

## 冠軍科技集團有限公司 CHAMPION TECHNOLOGY HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Champion Technology Holdings Limited (www.championtechnology.com) (stock code: 92) is a global technology group offering innovative solutions in communications software, wireless, telematics, e-commerce, security, online entertainment and e-gaming. The Group's solutions are dedicated to bettering and enriching the lives and lifestyles of people, promoting health consciousness, accident prevention and life safety, and additionally promoting probity and responsibility in the conduct of the online industry.

Throughout the years, the Group has focused on industries supported by government policies. In line with China's national policy to promote its culture industry, the Group has expanded its activities in culture-related technologies and related services, and has developed a portfolio of customised solutions and comprehensive e-commerce capabilities in the sales, marketing and promotion of art, antiques, cultural products and collectibles for the consumer market.

With total assets of over HK\$9 billion and a global presence in over 50 markets, the Group serves its customers through its network of regional offices and distributors, and three Hong Kong listed companies, namely Champion Technology Holdings Limited and Kantone Holdings Limited, whose shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Exchange"), and DIGITALHONGKONG.COM, whose shares are listed on the Growth Enterprise Market of the Exchange. The Group also includes a UK subsidiary previously listed on the London Stock Exchange.

### CHAMPION TECHNOLOGY HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Continued in Bermuda with limited liability)

## INTERIM REPORT For the six months ended 31 December 2012

### **Financial Highlights**

- Turnover increased 33% to HK\$2,009 million
- Profit for the period rose 11% to HK\$71 million
- Adjusted EBITDA (excluding impairment) went up 22% to HK\$852 million
- Profit attributable to owners of the Company dropped by 6% to HK\$37 million
- Earnings per share was HK0.6 cents
- Interim dividend of HKO.2 cents per share
- The Group maintained a positive financial position with net cash

The board of directors (the "Board") of Champion Technology Holdings Limited (the "Company") announces the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 31 December 2012 (the "Period") with comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding period in 2011 (the "Previous Period") as follows:

## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited) For the six months ended 31 December 2012

Turnover 3 2,009,314 1,510,522 Direct operating expenses (1,766,168) (1,324,940)  Gross profit Other income 8,487 6,570 Distribution costs General and administrative expenses (17,209) (18,934) (24,700) (18,934) (17,009) (18,934) (17,009) (18,934) (17,009) (18,934) (101,065) (18,930) (15,773) (18,930) (15,773) (18,930) (15,773) (18,930			Six months ende	<b>d 31 December</b> 2011
Direct operating expenses		Notes		
Other income Distribution costs         8,487 (17,209) (18,934) (18,934) (101,065)         (19,734) (11,065)         (19,734) (11,06)         (19,734) (11,065)         (19,734) (11,065)         (19,734) (11,065)         (19,734) (11,065)         (19,734) (11,065) <t< td=""><td></td><td>3</td><td></td><td>1,510,522 (1,324,940)</td></t<>		3		1,510,522 (1,324,940)
And prepaid development costs   C54,700   C15,773	Other income Distribution costs General and administrative expenses		8,487 (17,209)	
Taxation   5	and prepaid development costs Research and development costs expensed Finance costs		(6,046) (1,579)	(15,773) (8,930) (1,496)
Other comprehensive (expense) income: Exchange difference arising on translation         (779)         1,901           Total comprehensive income for the period         70,254         65,661           Profit for the period attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests         36,930 34,103         39,290 34,470           Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests         36,378 36,378 33,876         40,217 25,444           Earnings per share Basic         6         HK0.60 cents         HK0.65 cents		5	71,033	63,760
Exchange difference arising on translation         (779)         1,901           Total comprehensive income for the period         70,254         65,661           Profit for the period attributable to:	Profit for the period		71,033	63,760
Profit for the period attributable to:         36,930 39,290 34,103 24,470           Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests         71,033 63,760           Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:         36,378 40,217 33,876 25,444           Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests         33,876 25,444           Earnings per share Basic         6 HK0.60 cents         HK0.65 cents	Other comprehensive (expense) income: Exchange difference arising on translation		(779)	1,901
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Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests  36,378 33,876 25,444 70,254 65,661  Earnings per share - Basic  HK0.60 cents HK0.65 cents	Owners of the Company		34,103	24,470
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- Basic HK0.60 cents HK0.65 cents			70,254	65,661
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### **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

At 31 December 2012

Non-current assets	Notes	As at 31 December 2012 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	As at 30 June 2012 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Property, plant and equipment Development costs for systems and networks Goodwill Intangible assets	8	62,830 4,137,840 36,795	62,565 3,911,482 36,795
Available-for-sale investments Interest in an associate		628,148	628,148
Interest in an associate Interest in a jointly controlled entity Deposits and prepaid development costs		478 1,785,992	479 2,574,430
		6,652,083	7,213,899
Current assets Inventories Trade and other receivables Taxation recoverable Deposits, bank balances and cash	9	24,714 2,331,448 9 369,702	20,621 1,812,878 10 280,101
		2,725,873	2,113,610
Current liabilities Trade and other payables Warranty provision Customers' deposits Bank borrowings – amount due within one year Overdrafts	10	76,222 1,304 3,483 212,665 39,834	94,633 1,229 3,483 215,870 40,164
Net current assets		2,392,365	355,379 1,758,231
Total assets less current liabilities		9,044,448	8,972,130
Non-current liabilities Retirement benefit obligations		52,453	50,389
Net assets		8,991,995	8,921,741
Capital and reserves Share capital Reserves		612,502 6,874,592	612,502 6,838,214
Equity attributable to owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		7,487,094 1,504,901	7,450,716 1,471,025
		8,991,995	8,921,741

## **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (Unaudited)**

For the six months ended 31 December 2012

	Attributable to owners of the Company											
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Dividend reserve HK\$'000	Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000	General reserve HK\$'000	Capital reserve HK\$'000	Merger reserve HK\$'000	Translation reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	Non- controlling interests HK\$'000	Total equity HK\$'000
At 1 July 2011 (audited)	601,411	2,091,866	6,014	50	1,366,003	125,036	8,358	1,533	3,181,961	7,382,232	1,453,420	8,835,652
Profit for the period Exchange difference arising from translation	- 	- 			- 	- 	-	927	39,290	39,290 927	24,470	63,760
Total comprehensive income for the period						<u> </u>		927	39,290	40,217	25,444	65,661
Interim dividend Acquisition of additional interests in a subsidiary	-		18,042		- 	- -	-		(18,042)	20,639	(25,709)	(5,070)
	-		18,042						2,597	20,639	(25,709)	(5,070)
At 31 December 2011	601,411	2,091,866	24,056	50	1,366,003	125,036	8,358	2,460	3,223,848	7,443,088	1,453,155	8,896,243
At 1 July 2012 (audited)	612,502	2,091,866	6,125	50	1,366,003	125,036	8,358	2,180	3,238,596	7,450,716	1,471,025	8,921,741
Profit for the period Exchange difference arising from translation	-	- 			- 	- -	-	(552)	36,930	36,930 (552)	34,103	71,033 (779)
Total comprehensive income for the period								(552)	36,930	36,378	33,876	70,254
Interim dividend	-		12,250						(12,250)			
At 31 December 2012	612,502	2,091,866	18,375	50	1,366,003	125,036	8,358	1,628	3,263,276	7,487,094	1,504,901	8,991,995

## **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)**

For the six months ended 31 December 2012

Six months ended 31 December		
2012	2011	
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
325,136	200,729	
(229,803)	(88,625)	
(5,674)	(74,800)	
89,659	37,304	
239,937	411,187	
272	431	
329,868	448,922	
369.702	504,248	
(39,834)	(55,326)	
329,868	448,922	
	31 Decen 2012 HK\$'000  325,136 (229,803) (5,674)  89,659 239,937 272  329,868  369,702 (39,834)	

### Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

For the six months ended 31 December 2012

#### 1. Basis of preparation

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair values. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA"). In addition, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the annual financial statements of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2012.

#### 2. Application of new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards

In the current period, the Group has applied a number of amendments issued by the HKICPA that are mandatorily effective for accounting periods beginning on 1 July 2012. The adoption of the amendments in the current period has had no material effect on the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the current and prior periods.

The Group has not early applied those new and revised standards, amendments and interpretation that have been issued but are not yet effective. The directors of the Company anticipate that the application of the new and revised standards, amendments and interpretation will have no material impact on the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Group.

#### 3. Turnover and segment information

### (a) Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts received and receivable for goods sold and services provided by the Group to outside customers, licensing fees and leasing income received and receivable, and dividends received and receivable from the Group's strategic investments during the period.

The turnover of the Group comprises the following:

	Six months ended 31 December		
	2012 HK\$'000	2011 HK\$'000	
Sales of systems and products Software licensing Rendering of services Leasing of systems products Dividend income	1,340,570 582,675 38,629 12,281 35,159	912,188 507,113 44,497 11,565 35,159	
	2,009,314	1,510,522	

### (b) Segment information

Information regarding the Group's reportable segments for the purpose of resources allocation and performance assessment for the period is set out below:

	Systems sales, licensing and others HK\$'000	Leasing of systems products HK\$'000	Strategic investments HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Six months ended 31 December 2012 TURNOVER				
External and total revenue	1,961,874	12,281	35,159	2,009,314
RESULTS Segment result	47,240	357	27,719	75,316
Interest income Finance costs Unallocated expenses, net Share of loss of a jointly controlled entity				4,536 (1,579) (7,239) (1)
Profit before taxation				71,033
Six months ended 31 December 2011 TURNOVER External and total revenue	1,463,798	11,565	35,159	1,510,522
RESULTS Segment result	46,399	(618)	29,189	74,970
Interest income Finance costs Unallocated expenses, net				2,944 (1,496) (12,658)
Profit before taxation				63,760

### 4. Depreciation and amortisation

	Six months ended 31 December		
	2012 HK\$'000	2011 HK\$'000	
Amortisation on development costs for systems and networks, included in direct operating expenses  Depreciation of property, plant and equipment, included in	718,533	611,111	
general and administrative expenses	6,650	6,144	
Total depreciation and amortisation	725,183	617,255	

### 5. Taxation

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% (2011: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits derived from Hong Kong. No provision for taxation has been made as the Group's income neither arises in, nor is derived from Hong Kong. Taxation in other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the respective jurisdictions.

The low effective tax rate is attributable to the fact that a substantial portion of the Group's profit neither arises in, nor is derived from, Hong Kong and is accordingly not subject to Hong Kong Profits Tax and such profit is either exempt from Macau income tax or not subject to taxation in any other jurisdictions.

### 6. Earnings per share

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share is based on the following data:

	Six months ended 31 December	
	2012	2011
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Earnings attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of calculating basic earnings per share	36,930	39,290
Interest on convertible bond		140
Earnings for the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share		39,430
	Number of sh	ares ('000)
Weighted average number of shares for the purpose of calculating basic earnings per share	6,125,016	6,014,110
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares: Convertible bond		40,443
Weighted average number of shares for the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share		6,054,553

No dilutive earnings per share is presented for the six month ended 31 December 2012 as there were no potential ordinary shares in issue during the period. The convertible bond was fully redeemed by the Company on 19 September 2011.

### 7. Dividend

	Six months ended 31 December		
	2012	2011	
Interim dividend declared in scrip form equivalent to HK0.2 cents (2011: HK0.3 cents) per share.	нк\$'000	HK\$'000	
with a cash option	12,250	18,042	

The interim dividend declared is calculated on the basis of 6,125,016,308 shares in issue on 31 December 2012.

### 8. Property, plant and equipment

	Amount
	HK\$'000
Net book value at 1 July 2012	62,565
Currency realignment	1,908
Additions	5,007
Disposals	-
Depreciation	(6,650)
Net book value at 31 December 2012	62,830

At 31 December 2012, certain land and buildings of the Group with a carrying value of HK\$8,428,000 (30 June 2012: HK\$8,128,000) were pledged to a bank as security for banking facilities granted to the Group.

#### 9. Trade and others receivables

	As at	As at
	31 December	30 June
	2012	2012
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Trade receivables	963,002	1,017,291
Advances to suppliers	1,342,055	765,084
Other receivables	26,391	30,503
	2,331,448	1,812,878

The Group maintains a well-defined credit policy regarding its trade customers depending on their credit worthiness, nature of services and products, industry practice and condition of the market with credit period ranging from 30 days to 180 days. The advances to suppliers and other receivables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and refundable, and are expected to be realised in the next twelve months from the end of the reporting period. The aged analysis of trade receivables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	As at 31 December 2012 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	As at 30 June 2012 <i>HK\$</i> '000 (Audited)
0 – 60 days	460,635	514,204
61 – 90 days	305,409	331,875
91 – 180 days	196,803	171,195
> 180 days	155	17

### 10. Trade and other payables

As at 31 December 2012, the balance of trade and other payables included trade payables of HK\$7,649,000 (30 June 2012: HK\$11,855,000). The aged analysis of trade payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	As at 31 December 2012 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	As at 30 June 2012 HK\$'000 (Audited)
0 – 60 days 61 – 90 days 91 – 180 days > 180 days	7,649 - - -	9,461 90 2,182 122
	7,649	11,855

The credit period for purchases of goods ranged from 30 days to 60 days. Other payables mainly represented receipts in advance and accruals.

### 11. Operating lease arrangements

### The Group as lessee

At the end of the reporting period, the Group had future minimum lease payments payable under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of rented premises and motor vehicles which fall due as follows:

	As at 31 December 2012		As at 30 June 2012	
	Land and	Motor	Land and	Motor
	buildings	vehicles	buildings	vehicles
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
Operating leases which expire:				
Within one year	2,778	2,037	5,152	2,220
In the second to fourth year inclusive	6,738	3,364	2,725	2,823
	9,516	5,401	7,877	5,043

Leases are negotiated for terms of one to four years and rentals are fixed for terms of one to four years.

#### The Group as lessor

At the end of the reporting period, the Group contracted with lessees in respect of leasing of certain equipment which is included in plant and machinery and telecommunications networks, which fall due as follows:

	As at	As at
	31 December	30 June
	2012	2012
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Within one year	1,306	1,276
In the second to fifth year inclusive	13,283	15,840
	14,589	17,116

### Interim Dividend and Scrip Dividend Scheme

The Board has resolved to pay an interim dividend of HK0.2 cents per share for the Period (2011: HK0.3 cents per share) to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 19 March 2013. The interim dividend will be satisfied by allotment of new shares of the Company, credited as fully paid, by way of scrip dividend, with an alternative to the shareholders to elect to receive such dividend (or part thereof) in cash in lieu of such allotment (the "Scrip Dividend Scheme").

The Scrip Dividend Scheme is subject to the granting by the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Exchange") of a listing of and permission to deal in the shares to be issued pursuant thereto. A circular setting out the details of the Scrip Dividend Scheme together with the form of election will be sent to the shareholders of the Company as soon as practicable.

It is expected that certificates for shares to be issued under the Scrip Dividend Scheme and dividend warrants will be despatched to those entitled thereto on or before 16 May 2013.

### **Closure of Register of Members**

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 18 March 2013 to 19 March 2013, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares of the Company will be effected. In order to qualify for the above interim dividend and the Scrip Dividend Scheme, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Branch Share Registrars in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited at 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong no later than 4:30 p.m. on 15 March 2013.

### **Management Discussion and Analysis**

#### **Financial Results**

The Group reported a turnover of HK\$2.009 million for the Period, representing an increase of 33 percent as compared with HK\$1.511 million for the Previous Period. Profit for the Period was HK\$71 million and profit attributable to owners of the Company was HK\$37 million as compared with HK\$64 million and HK\$39 million respectively for the Previous Period. The increase in turnover and profit was attributable to the Group's continued effort in developing new products and markets which brought in new income streams. Earnings per share for the Period was HK0.60 cents (2011; HK0.65 cents). The Group had taken prudent measures to recognise an impairment loss of HK\$55 million (2011: HK\$16 million) for deposits and prepaid development costs for systems and networks, which affected the profit for the Period. Excluding the impairment loss, adjusted EBITDA for the Period increased by 22 percent to HK\$852 million (2011: HK\$698 million). The Group's gross margin remained stable at 12.1 percent compared with 12.3 percent of Previous Period. Cost control measures continued to be exercised. For the Period, distribution costs dropped 9 percent to HK\$17.2 million (2011; HK\$18.9 million), while general and administrative expenses increased 21 percent to HK\$101 million (2011; HK\$83.3 million) and research and development costs expensed decreased by 32 percent to HK\$6.0 million (2011: HK\$8.9 million). Depreciation and amortisation expenses increased 17 percent to HK\$725 million (2011: HK\$617 million) as a result of rolling out of new systems and networks.

Finance costs for the Period remained low at HK\$1.6 million (2011: HK\$1.5 million) as a result of the low gearing of the Group.

#### **Review of Operations**

For the Period, China's economy remained stable despite some sectors showing signs of slowing down. Exports were affected by the uncertain state of many western economies, while weaker than expected imports indicated a decline in consumption. Amid concerns over slowing growth, investment sentiment had turned cautious and the pace of market activities subdued. The Group continued to focus on innovative communications and security solutions and services customised to achieve high reliability and high integrity. Enhancement of product mix, introduction of new solutions and services, and revenue generated from the sale of products related to cultural business contributed to an increase in sales.

The Group's strategic investment in In-Car telematics solutions, anti-radiation products to counteract radio transmission from mobile phones, as well as smart logistics solutions, continued. Meanwhile, in an effort to boost its offerings of security solutions, the Group has been working with international partners to offer comprehensive customised solutions for integrated security systems.

For the Period, China sales increased by 33 percent to HK\$1,582 million as compared with HK\$1.191 million for the Previous Period.

In Europe, the unstable economic climate continued to affect the Group's trading position. The austerity measures adopted by governments across Europe slowed spending and delayed project rollout. In the United Kingdom ("UK"), the Group's business in emergency services, NHS (National Health Services) projects and fire control sectors improved after several quarters of slowdown due to spending cuts. Elsewhere, sales in Germany were stable, and there was continuing demand for the Group's products in some European markets despite the weak economic fundamentals.

Turnover of the European operations was HK\$304 million, an increase of 32 percent as compared with HK\$230 million for the Previous Period.

Kantone Holdings Limited ("Kantone")

Kantone's turnover was HK\$912 million and profit for the Period was HK\$77 million, representing corresponding increases of 39 percent and 40 percent as compared with HK\$656 million and HK\$55 million respectively for the Previous Period. Sales in China were in line with the country's economic development where Kantone continued to focus on customised solutions and services. Sale of products related to cultural business recorded an encouraging start. In Europe, fiscal tightening across the board posed great challenges to Kantone's business operation, but momentum was maintained in the UK and German markets where Kantone's customised solutions had proved competitive and were in demand. During the Period, Kantone launched its new messaging product which embraces smart phones and traditional devices deployed over existing Wi-Fi networks, providing a unified communications platform targeted primarily at its core markets of healthcare and emergency services. New business has been secured in the UK healthcare sector. Elsewhere, Kantone recorded satisfactory growth from the Australasian and Middle East markets in sales of traditional systems products and personal security solutions.

For e-gaming and online entertainment, Kantone continued to invest in the enhancement of integrated gaming technology solutions, online payment channels and sales networks in line with the new regulations covering the administration of lottery in China. The gradual opening up of the China lottery market in an orderly manner is expected to bode well for Kantone as an innovative service provider to expand its activities into various parts of the lottery value chain. Investments in the e-lottery project were subject to periodic review to determine if progress was in line with original plans, and if the anticipated benefits could be achieved.

#### Digital HK

Digital HK recorded a loss of HK\$1,473,000 on turnover of HK\$1,537,000 for the Period, compared with a loss of HK\$1,446,000 on turnover of HK\$1,474,000 in the Previous Period. It continues to seek investments to broaden its income streams. In particular, it plans to leverage its expertise and e-commerce capabilities to engage in a number of sectors, including those of health and culture via the promotion and trading of products and provision of related services, which are in line with China's national policy to promote its culture and health industries.

### Outlook

The global economic environment remains challenging. While the Group's business fundamentals are positive, the continuing global uncertain market conditions may further dampen consumer and business confidence and so affect purchases and the Group's performance. The Group also has to bear rising operating costs brought about by inflation, higher wages and social security contributions due to national policies. In response, the Group will strive to maintain its margins and momentum by focusing on the continued enhancement of its product mix and maintaining strict control over its costs.

Going forward, the Group will continue its prudent approach in investing in complementary businesses that have good growth prospects. In particular, the Group will continue its efforts in pursuing business in the culture sector, which is in line with China's national policy to promote its culture industry alongside its rise as an economic power. The Group's participation and sponsorship in the past two decades of various cultural events, including the popular exhibitions under the **Peace and Harmony** series hosted by Chinese World Cultural Heritage Foundation with thousands of rare antiques and relics on display, has enabled it to accumulate related knowledge and business connections, both overseas and on the Mainland, in the field of culture and related activities. Ongoing engagement in international and regional cultural exchange activities also helps to enhance the Group's experience in the culture business and other new market endeavours.

Combining technology, creativity and art, and in collaboration with niche partners, the Group has developed a portfolio of comprehensive customised solutions for integrated security and monitoring systems safeguarding precious exhibits. The Group has also enhanced its e-commerce capabilities to include data-mining and knowledge management in the sales, marketing and promotion of art, antiques, cultural products and collectibles for the consumer market. With the further opening up of China's culture market, as well as the rising interest in Chinese culture and heritage among consumers around the world, the Group is well-positioned to capitalise on its extensive customer bases and global distribution networks to develop income streams for a wide range of culture-related topics within the ambit of the creative and information industry.

### **Liquidity and Financial Resources**

### **Financial Position and Gearing**

The Group's financial position remained positive with a low gearing throughout the Period. As at 31 December 2012, the Group had HK\$370 million liquid assets made up of deposits, bank balances and cash. Current assets were approximately HK\$2,726 million (30 June 2012: HK\$2,114 million) and current liabilities amounted to approximately HK\$334 million (30 June 2012: HK\$355 million). With net current assets of HK\$2,392 million (30 June 2012: HK\$1,758 million), the Group maintained a high level of financial liquidity. The gearing ratio of the Group, which calculation was based on the Group's total borrowings of HK\$253 million (30 June 2012: HK\$256 million) and equity attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$7,487 million (30 June 2012: HK\$7,451 million), was 0.034 (30 June 2012: 0.034).

As at 31 December 2012, total borrowings mainly comprised bank loans of HK\$213 million (30 June 2012: HK\$216 million) and overdrafts of HK\$40 million (30 June 2012: HK\$40 million). All the borrowings were repayable either on demand or within one year. Bank borrowings of HK\$28.8 million (30 June 2012: HK\$25.9 million) were secured by the Group's land and buildings with a carrying value of HK\$8.4 million (30 June 2012: HK\$8.1 million). Finance costs for the Period amounted to HK\$1.6 million compared with HK\$1.5 million for Previous Period.

### **Treasury Policy**

The Group is committed to financial prudence and maintains a positive financial position with low gearing. The Group finances its operation and business development by a combination of internally generated resources, capital markets instruments and banking facilities.

All the borrowings were used by subsidiaries of the Company bearing interest at floating rates and were denominated in their local currencies. As such, the currency risk exposure associated with them was insignificant.

The Group does not engage in any speculative derivatives or structured product transactions, interest rate or foreign exchange speculative activities. It is the Group's policy to manage foreign exchange risk through matching foreign exchange income with expense, and where exposure to foreign exchange is anticipated, appropriate hedging instruments will be used.

#### **Capital Commitments**

As at 31 December 2012, the Group's capital commitments authorised but not contracted for amounted to approximately HK\$178 million (30 June 2012: HK\$191 million). These commitments were set aside for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment, and development of systems and networks.

### **Human Resources and Remuneration Policy**

As at 31 December 2012, the Group employed about 1,200 staff around the globe. Remuneration is determined with reference to market terms and the performance, qualifications and experience of the individual employee. Remuneration includes monthly salaries, performance-linked bonuses, retirement benefits schemes and other benefits such as medical scheme

### **Directors' Interests and Short Positions in Securities**

As at 31 December 2012, the interests of the directors of the Company in the shares of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") set out in Appendix 10 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Exchange (the "Listing Rules") were as follows:

Name of director	Capacity	Number of shares	Approximate percentage of the issued share capital
Securities of the Company Dr. Paul Kan Man Lok	Corporate interest	Note 1	27.47%
Securities of Kantone Dr. Paul Kan Man Lok	Corporate interest	Note 2	54.98%
Securities of Digital HK Dr. Paul Kan Man Lok	Corporate interest	Note 3	74.48%

#### Notes:

 1,682,281,441 shares of the Company were held by Lawnside International Limited ("Lawnside"). Lawnside is beneficially wholly owned by Dr. Paul Kan Man Lok. As at 31 December 2012, Lawnside had interest in approximately 27.47% of the entire issued share capital of the Company. Dr. Paul Kan Man Lok was deemed to have corporate interest in the shares of the Company held by Lawnside.

- 2. 4,125,813,235 shares of Kantone were held by the Company. Dr. Paul Kan Man Lok was deemed to have corporate interest in the shares of Kantone held by the Company.
- 3. 106,050,000 shares of Digital HK were held by the Company and 5,670,520 shares of Digital HK were held by Lawnside. Dr. Paul Kan Man Lok was deemed to have corporate interest in the shares of Digital HK held by the Company and Lawnside.

Save as disclosed above, none of the directors or chief executive of the Company had any interest or short position in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (as defined in Part XV of the SFO) as at 31 December 2012 as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

### **Share Options and Directors' Rights to Acquire Shares or Debentures**

The respective share option schemes adopted on 29 November 2002 by each of the Company, Kantone and Digital HK expired on 28 November 2012. On 30 November 2012, each of the Company, Kantone and Digital HK adopted a new share option scheme under which eligible persons, including directors of the Company, Kantone, Digital HK or any of their subsidiaries may be granted options to subscribe for shares of the Company, Kantone and Digital HK respectively.

Other than the share option schemes of the Company, Kantone and Digital HK aforementioned, at no time during the Period was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

During the Period, no option had been granted, exercised, cancelled, lapsed or outstanding under the share option schemes of the Company, Kantone and Digital HK aforementioned.

### **Substantial Shareholder**

As at 31 December 2012, the following person (other than the directors or chief executive of the Company) had interests in the share capital of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO:

			Approximate percentage of
Name of shareholder	Capacity	Number of shares	the issued share capital
Lawnside	Beneficial owner	1,682,281,441*	27.47%

<sup>\*</sup> See Note 1 to the "Directors' Interests and Short Positions in Securities" Section above.

Save as disclosed above, no person had any interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company according to the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO as at 31 December 2012.

### Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Securities

During the Period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

### **Corporate Governance Code**

During the Period, the Company complied with the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules.

### **Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors**

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions on the terms of the Model Code. The Company has made specific enquiry of all directors of the Company, result of which indicates that the directors had complied with such code of conduct throughout the Period.

### **Audit Committee**

The audit committee of the Company has reviewed with the management of the Group the financial and accounting policies and practices adopted by the Group, its internal controls and financial reporting matters and this interim report.

By Order of the Board **Paul KAN Man Lok** Chairman

Hong Kong, 27 February 2013

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