# DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S STATEMENT

### INTERIM RESULTS

The Board of Directors of Far East Consortium International Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited interim financial results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30th September, 2001. This unaudited interim financial results has been reviewed by the Company's audit committee

#### 1, **Corporate Results**

Turnover for the six months ended 30th September, 2001 was HK\$386,041,000 as compared to HK\$393,440,000 in the corresponding period of 2000, a decrease of 1.88%. Profit attributable to shareholders was HK\$14.344.000, a decrease of 36%.

#### 2. Financial Resources and Liquidity

### Borrowings and charge on Group assets

The Group's total borrowings amount to approximately HK\$1,031 million as at 30th September, 2001 (31/3/2001: HK\$1.011 million).

Interest rates were in line with the best lending rates either at prime or based on the Hong Kong Inter-bank Offer Rate.

# Gearing ratio

The gearing ratio (total bank and other borrowings to shareholders' equity) increased from 42% to 43% during the period.

#### Current ratio

The current ratio is 1.36. The Group has maintained sufficient liquid assets to finance its daily operations.

# INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors have resolved not to declare an interim dividend in respect of the six months ended 30th September, 2001 (2000 - Nil).