

First Quarterly Report 2005

# SYSCAN Technology Holdings Limited

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# FINANCIAL RESULTS

The board of directors (the "Board") of SYSCAN Technology Holdings Limited (the "Company") announces the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the three months ended 31 March 2005 together with the comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding period in 2004 as follows:

		For the three months ended 31 March			
	Note	2005 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2004 (Unaudited) HK\$'000		
Turnover Cost of sales	2	14,321 (8,913)	105,775 (98,247)		
Gross profit		5,408	7,528		
Other revenue	3	443	339		
Selling and marketing expenses General and administrative expenses Research and development expenses		(2,379) (6,132) (2,221)	(4,993) (10,648) (1,813)		
		(10,732)	(17,454)		
Loss from operations		(4,881)	(9,587)		
Finance costs		(1,797)	(2,192)		
Loss before taxation		(6,678)	(11,779)		
Taxation	4	(7)	-		
Loss after taxation		(6,685)	(11,779)		
Minority interests		78	451		
Loss attributable to shareholders		(6,607)	(11,328)		
Loss per share – Basic	5	HK(6.5) cents	HK(11.1) cents		
Dividends	6				

Notes:

#### 1. Basis of presentation

Significant transactions and balances among the companies comprising the Group have been eliminated on consolidation.

- 2. Turnover comprised the net invoiced value of merchandise sold after allowances for returns and discounts and exclusion of value-added tax.
- Other revenue for the three-month period ended 31 March 2005 consisted of (i) a sundry income of approximately HK\$427,000 (2004: HK\$154,000), and (ii) an interest income of approximately HK\$16,000 (2004: HK\$185,000).

#### 4. Taxation

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax was made as the Group had no assessable profit in Hong Kong during the three-month period ended 31 March 2005 (2004: Nil).

The United States subsidiary had no assessable profit subject to United States federal income tax and California State income tax. However, the Company was liable to California State income tax of approximately HK\$7,000 (2004: Nil), being the minimum amount for a company in a tax loss position.

No provision for Mainland China enterprise income tax was made as the Mainland China subsidiaries (except for one subsidiary in Shanghai which was liable to an income tax of approximately HK\$Nil (2004: HK\$8)) had no assessable profit for the three-month period ended 31 March 2005 (2004: Nil).

No provision for Taiwan income tax was made as the Group had no assessable profit in Taiwan during the three-month period ended 31 March 2005 (2004: Nil).

There was no significant unprovided deferred taxation for the three-month period ended 31 March 2005 (2004: Nil).

#### 5. Loss per share

The calculation of the basic loss per share for the three-month period ended 31 March 2005 was based on the unaudited loss attributable to shareholders of approximately HK\$6,607,000 (2004: HK\$11,328,000) and on the weighted average number of approximately 102,364,328 shares (2004: 102,364,328 shares) in issue during the three-month period ended 31 March 2005.

No diluted loss per share is presented as the outstanding employee share options were antidilutive.

#### 6. Interim Dividend

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the three-month period ended 31 March 2005 (2004: Nil).

## **RESERVES MOVEMENT**

At the beginning of 2005, the Group had consolidated reserves, excluding accumulated deficit, of approximately HK\$199,779,000. For the three-month period ended 31 March 2005, the Group's reserves have no movement. As a result, the consolidated reserves of the Group as at 31 March 2005 were approximately HK\$199,779,000.

At the beginning of 2005, the Group had accumulated deficit of approximately HK\$85,496,000. For the three-month period ended 31 March 2005, the Group's accumulated deficit increased by approximately HK\$6,607,000, representing the loss attributable to shareholders for the period. As a result, the accumulated deficit of the Group as at 31 March 2005 was approximately HK\$92,103,000.

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### Overview

The Group recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$14,321,000 for the three-month period ended 31 March 2005, representing a decrease of approximately 86% over the same period last year. This is mainly attributable to the Group's effort in cut down the sales of LCD and CRT monitors since the gross profit of those products were very low. The gross margin for the first quarter of this year was about 37%, as compared to that of 7% for the same period in 2004. The increase in gross margin was mainly caused by the change in the product mix with the inclusion of more sales of the Group's scanner products which had a much higher profit margin.

Loss attributable to shareholders for the three-month period ended 31 March 2005 amounted approximately HK\$6,607,000, which represents a decrease of approximately 41% over the same period in 2004.

#### **Research and Development**

For the three-month period ended 31 March 2005, the Group had more expenses on research and development activities for new products and therefore such expenses has increased by approximately 22% when compared to the corresponding period last year.

The Group continues to explore the application of its 2D barcode technology in different fields of business. For instance, the Group had finished the research and testing for learning machine and cigarette barcode reader.

#### Production

The directors believe that such production capacity can fulfill the forthcoming production needs.

#### Sales and Marketing

The first quarter of 2005 brought continued opportunity growth for the Group's products in the Western market channels. At the Consumer Electronics Show (CES – Las Vegas) in early January, the Group had an overwhelming response to our Group's products.

In mid-March, we held a highly successful exhibition at the CeBIT in Hannover Germany, at which we also introduced our Group's products. Once again we received a very positive response to our products. We had also shifted our western business emphasis to less seasonal sensitive channels in order to maintain a stable turnover.

#### Investment and Acquisition

During the three-month period ended 31 March 2005, the Group purchased 90% equity interest in Syscan Digital Systems Co., Ltd. at a consideration of RMB1.

#### **Future Prospects**

The Group will actively develop new products for different markets and users in order to bring in more sales revenue as well as pursuing more OEM sales and to cut down overheads. With these strategies in place, the Group believes that it is on course to a more promising growth and hence, generating more fruitful returns to our shareholders.

# **RESIGNATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

The Board of the Company announced that Mr Darwin Hu and Dr Zhang Fu has resigned as an executive director with effect from 19 January 2005 and 31 March 2005 respectively owing to personal reasons. Mr Darwin Hu and Dr Zhang Fu had confirmed that they had no disagreement with the Board and that there were no other matters which have to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The Board would like to express on behalf of the Company its appreciation and gratitude towards Mr Darwin Hu and Dr Zhang Fu for their past contribution to the Group during their term of offices.

## DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS

As at 31 March 2005, the interests and short positions of the directors and the chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO") as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the required standard of dealings by directors of the Company as referred to in Rule 5.46 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange (the "GEM Listing Rules") were as follows:

#### Long Positions in shares of the Company

Name	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Other interests	Total	Percentage of issued share capital
Mr Cheung Wai	720,000	-	10,310,000 (Note 2)	-	11,030,000	10.78%
Mr Darwin Hu	3,840,000	1,615,600 (Note 1)	-	-	5,455,600	5.33%
Mr Jin Qingjun	50,000	-	-	-	50,000	0.049%

Notes:

1. These shares were held by Mrs Sonya Hsiu-Yu Hu, the spouse of Mr Darwin Hu.

2. 4,800,000 shares and 5,510,000 shares were held by Haing Assets Limited and Simrita Investments Limited respectively (both companies are incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and are beneficially owned by Mr Cheung Wai).

#### Long positions in underlying shares of the Company

On 2 March 2000, the Company adopted Share Option Scheme A and Scheme B under which share options to subscribe for shares of the Company may be granted under the terms and conditions stipulated in Scheme A and Scheme B.

Share Option Scheme A ceased to be effective (save for the options granted) upon the listing of the Company on 14 April 2000. At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 26 April 2002, shareholders of the Company approved the adoption of a new Share Option Scheme C and the termination of Share Option Scheme B.

Since its adoption and up to 31 March 2005, no options have been granted to the Directors of the Company under Share Option Scheme A and Scheme B.

Details of the options granted to the Directors of the Company under Share Option Scheme B and Scheme C since their adoption and up to 31 March 2005 were as follows:

Scheme B

Name	Date of grant	Exercise period	Subscription price per share	No. of underlying shares comprising the options granted	No. of underlying shares comprising the options exercised	No. of underlying shares comprising the options lapsed	No. of underlying shares comprising the options outstanding
	(dd/mm/yy)	(dd/mm/yy)					
Mr Cheung Wai	19/6/2000	19/6/2001 to 18/6/2010	HK\$3.30	500,000	-	-	500,000
Mr Darwin Hu	19/6/2000	19/6/2001 to 18/6/2010	HK\$3.30	500,000	-	-	500,000
	17/1/2001	17/1/2002 to 16/1/2011	HK\$2.06	1,800,000	-	-	1,800,000
Mr Chan Man Ching	4/12/2000	4/12/2001 to 3/12/2010	HK\$1.016	50,000	-	-	50,000
				2,850,000			2,850,000

Percentage of

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	(dd/mm/yy)	(dd/mm/yy)					
Mr Chan Man Ching	14/5/2002	14/5/2003 to 13/5/2012	HK\$1.412	50,000	-	-	50,000
	12/11/2002	12/11/2003 to 11/11/2012	HK\$1.00	200,000	-	-	200,000
Dr Zhang Fu	14/8/2002	14/8/2003 to 13/8/2012	HK\$1.00	300,000	-	(300,000)	-
	26/3/2003	26/3/2004 to 25/3/2013	HK\$1.00	700,000	-	(700,000)	-
				1,250,000		(1,000,000)	250,000

Scheme C

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 March 2005, none of the directors had any interest or short positions in any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standard of dealings by directors of the Company as referred to in Rule 5.46 of the GEM Listing Rules.

# INTERESTS DISCLOSEABLE UNDER THE SFO AND SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

Save as disclosed below, as at 31 March 2005, there was no other person (other than a director or chief executive of the Company) who had any interests and short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO.

Name	Capacity	Nature of interests	Number of shares	issued share capital
Mr Cheung Wai (Note 1)	Beneficial owner	Personal & Corporate	11,030,000	10.78%
Mr Darwin Hu (Note 1)	Beneficial owner	Personal & Family	5,455,600	5.33%
Mr Joseph Liu <i>(Note 2)</i>	Beneficial owner	Personal & Family	7,200,000	7.03%

#### Long positions in shares of the Company

Notes:

- 1. Details of the interests of Mr Cheung Wai and Mr Darwin Hu are duplicated in the section "DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS" disclosed above.
- 2. In addition to 1,920,000 shares held by Mr Joseph Liu, 5,280,000 shares are held by Messrs Emmy Liu, Shirley Liu, Hui Chuan Liu and H. S. Liu, family associates of Mr Joseph Liu.

# **COMPETING INTERESTS**

The Directors are not aware of, as at 31 March 2005, any business or interest of each Director, management shareholder and the respective associates of each that competes or may compete with the business of the Group and any other conflicts of interest which any such person has or may have with the Group.

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

During the three-month period ended 31 March 2005, there were no purchase, sale or redemption by the Company or any of its subsidiaries of the Company's listed securities.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company established an audit committee (the "Committee") on 2 May 2000 with written terms of reference in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules. The Committee now comprises three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr Lo Wai Ming, Mr Fong Chi Wah and Mr Jin Qingjun. The primary duties of the Committee are to review and supervise the financial reporting process and internal control systems of the Group.

The Committee (who were of the opinion that the preparation of the unaudited results of the Group for the three-month period ended 31 March 2005 has complied with applicable accounting standards, the Stock Exchange and legal requirements and that adequate disclosures had been made) has reviewed the Company's unaudited results of the Group for the three-month period ended 31 March 2005 and the draft of this report, and has provided advice and comments thereon.

By Order of the Board SYSCAN Technology Holdings Limited Cheung Wai Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 13 May 2005