 2004

MIT Technology Review Chinese Edition is available in Hong Kong and China Mainland since January 2004. It is anticipate that advertising and circulation revenue from MIT Technology Review Chinese Edition will contribute to the Group's overall performance in 2004.

#### ESPN the Magazine Chinese Edition

The Group concluded a licensing agreement with ESPN, Inc. to publish ESPN the Magazine in Chinese-language for the Greater China region ("ESPN Chinese Edition") in June 2004.

ESPN the Magazine is one of the most popular sports magazines in the US. It is a bimonthly magazine for sports fans in the US. The US edition has a circulation of 1.75 million copies per issue in the US alone.

Under the global exclusive licensing agreement, the Group has right to publish ESPN Chinese Edition in both traditional and simplified Chinese characters, and has access to contents from ESPN the Magazine, ESPN International network television scripts, ESPN SoccerNet.com and ESPN Deportes.com.

ESPN Chinese Edition is planned to be available in Hong Kong and China Mainland in October 2004. It is anticipate that advertising and circulation revenue from ESPN Chinese Edition will contribute to the Group's overall performance in 2004.

# **Media Advertising**

The Group is planning to bring more international media into the China market, in order to further develop the media business, the Group needs a reliable workforce in media advertising in China. In June 2003, the Group acquired 16% of Teamwork. Teamwork currently has exclusive advertising agreements Lifeweek < 三聯生活周刊 >, one of the most popular current-affair magazines in China Mainland, and a number of arrangements with other magazines. Teamwork has a head office in Beijing, and regional and rep offices in major cities including Shanghai and Guangzhou.

The Group has entered into media representative agreements with Publicitas China, the China subsidiary of one of the largest media-rep companies in the world, on advertising sales in Newsweek Select and MIT Technology Review Chinese edition.



#### Sino East Oil Services Ltd.

In January 2004, the Group has entered into a joint-venture agreement with Specialist Oilfield Services K.S.C. ("Specialist Oilfield"), a Kuwaiti company, which is principally engaged in the oil-related business in the Middle East. The Joint Venture Company, called Sino East Oil Services Ltd. ("Sino East"), is 50% owned by the Group and 50% by the Specialist Oilfield.

Sino East has completed a website to facilitate the provision of information regarding oil production and oil supply and consumption in the Middle East and Greater China..

### **Digital Media**

Digital Media Business in Beijing

The Group and CAV formed a joint-venture company, Beijing CAV Vertex Media Technology Company Limited (北京中錄慧峰數碼技術有限公司, CAV-Vertex). The Group owns 51% of CAV-Vertex.

The main focus of CAV-Vertex is in digital media. It started operation in January 2003 as a provider of digital encoding services.

# **Technology Services**

Communication Infrastructure Services

The Group's technology services business includes network engineering, system integration and software development for telecommunication and broadband network operators, and large corporations in Hong Kong.

Due to the global economic downturn, especially on the telecommunication sector, the Group's network engineering business suffered a slow half-year in 2004. Due to the continuous poor business environment in the sector, the Management plans to shift more resources to the media business in 2004.

#### System Integration and Solution Services

The solutions business is to provide system integration, technical consulting Web site development, and end-to-end Internet services to corporations. It includes design, development, system integration and project management for corporate clients. Currently, the Group has long-term contracts with a number of large corporate clients.



Due to the global economic downturn, the stagnated economic development, the Group's System Integration and Solution Services business suffered a slow half-year in 2004. Due to the continuous poor business environment in the sector, the Management plans to shift more resources to the media business in 2004.

#### SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Pursuant to a written resolution of the sole shareholder dated 22nd July 2002, the Company conditionally adopted the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme and Post-IPO Share Option Scheme, the principal terms of which are set out in the section headed "Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme" and "Post-IPO Share Option Scheme" in Appendix IV to the Prospectus.

# PRE-IPO SHARE OPTION SCHEME

As at 30th September 2004, options to subscribe for an aggregate of 19,637,000 Shares of the Company granted pursuant to the Scheme were outstanding. A portion of each grantee's right to exercise the option that has been conditionally granted under the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme shall be deemed to have vested on 17th June 2002 (such portion is fixed on the basis of the grantee's employment period and/or contribution to the Group and as set out in the table below) and the rest of the right shall continue to vest over a period of not more than 4 years from 17th June 2002 on a monthly basis each time for 1/48th of the total number of Shares comprised in the option and, subject to that no option granted under the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme can be exercised before the expiration of 1 year from the Listing Date, any



vested right shall remain exercisable for 10 years from the date of acceptance of the relevant option. No further options will be offered or granted under the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme, as the right to do so end on 9th October 2002 (the date of the Prospectus). Details are as follows:

				No. of options		
Name of grantee	Exercise price per share HK\$	Granted on 24.7.2002	Held as at 1st January 2004	Exercised during the period	Lapsed during the period	Outstanding as at 30th September 2004
Directors	0.12 0.21	17,668,000 3,434,000	16,334,000 3,434,000	-	2,767,000	16,334,000
		21,102,000	19,768,000		2,767,000	17,001,000
Advisors and consultants	0.12 0.45	434,000 1,334,000	434,000 1,334,000	434,000	-	- 1,334,000
		1,768,000	1,768,000	434,000		1,334,000
Employees	0.12 0.21	3,292,000 963,000	3,201,000 893,000	2,765,000	2,000	434,000 868,000
		4,255,000	4,094,000	2,790,000	2,000	1,302,000
		27,125,000	25,630,000	3,224,000	2,769,000	19,637,000

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th September 2004, none of the Directors or their associates had any personal, family, corporate or other interest in the equity or debt securities of the Company or any of its associated corporations, as defined in the Securities & Futures Ordinance (SFO).

The Board considers that the calculation of value of options granted is not possible as the date of grant of option was before the Listing Date.



#### POST-IPO SHARE OPTION SCHEME

No option has been granted by the Company pursuant to the Post-IPO Share Option Scheme since its adoption on 22nd July 2002.

# DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE INTERESTS IN THE COMPANY

As at 30th September 2004, the interests or short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO which were notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein, or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.40 to 5.58 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

# (1) SHARES OF THE COMPANY

Director	Note	Nature of Interest	Number of Shares of HK\$0.01 each in the Company held	% of shareholding in the Company
Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven	1	Corporate and family	304,701,528	61.50

#### Notes:

1. Each of Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven and his spouse, Mrs. Poon Wong Wai Ping, is entitled to exercise or control the exercise of one-third or more of the voting rights of Amazing Nova Corporation. Each of Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven and Mrs. Poon Wong Wai Ping is deemed, by virtue of the SFO, to be interested in the same 167,886,666 Shares held by Amazing Nova Corporation. Matrix Worldwide Corporation is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven. Each of Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven and Mrs. Poon Wong Wai Ping is deemed, by virtue of the SFO, to be interested in the same 61,606,666 Shares held by Matrix Worldwide Corporation. Forever Triumph Limited is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven. Each of Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven and Mrs. Poon Wong Wai Ping is deemed, by virtue of the SFO, to be interested in the same 53,208,196 Shares held by Forever Triumph Limited.



Bright World Enterprise Limited is beneficially owned as to 80% by Mr. Poon Kwok Lim Steven and as to 20% by Mrs. Poon Wong Wai Ping. Under the SFO, each of Mr. Poon Kwok Lim Steven and Mrs. Poon Wong Wai Ping is deemed to be interested in the same 22,000,000 Shares held by Bright World Enterprise Limited.

#### (2) SHARES IN ASSOCIATED CORPORATION OF THE COMPANY

Director	Note	Name of associated corporation
Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven	1	SinoWorld CNW Publishing Limited (華宇出版有限公司)

#### Note:

1. Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven is the beneficial owner of Forever Triumph Limited, which owns 10% of SinoWorld CNW Publishing Limited (華宇出版有限公司), a company of which the Company is indirectly interested in 64% of its share capital.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th September 2004, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company or their respective associates had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), which would have to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interest or short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provision of the SFO) or which were required to be entered in the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the minimum standards of dealing by directors of listed issuers as referred in Rule 5.46 to 5.68 of the GEM Listing Rules.



# (3) DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES

Director	Number of Shares to be issued upon exercise of options	% of options granted over the issued share capital	Subscription price per Share (HK\$)
Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven	8,334,000	1.68	0.12
Mr. Poon Shu Yan, Joseph	8,000,000	1.61	0.12
Ms. Au Yeung Pui Shan, Karen	667,000	0.14	0.21

A portion of each grantee's right to exercise the option that has been conditionally granted under the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme shall be deemed to have vested on 17th June 2002 and the rest of the right shall continue to vest over a period of not more than 4 years from 17th June 2002 on a monthly basis each time for 1/48th of the total number of Shares comprised in the option and, subject to that no option granted under the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme can be exercised before the expiration of 1 year from the Listing Date, any vested right shall remain exercisable for 10 years from the date of acceptance of the relevant option.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th September 2004, none of the Directors or chief executives of the Company or their respective associates were granted option to subscribe for shares of the Company and none of the options has been exercised.



#### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

So far as the Directors are aware as at 30th September 2004, the person/entities (including Directors or chief executives of the Company) who have interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company, which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Division 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO were as follows:

Name of shareholder	Notes	Number of shares held	Shareholding percentage
Mr. Poon Kwok Lim	1, 2, 3, 4	304,701,528	61.50
Mrs. Poon Wong Wai Ping	1, 2, 3, 4	304,701,528	61.50
Amazing Nova Corporation	1	167,886,666	33.89
Matrix Worldwide Corporation	2	61,606,666	12.44
Forever Triumph Limited	3	53,208,196	10.74
Bright World Enterprise Limited	4	22,000,000	4.44
Bahrain Middle East Bank (E.C.)	5	28,724,812	5.80

#### Notes:

- Amazing Nova Corporation is beneficially owned as to 40% by Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven (a Director), as to 40% by Mrs. Poon Wong Wai Ping (spouse of Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven), as to 10% by Mr. Poon Shu Yan, Joseph (a Director) and as to the remaining 10% by Ms. Poon Ching Mei (daughter of Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven). Mrs. Poon Wong Wai Ping and Ms. Poon Ching Mei have no management role in the Group. Under the SFO, each of Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven and Mrs. Poon Wong Wai Ping is deemed to be interest in the same 167,886,666 shares held by Amazing Nova Corporation as each of Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven and Mrs. Poon Wong Wai Ping is entitled to exercise more than one-third of the voting power at a general meeting of Amazing Nova Corporation.
- Matrix Worldwide Corporation is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven. Each of Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven and Mrs. Poon Wong Wai Ping is deemed, by virtue of SFO, to be interested in the same 61,606,666 shares held by Matrix Worldwide Corporation.
- Forever Triumph Limited is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven. Each of Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven and Mrs. Poon Wong Wai Ping is deemed, by virtue of SFO, to be interested in the same 53,208,196 shares held by Forever Triumph Limited.



- 4. Bright World Enterprise Limited is beneficially owned as to 80% by Mr. Poon Kwok Lim Steven and as to 20% by Mrs. Poon Wong Wai Ping. Under the SFO, each of Mr. Poon Kwok Lim Steven and Mrs. Poon Wong Wai Ping is deemed to be interested in the same 22,000,000 Shares held by Bright World Enterprise Limited.
- 5. Bahrain Middle East Bank (E.C.) is a company listed on the Bahrain Stock Exchange since June 1989. Its principal business is banking and equity investment. Bahrain Middle East Bank (E.C.) has no involvement in the management of the Group.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th September 2004, the Directors are not aware of any other person who has interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of SFO, or who is interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meeting of any other members of the Group.

# PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SHARES

During the review period, neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed shares.

# SPONSORS' INTERESTS

As at 30th September 2004, the Company's sponsor, Kingsway Capital Limited ("Kingsway"), its directors, employees or associates did not have any interest in the share capital of the Company or of any members of the Group, or have any right to subscribe for or to nominate persons to subscribe for the share of the Company or of any members of the Group.

Pursuant to the sponsorship agreement dated 8th October 2002 entered into between the Company and Kingsway, Kingsway has received and will receive fees for acting as the Company's sponsor for the year ended 31st December 2002 and two years thereafter or until the sponsorship agreement is terminated upon the terms and conditions set out therein.



# COMPETING INTERESTS AND CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

None of the Directors, the management shareholders or the substantial shareholders (as defined under the GEM Listing Rules) of the Company or their respective associates had any interest in a business which competes or may compete with the business of the Group.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

Since the listing of its share on the GEM of the Stock Exchange on 17th October 2002, the Company has compiled with board practices and procedures as set out in Rules 5.34 to 5.45 of the GEM Listing Rules.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

As required by Rule 5.28 to 5.33 of the GEM Listing Rules, the Company has established an audit committee with written terms of reference which deal clearly with its authority and duties. The audit committee comprises two independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Tsui Yiu Wa Alec, Mr. Yeung Pak Sing and Mr. Yeung Pak Sing is the chairman of the audit committee. The primary duties of the audit committee are to review and supervise the financial reporting process and internal control system of the Group and to review the Company's annual reports and accounts, half-year reports and quarterly reports and providing advice and comments thereon to the board of Directors.

By Order of the Board

Vertex Communications & Technology Group Limited

Mr. Poon Kwok Lim, Steven

Chairman

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China 5th October 2004