# Independent Auditors' Report

獨立核數師報告



# To the shareholders of Sing Tao News Corporation Limited

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

We have audited the financial statements of Sing Tao News Corporation Limited set out on pages 39 to 156, which comprise the consolidated and company balance sheets as at 31 December 2006, and the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

# DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and the true and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and the true and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

# AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. Our report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 90 of the Bermuda Companies Act 1981, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

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# 致星島新聞集團有限公司全體股東

(於百慕達註冊成立的有限公司)

我們已審核載於第39頁至156頁的星島新聞集團有限 公司財務報表,此財務報表包括二零零六年十二月 三十一日的綜合資產負債表和公司資產負債表與截 至該日止年度的綜合收益表、綜合權益變動表、綜 合現金流量表以及主要會計政策和其他附註解釋。

## 董事就財務報表須承擔的責任

董事須負責根據香港會計師公會頒佈的香港財務報 告準則和香港公司條例編製並且真實而公允地列報 該等財務報表。這些責任包括設計、實施和維護與 財務報表編製及真實而公允地列報相關的內部控 制,以使財務報表不存在由於欺詐或錯誤而導致的 重大錯誤陳述;選擇和運用恰當的會計政策;及做 出合理的會計估計。

#### 核數師的責任

我們的責任是根據我們的審核對該等財務報表作出 意見。我們的報告依據百慕達一九八一年公司法第 90條僅為全體股東編製,而並不可作其他目的。我 們概不就本報告的內容對其他任何人士負責或承擔 責任。 獨立核數師報告

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## **OPINION**

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group as at 31 December 2006 and of the Group's profit and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and have been properly prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

**Ernst & Young** *Certified Public Accountants* 

Hong Kong 16 April 2007

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我們已根據香港會計師公會頒佈的香港審核準則的 規定執行審核。這些準則要求我們遵守職業道德規 範,並規劃及執行審核,從而獲得合理確定此等財 務報表是否不存有任何重大錯誤陳述。

審核涉及執行程式以獲取有關財務報表所載金額和 披露資料的審核證據。所選定的程式取決於核數師 的判斷,包括評估由於欺詐或錯誤而導致財務報表 存有重大錯誤陳述的風險。在評估該等風險時,核 數師考慮與該公司編制及真實而公允地列報財務報 表相關的內部控制,以設計適當的審核程式,但並 非對公司的內部控制的有效性發表意見。審核亦包 括評價董事所採用的會計政策的合適性及作出的會 計估計的合理性,以及評價財務報表的整體列報方 式。

我們相信,我們所獲得的審核證據充足且適當地為 我們的審核意見提供基礎。

## 意見

我們認為,該等財務報表已根據香港財務報告準則 真實而公允地反映 貴公司和 貴集團於二零零六 年十二月三十一日的財務狀況及 貴集團截至該日 止年度的溢利和現金流量,並已按照香港公司條例 的披露規定妥為編製。

**安永會計師事務所** 執業會計師

香港 二零零七年四月十六日