

Interim Report 2007-2008

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#### **EMPEROR ENTERTAINMENT GROUP LIMITED (STOCK CODE: 8078)**

### **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

For the three months ("Quarterly Period") and six months ("Half Yearly Period") ended 30th September, 2007, the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") had recorded a revenue of approximately HK\$25.4 million (2006: HK\$41.3 million) and HK\$54.6 million (2006: HK\$95.9 million). It recorded a loss of approximately HK\$8.2 million (2006: HK\$4.3 million) for the Quarterly Period, and approximately HK\$9.5 million loss (2006: HK\$4.1 million profit) for the Half Yearly Period.

#### **OPERATION REVIEW**

### **Music Production and Distribution**

Revenue from music production and distribution, comprising licence income, multimedia income and sales of albums, which accounted for 29.9% of the Group's total revenue for the Half Yearly Period, amounted to approximately HK\$16.3 million (2006: HK\$35.2 million).

The drop in revenue was mostly due to the decrease of licence income from HK\$19.2 million in 2006 to HK\$6.3 million in the Half Yearly Period, mainly from licensing music video to karaoke lounges, the contract of which was completed in March and only renewed in August 2007.

Meanwhile, rampant copyright infringement activities such as free internet download and copying through re-writable disc drives as well as keen competition continued to adversely affect the music records industry. During the Half Yearly Period, the Group released 45 music albums (2006: 38). Sales of music albums dropped to approximately HK\$7.7 million (2006: HK\$12.4 million). The Group sought to diversify its income stream by providing idols-based mobile entertainment services including connecting tone, content download and mobile games to mobile subscribers in Hong Kong. Such multimedia income contributed approximately HK\$2.3 million (2006: HK\$3.6 million) to the Group's revenue.

#### Film and Television Programme Production and Distribution

During the Half Yearly Period, this business sector, which accounted for 21.6% of the Group's total revenue, contributed approximately HK\$11.8 million (2006: HK\$41.8 million), mainly from the licensing of *Twins Mission* and *The Medallion* as well as distribution of *Rob-B-Hood*. It recorded a loss of HK\$1.6 million (2006: HK\$7.3 million profit).

Distribution of films and television programmes contributed approximately HK\$3.7 million (2006: HK\$9.3 million) to the Group's revenue. Film and television programme production and licensing accounted for approximately HK\$8.1 million (2006: HK\$32.4 million) of the total revenue as the Group lacked sizable productions during the Half Yearly Period.

#### **OPERATION REVIEW** (Continued)

#### Film and Television Programme Production and Distribution (Continued) Distribution

The Group receives contribution from distribution of films produced by Emperor Motion Pictures ("EMP") and JCE Movies. During the Half Yearly Period, the Group's distribution included *Ming Ming* starring Zhou Xun and Daniel Wu and *The Sun Also Rises* by Jiang Wen and starring Jaycee Chan. *The Sun Also Rises* made its world premiere during competition in the prestigious Venice Film Festival in September 2007. This was immediately followed by the film's North American premiere at film festivals in Toronto and Vancouver, and its commercial release throughout Asia.

During the Quarterly Period, EMP had entered into an agreement with China's Huayi Brothers International Distribution Limited pursuant to which EMP had secured the exclusive rights to market and distribute theatrically in Hong Kong and Macau *The Forbidden Kingdom*, starring Jackie Chan and Jet Li. The production is set for an April 2008 release.

#### Production

On the production front, the Group had completed the principal photography of The *Fantastic Water Babes*, starring Gillian Chung of Twins, Stephen Fung Tak-lun, Alex Fong, Huang Shengyi and Chinese Olympian Tian Liang; and *Home Run*, starring Chapman To and Fan Bingbing. Joining *Kung Fu Dunk* in post-production, all three films are set for commercial release in 2008.

Concurrently, EMP has also entered into agreement with the China Film Group to nurture young Chinese filmmakers by co-producing five feature film projects of smaller production budgets. The first of these projects is expected to go into production before the end of 2007.

### **Artiste Management**

The segment continued to contribute stable income to the Group and accounted for 39.9% of total revenue during the Half Yearly Period. Revenue amounted to approximately HK\$21.8 million (2006: HK\$17.1 million), which contributed a profit of approximately HK\$9.7 million (2006: HK\$6.6 million) to the Group's result.

During the Half Yearly Period, 14 new artistes have joined the Group, including five from "EEG Singing Contest 2007" co-organised with Television Broadcasts Limited in September 2007, and the famous Korean artiste Lee Jun Ki. As at the end of the Half Yearly Period, the Group managed a total of 64 artistes (2006: 56).

# **OPERATION REVIEW** (Continued)

## **Event Production**

During the Half Yearly Period, this segment contributed approximately HK\$4.7 million (2006: HK\$1.8 million) to the Group's revenue. The Group had participated in the coproduction of seven concerts, and recorded a profit of approximately HK\$0.9 million (2006: a loss of HK\$0.5 million).

### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE, LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

There is no material change in the Group's sources of fund to finance its operation and capital expenditure, as well as capital structure as disclosed in the Group's annual report for the year ended 31st March, 2007.

As at the end of the Half Yearly Period, current assets and liabilities of the Group were approximately HK\$128.4 million and HK\$153.1 million respectively. Advances from the substantial shareholder, Surplus Way Profits Limited ("Surplus Way") were approximately HK\$59.5 million, which were denominated in Hong Kong dollars, unsecured, interest bearing at the Hong Kong prime rate and had no fixed repayment term.

Other than disclosed above, the Group had no other external borrowings. The Group's borrowings and bank and cash held in hand were mainly denominated in U.S. dollars, Hong Kong dollars and Reminbi. Since the borrowings and the bank balances and cash denominated in foreign currencies (other than Hong Kong dollars) were not significant, the Group experienced no significant exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuation during the Half Yearly Period.

The Group's gearing ratio (expressed as a percentage of total borrowings over net asset value) as at 30th September, 2007 rose from 33% in the last financial year to 70%, which was mainly due to additional advances from Surplus Way for financing the production of films during the Half Yearly Period.

Together with the cash flow generated by the operation of the Group in its ordinary course of business and its existing loan facility, the board of directors (the "Board") expected the Group to have sufficient working capital for its operation.

### **COMMITMENTS**

Total commitments of the Group as at 30th September, 2007 was approximately HK\$74.0 million (as at 31st March, 2007: HK\$45.6 million), which comprised HK\$4.9 million for operating leases, HK\$0.2 million for purchase of property, plant and equipment, HK\$12.6 million for artiste fees and HK\$56.3 million for film production costs.

#### NUMBER AND REMUNERATION OF EMPLOYEES

The Group's number of employees as at the end of the Half Yearly Period was 135 (as at 31st March, 2007: 123) and total staff costs for the Half Yearly Period were approximately HK\$23.6 million (2006: HK\$19.6 million). All employees are under the remuneration policy of fixed monthly salary with discretionary bonus. The Company also has a share option scheme for providing incentive to full-time employees of the Group. No option was granted or outstanding during the Half Yearly Period.

#### PROSPECTS

The entertainment industry is a highly competitive and mobile industry. The management is committed to building up and maintaining a strong talent base, sound industry expertise and network to sustain its competitive edge.

To strengthen its audience reach and boost the popularity of its artistes, the Group had launched a television channel "EEG Channel" on TVB's pay-television platform. The channel broadcasts news, interviews and music videos featuring the Group's artistes. The Group will use the platform to maintain the popularity of its artistes and source new and talented artistes.

Meanwhile, the Group had planned to organise more concerts in the coming periods, including the Group's own artiste Joey Yung.

Through the establishment of "Emperor Entertainment Group (China)" (i.e. 英皇星藝(北京)文化發展有限公司), a wholly-owned subsidiary in Beijing and "SFS Emperor" (i.e. 上海上影英皇文化發展有限公司), a joint venture in Shanghai with Shanghai Film Group Corporation, one of the leading nationwide media conglomerates in China, the Group will continue to expand its presence in Mainland China, while at the same time source promising talents and lucrative projects from such a big market.

The Board announces the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the Quarterly Period and the Half Yearly Period together with the comparative figures for the corresponding periods in 2006 as set out below.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the three months and six months ended 30th September, 2007

|  |       | Three mon<br>30th Sep                   |  | Six montl<br>30th Sep                     |   |
|--|-------|---|--|---|---|
|  | Notes | 2007<br>(unaudited)<br><i>HK\$'000</i>  | 2006<br>(unaudited)<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2007<br>(unaudited)<br><i>HK\$</i> *000   | 2006<br>(unaudited)<br><i>HK\$'000</i>  |
| Revenue<br>Other income<br>Cost of music production                                    | 2&3   | 25,448<br>768                           | 41,305<br>460                          | 54,598<br>3,550                           | 95,872<br>2,666                         |
| and distribution<br>Cost of film and television<br>programme production                |       | (13,000)                                | (18,576)                               | (21,441)                                  | (29,817)                                |
| and distribution<br>Cost of provision of event   |       | (589)                                   | (7,197)                                | (5,359)                                   | (28,708)                                |
| production services<br>Distribution costs<br>Administrative expenses<br>Finance costs  |       | (1,127)<br>(1,512)<br>(17,637)<br>(787) | (994)<br>(4,277)<br>(14,849)<br>(53)   | (2,136)<br>(3,620)<br>(33,460)<br>(1,350) | (1,069)<br>(5,840)<br>(28,474)<br>(154) |
| Share of results of a jointly<br>controlled entity<br>Gain on disposal of a subsidiary |       | (50)                                    |  | (125)                                     | 822                                     |
| (Loss) profit before taxation<br>Taxation credit (taxation)                            | 4     | (8,486)<br>300                          | (4,181)<br>(168)                       | (9,343)<br>(140)                          | 5,298<br>(1,269)                        |
| (Loss) profit for the period   | 5     | (8,186)                                 | (4,349)                                | (9,483)                                   | 4,029                                   |
| Attributable to:<br>Equity holders of the Compan<br>Minority interests                 | у     | (8,180)<br>(6)                          | (4,310)<br>(39)                        | (9,477)<br>(6)                            | 4,112 (83)                              |
|  |       | (8,186)                                 | (4,349)                                | (9,483)                                   | 4,029                                   |
| (Loss) earnings per share<br>– basic   | 6     | (3.15) cents                            | (1.66) cents                           | (3.65) cents                              | 1.58 cents                              |
| – diluted  |       | N/A                                     | N/A                                    | N/A                                       | N/A                                     |

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

As at 30th September, 2007

|  |       | at  |  |
|--|-------|---|--|
|  |       | 0th September,<br>2007<br>(unaudited)     | 31st March,<br>2007<br>(audited)           |
| Non current accets   | Notes | HK\$'000                                  | HK\$'000                                   |
| Non-current assets<br>Property, plant and equipment<br>Interests in a jointly controlled entity  | 7     | 2,407<br>2,063                            | 2,708<br>2,084                             |
| Prepayments and other receivables<br>Film rights   | 7     | 10,686<br>95,659                          | 11,928<br>55,124                           |
|  |       | 110,815                                   | 71,844                                     |
| Current assets<br>Inventories and record masters<br>Trade receivables<br>Prepayments and other receivables<br>Taxation recoverable<br>Bank balances and cash                 | 8     | 3,534<br>25,225<br>64,700<br>92<br>34,831 | 2,430<br>30,022<br>31,947<br>125<br>69,951 |
|  |       | 128,382                                   | 134,475                                    |
| Current liabilities<br>Trade payables<br>Other payables and accrued charges<br>Amount due to ultimate holding company<br>Loan from a minority shareholder of<br>a subsidiary | 9     | 14,131<br>76,597<br>59,512<br>2,000       | 14,697<br>64,283<br>29,643<br>2,000        |
| Taxation payable   |       | 843                                       | 939  |
|  |       | 153,083                                   | 111,562                                    |
| Net current (liabilities) assets   |       | (24,701)                                  | 22,913                                     |
|  |       | 86,114                                    | 94,757                                     |
| Capital and reserves<br>Share capital<br>Reserves  |       | 2,600<br>85,201                           | 2,600<br>93,845                            |
| Equity attributable to equity holders<br>of the Company<br>Minority interests  |       | 87,801<br>(1,687)                         | 96,445<br>(1,688)                          |
| Total equity   |       | 86,114                                    | 94,757                                     |

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

For the six months ended 30th September, 2007

|   | Attributable to equity holders of the Company |                              |                                    |                                |                                    |                                   |                          |                                   |                             |
|---|---|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -   | Share<br>capital<br>HK\$'000                  | Share<br>premium<br>HK\$'000 | Contributed<br>surplus<br>HK\$'000 | Special<br>reserve<br>HK\$'000 | Translation<br>reserve<br>HK\$'000 | Accumulated<br>losses<br>HK\$'000 | <b>Total</b><br>HK\$'000 | Minority<br>interests<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br>equity<br>HK\$'000 |
| At 1st April, 2006                                | 2,600   | 105,614                      | 83,783                             | 75,000                         | (699)                              | (187,468)                         | 78,830                   | (714)                             | 78,116                      |
| Exchange differences on<br>translation of foreign |   |                              |                                    |                                |                                    |                                   |                          |                                   |                             |
| operations  | -   | -                            | -                                  | -                              | 264                                | -                                 | 264                      | 11                                | 275                         |
| Profit (loss) for the period                      | -   | -                            | -                                  | -                              | -                                  | 4,112                             | 4,112                    | (83)                              | 4,029                       |
| Transfer to profit or loss on                     |   |                              |                                    |                                |                                    |                                   |                          |                                   |                             |
| disposal of a subsidiary                          | -   |                              |                                    |                                | (19)                               |                                   | (19)                     | (808)                             | (827)                       |
| Total recognised income                           |   |                              |                                    |                                |                                    |                                   |                          |                                   |                             |
| (expense) for the period                          | -   |                              |                                    |                                | 245                                | 4,112                             | 4,357                    | (880)                             | 3,477                       |
| At 30th September, 2006                           | 2,600   | 105,614                      | 83,783                             | 75,000                         | (454)                              | (183,356)                         | 83,187                   | (1,594)                           | 81,593                      |
| At 1st April, 2007                                | 2,600   | 105,614                      | 83,783                             | 75,000                         | (364)                              | (170,188)                         | 96,445                   | (1,688)                           | 94,757                      |
| Exchange differences on<br>translation of foreign |   |                              |                                    |                                |                                    |                                   |                          |                                   |                             |
| operations  | -   | -                            | -                                  | -                              | 729                                | -                                 | 729                      | 7                                 | 736                         |
| Share of changes in equity                        |   |                              |                                    |                                |                                    |                                   |                          |                                   |                             |
| of a jointly controlled entity                    | _   |                              |                                    |                                | 104                                |                                   | 104                      |                                   | 104                         |
| Net income recognised                             |   |                              |                                    |                                |                                    |                                   |                          |                                   |                             |
| directly in equity                                | -   | -                            | -                                  | -                              | 833                                | -                                 | 833                      | 7                                 | 840                         |
| Loss for the period                               | -   |                              |                                    |                                |                                    | (9,477)                           | (9,477)                  | (6)                               | (9,483)                     |
| Total recognised income                           |   |                              |                                    |                                |                                    |                                   |                          |                                   |                             |
| (expense) for the period                          | -   |                              |                                    |                                | 833                                | (9,477)                           | (8,644)                  | 1                                 | (8,643)                     |
| At 30th September, 2007                           | 2,600   | 105,614                      | 83,783                             | 75,000                         | 469                                | (179,665)                         | 87,801                   | (1,687)                           | 86,114                      |

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

For the six months ended 30th September, 2007

|  | Six months ended<br>30th September, |             |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|
|  | 2007                                | 2006        |  |
|  | (unaudited)                         | (unaudited) |  |
|  | HK\$'000                            | HK\$'000    |  |
| Net cash (used in) from operating activities                                     | (18,255)                            | 5,406       |  |
| Net cash used in investing activities  | (45,801)                            | (17,693)    |  |
| Net cash from financing activities   | 28,519                              | 3,298       |  |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents  | (35,537)                            | (8,989)     |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period                             | 69,951                              | 69,496      |  |
| Effect of foreign exchange rate changes  | 417                                 |             |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period                                   | 34,831                              | 60,507      |  |
| Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents:<br>Bank balances and cash | 34,831                              | 60,507      |  |

Notes:

#### 1. General and basis of preparation

The Company is incorporated as an exempted company with limited liability in Bermuda under the Bermuda Companies Act. Its shares are listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange. The Company's ultimate holding company is Surplus Way, a company which is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands. The address of the registered office of the Company is Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda and its principal place of business is 28/F, Emperor Group Centre, 288 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

The Company is an investment holding company. The principal activities of its principal subsidiaries are engaged in trading and production of audio-visual products, licensing of musical works, film and television programme production, distribution and licensing, provision of management services to artistes, concert management and organisation, and provision of event production services.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the applicable disclosure requirements under Chapter 18 of the GEM Listing Rules.

The accounting policies adopted for preparation of the unaudited consolidated financial statements are consistent with those adopted by the Group in its annual financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 2007.

# 2. Revenue

An analysis of the Group's revenue is as follows:

|  | Three months ended<br>30th September,  |  | Six months ended<br>30th September,    |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
|  | 2007<br>(unaudited)<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2006<br>(unaudited)<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2007<br>(unaudited)<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2006<br>(unaudited)<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
| Music production and<br>distribution<br>– sales of albums  | 4,952                                  | 6,846                                  | 7,679                                  | 12,356                                 |
| <ul> <li>– licence income</li> <li>– multimedia income</li> </ul>  | 4,932<br>4,228<br>1,281                | 7,938                                  | 6,349<br>2,321                         | 19,191                                 |
|  | 10,461                                 | 16,570                                 | 16,349                                 | 35,168                                 |
| Film and television programme<br>production, distribution and<br>licensing<br>– production of films and<br>television programmes<br>and licensing of the |  |  |  |  |
| corresponding rights<br>– distribution of films and  | 694                                    | 7,083                                  | 8,136                                  | 32,437                                 |
| television programmes  | 1,994                                  | 8,160                                  | 3,667                                  | 9,335                                  |
|  | 2,688                                  | 15,243                                 | 11,803                                 | 41,772                                 |
| Artiste management fee income  | 8,813                                  | 8,571                                  | 21,765                                 | 17,149                                 |
| Event production<br>– income (loss) from jointly   |  |  |  |  |
| organised events<br>– income from provision of   | 731                                    | (729)                                  | 176                                    | (467)                                  |
| event production services  | 2,755                                  | 1,650                                  | 4,505                                  | 2,250                                  |
|  | 3,486                                  | 921                                    | 4,681                                  | 1,783                                  |
|  | 25,448                                 | 41,305                                 | 54,598                                 | 95,872                                 |

#### 3. Segment Information

An analysis of the Group's business segment on which the Group reports its primary segment information is presented as follows:

|   | Six months ended 30th September, 2006      |  |   |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|
|   |  | Contribution<br>to loss for                  |   | Contribution<br>to profit for                |
|   | Revenue<br>(unaudited)<br><i>HK\$</i> ′000 | the period<br>(unaudited)<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Revenue<br>(unaudited)<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | the period<br>(unaudited)<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
| Music production and<br>distribution<br>Film and television programme<br>production, distribution and | 16,349                                     | (13,988)                                     | 35,168                                    | (7,574)                                      |
| licensing   | 11,803                                     | (1,579)                                      | 41,772                                    | 7,300  |
| Artiste management  | 21,765                                     | 9,743  | 17,149                                    | 6,582  |
| Event production  | 4,681                                      | 924  | 1,783                                     | (496)  |
|   | 54,598                                     | (4,900)                                      | 95,872                                    | 5,812  |
| Other income not allocated to<br>principal activities   |  | 1.037  |   | 1,725  |
| Unallocated corporate expenses  |  | (4,005)                                      |   | (2,907)                                      |
| Finance costs   |  | (1,350)                                      |   | (154)  |
| Share of results of a jointly   |  | (-,,   |   |  |
| controlled entity (Note)  |  | (125)  |   | -  |
| Gain on disposal of a subsidiary  |  | -  |   | 822  |
| (Loss) profit before taxation   |  | (9,343)                                      |   | 5,298  |
| Taxation  |  | (140)  |   | (1,269)                                      |
| (Loss) profit for the period  |  | (9,483)                                      |   | 4,029  |

*Note:* The share of results of a jointly controlled entity belongs to the segment of film and television programme production, distribution and licensing.

#### 4. Taxation Credit (Taxation)

The credit for the Quarterly Period represents the overprovision of taxation in the previous quarter and the charges represent Hong Kong Profits Tax calculated at 17.5% of the estimated assessable profits for these periods.

No provision for income tax in respect of operations in overseas has been made as the Group has no assessable profits in the respective jurisdictions for these periods.

#### 5. (Loss) Profit for the Period

|   | Three months ended<br>30th September, |          | Six months ended<br>30th September, |                     |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
|   | 2007<br>(unaudited)                   | 2006     | 2007<br>(unaudited)                 | 2006<br>(unaudited) |
|   | HK\$'000                              | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000                            | HK\$'000            |
| (Loss) profit for the period has been arrived at after charging:  |                                       |          |                                     |                     |
| Amortisation of film rights<br>charged to cost of film and<br>television programme                                      |                                       |          |                                     |                     |
| production and distribution   | 589                                   | 7,192    | 5,348                               | 28,634              |
| Depreciation of property, plant<br>and equipment  | 458                                   | 253      | 877                                 | 498                 |
| Impairment loss on film rights<br>recognised and included in<br>cost of film and television<br>programme production and |                                       |          |                                     |                     |
| distribution  |                                       |          | 11                                  | _                   |

#### 6. (Loss) Earnings per Share

The calculation of basic (loss) earnings per share is based on the unaudited consolidated loss attributable to equity holders of the Company of approximately HK\$8,180,000 for the Quarterly Period (2006: HK\$4,310,000) and HK\$9,477,000 for the Half Yearly Period (2006: a profit of HK\$4,112,000) and the 260,000,000 ordinary shares in issue during the periods.

Diluted (loss) earnings per share have not been presented for either period as the Company had no dilutive potential ordinary shares of these periods.

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#### 7. Movements in Property, Plant and Equipment and Film Rights

During the Half Yearly Period, the Group acquired property, plant and equipment at a cost of approximately HK\$571,000 (2006: HK\$860,000), disposed of property, plant and equipment with aggregate net book value of approximately HK\$6,000 (2006: HK\$634,000) and spent approximately HK\$45,894,000 (2006: HK\$18,807,000) on cost of film rights.

#### 8. Trade Receivables

The Group allows credit periods of up to 60 days to its trade customers. The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables:

|              | As at           |             |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
|              | 30th September, | 31st March, |
|              | 2007            | 2007        |
|              | (unaudited)     | (audited)   |
|              | HK\$'000        | HK\$'000    |
| Current      | 8,804           | 15,779      |
| Overdue      |                 |             |
| 0 - 30 days  | 6,765           | 1,049       |
| 31 - 60 days | 4,267           | 6,851       |
| 61 - 90 days | 3,069           | 1,527       |
| over 90 days | 2,320           | 4,816       |
|              | 25,225          | 30,022      |

The directors of the Company consider that the carrying amount of trade receivables approximates its fair value.

#### 9. Trade Payables

The following is an aged analysis of trade payables:

|              | As a            | at          |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
|              | 30th September, | 31st March, |
|              | 2007            | 2007        |
|              | (unaudited)     | (audited)   |
|              | HK\$'000        | HK\$'000    |
| Current      | 3,015           | 1,526       |
| Overdue      |                 |             |
| 0 - 30 days  | 1,714           | 1,690       |
| 31 - 60 days | 1,425           | 3,233       |
| 61 - 90 days | 817             | 4,161       |
| over 90 days | 7,160           | 4,087       |
|              | 14,131          | 14,697      |

The directors of the Company consider that the carrying amount of trade payables approximates its fair value.

#### 10. Commitments

#### (a) Operating lease commitments

At the balance sheet date, the Group had commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases which fall due as follows:

|        |   | As at                                  |                                  |  |
|--------|---|--|----------------------------------|--|
|        |   | 30th September,<br>2007<br>(unaudited) | 31st March,<br>2007<br>(audited) |  |
| In re: | spect of:   | `HK\$'000                              | <i>НК\$'000</i>                  |  |
| (i)    | Rented premises<br>Within one year<br>In the second to fifth year inclusive | 1,900<br>796                           | 3,222<br>1,092                   |  |
|        |   | 2,696                                  | 4,314                            |  |
| (ii)   | Broadcasting service<br>Within one year                                     | 1,020                                  | 960                              |  |
|        | In the second to third year inclusive                                       | 1,190                                  | 1,600                            |  |
|        |   | 2,210                                  | 2,560                            |  |

### **10.** Commitments (Continued)

# (a) **Operating lease commitments** (Continued)

The lease payments are fixed over the lease term and no arrangements have been entered into for contingent rental payments.

#### (b) Capital commitment

|   | As              | at          |
|---|-----------------|-------------|
|   | 30th September, | 31st March, |
|   | 2007            | 2007        |
|   | (unaudited)     | (audited)   |
|   | HK\$'000        | HK\$'000    |
| Amount contracted but not provided,<br>net of deposit paid, in respect of |                 |             |
| property, plant and equipment   | 175             | -           |

## (c) Other commitments

|  | As              | at          |
|--|-----------------|-------------|
|  | 30th September, | 31st March, |
|  | 2007            | 2007        |
|  | (unaudited)     | (audited)   |
|  | HK\$'000        | HK\$'000    |
| Amounts contracted for but not provided in respect of: |                 |             |
| (i) Artiste fees                                       | 12,570          | 10,399      |
| (ii) Film production costs                             | 56,333          | 28,292      |
|  | 68,903          | 38,691      |

## 11. Related Party Transactions

During the Half Yearly Period, the Group had transactions with related parties as follows:

|  | Six months ended<br>30th September, |                   |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
|  | 2007                                | 2006              |
|  | (unaudited)                         | (unaudited)       |
|  | HK\$'000                            | ` <i>HK\$′000</i> |
| Distribution and promotion commission income             |                                     |                   |
| received   | 1,970                               | 9,333             |
| Fee received for back office support services            |                                     |                   |
| (including accounting services)                          | -                                   | 160               |
| Fee received for professional services (including legal, |                                     |                   |
| and production assistance and consultancy services)      | -                                   | 30                |
| Advertising and promotion expenses paid                  | 68                                  | 73                |
| Corporate secretarial fee paid                           | 160                                 | 160               |
| Fees paid for back office support services (including    | 100                                 | 100               |
|  |                                     |                   |
| accounting, tax and financial services, internal         |                                     |                   |
| auditing, human resources and administrative             |                                     |                   |
| services)  | -                                   | 20                |
| Interest paid to ultimate holding company                | 1,350                               | 154               |
| Management fees and air-conditioning charges paid        | 317                                 | 314               |
| Operating lease rentals paid                             | 1,246                               | 1,191             |
|  |                                     |                   |

Certain directors and substantial shareholders of the Company have beneficial or deemed interests in the above related parties.

#### DIVIDEND

The Board did not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Half Yearly Period (2006: Nil).

# DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SECURITIES

As at 30th September, 2007, the interests and 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 Securities and Futures Ordinance ("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 the directors of the Company as referred to in Rule 5.46 of the GEM Listing Rules were as follows:

#### (a) Long position in ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each of the Company

| Name of director  | Nature of interests | Number of<br>ordinary<br>shares held | Approximate<br>percentage<br>holding |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ms. Luk Siu Man, Semon<br>("Ms. Semon Luk") <i>(Note)</i> | Family              | 203,054,000                          | 78.09%                               |

*Note:* The shares were registered in the name of Surplus Way. The entire issued share capital of Surplus Way was held by Jumbo Wealth Limited ("Jumbo Wealth") on trust for The A&A Unit Trust. The A&A Unit Trust was a unit trust under The Albert Yeung Discretionary Trust (the "Trust"), a discretionary trust set up by Mr. Yeung Sau Shing, Albert ("Mr. Albert Yeung"). Mr. Albert Yeung, as founder of the Trust, was deemed to be interested in the 203,054,000 shares held by Surplus Way. By virtue of the aforesaid interests of Mr. Albert Yeung, Ms. Semon Luk (spouse of Mr. Albert Yeung and director of the Company) was also deemed to be interested in the above 203,054,000 shares held by Surplus Way.

# **DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SECURITIES** (Continued)

# (b) Long positions in shares of associated corporations

| Name of director              | Name of associated corporation  | Nature<br>of interests | Number<br>of ordinary<br>share(s)/underlying<br>shares held | Approximate<br>percentage<br>holding |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Ms. Semon Luk                 | Surplus Way (Note (1))  | Family                 | 1   | 100%                                 |
| Ms. Semon Luk                 | Jumbo Wealth (Note (1))   | Family                 | 1   | 100%                                 |
| Ms. Semon Luk                 | Charron Holdings Limited<br>("Charron") (Note (2))  | Family                 | 1   | 100%                                 |
| Ms. Semon Luk                 | Lion Empire Investments<br>Limited ("Lion Empire")<br>(Note (2a))                           | Family                 | 1   | 100%                                 |
| Ms. Semon Luk                 | Perpetual Wealth Investments<br>Limited ("Perpetual Wealth")<br>(Note (2a))                 | Family                 | 1   | 100%                                 |
| Ms. Semon Luk                 | Emperor International<br>Holdings Limited<br>("Emperor International")<br>(Note (2) & (2a)) | Family                 | 902,557,364   | 50.84%                               |
| Ms. Semon Luk                 | Emperor Capital Group Limited<br>("Emperor Capital")<br>(Note (2))                          | Family                 | 325,322,302   | 54.11%                               |
| Mr. Wong Chi Fai              | Emperor International (Note (3))  | Beneficial             | 10,000,000  | 0.56%                                |
| Ms. Fan Man Seung,<br>Vanessa | Emperor International<br>(Note (3))   | Beneficial             | 10,000,000  | 0.56%                                |

Notes:

(1) Surplus Way was the registered owner of 203,054,000 shares, representing 78.09% of the issued share capital of the Company. The entire issued share capital of Surplus Way was held by Jumbo Wealth on trust for The A&A Unit Trust. The A&A Unit Trust was a unit trust under the Trust, a discretionary trust set up by Mr. Albert Yeung. Mr. Albert Yeung, as founder of the Trust, was deemed to be interested in the share capital of Surplus Way. By virtue of the aforesaid interests of Mr. Albert Yeung, Ms. Semon Luk (spouse of Mr. Albert Yeung and director of the Company) was also deemed to be interested in the share capital of Surplus Way and Jumbo Wealth respectively.

# **DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SECURITIES** (Continued)

### (b) Long positions in shares of associated corporations (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

- (2) Charron was interested in 823,123,411 shares in Emperor International and was the registered owner of 325,322,302 shares in Emperor Capital. The entire issued share capital of Charron was held by Jumbo Wealth on trust for The A&A Unit Trust. By virtue of the interests of The A&A Unit Trust in Surplus Way and Charron, Charron, Emperor International and Emperor Capital were associated corporations of the Company. Mr. Albert Yeung, as founder of the Trust, was deemed to be interested in the share capital of Charron, Emperor International and Emperor Capital respectively. By virtue of the aforesaid interests of Mr. Albert Yeung, Ms. Semon Luk (spouse of Mr. Albert Yeung and director of the Company) was also deemed to be interested in the share capital of Charron, Emperor International and Emperor Capital respectively.
- (2a) Lion Empire was the registered owner of 79,433,953 shares in Emperor International. The entire issued capital of Lion Empire was held by Perpetual Wealth on trust for The A&S Unit Trust, a unit trust under the Trust. Mr. Albert Yeung, as founder of the Trust, was deemed to be interested in the 79,433,953 shares. By virtue of the aforesaid interests of Mr. Albert Yeung, Ms. Semon Luk (spouse of Mr. Albert Yeung and Director of the Company) was also deemed to be interested in the 79,433,953 shares of Emperor International.
- (3) Share options were granted to directors under the share option scheme of Emperor International.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th September, 2007, none of the directors or chief executives of the Company had any interests or short positions in 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 the directors of the Company as referred to in Rule 5.46 of the GEM Listing Rules.

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# SHARE OPTION SCHEME AND DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

The Company's existing share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") was approved for adoption on 26th August, 2004 and became effective on 11th November, 2004 and valid for the next ten years.

The Company had not granted any option under the Share Option Scheme since its adoption.

As at 30th September, 2007, the Company had not granted any right to subscribe for equity or debt securities of the Company to any director or chief executive of the Company or their spouse or children under 18 years of age.

## **INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS**

So far as known to the directors of the Company, as at 30th September, 2007, the persons or corporations (other than the directors or chief executives of the Company) who had interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company were as follows:

# Long positions in ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each of the Company

| Name   | Capacity/<br>Nature of interests     | Number<br>of ordinary<br>shares held | Approximate<br>percentage<br>holding |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Surplus Way <i>(Note)</i>                          | Beneficial                           | 203,054,000                          | 78.09%                               |
| Jumbo Wealth <i>(Note)</i>                         | Trustee                              | 203,054,000                          | 78.09%                               |
| GZ Trust Corporation<br>("GZ Trust") <i>(Note)</i> | Trustee                              | 203,054,000                          | 78.09%                               |
| Mr. Albert Yeung <i>(Note)</i>                     | Founder of the Trust                 | 203,054,000                          | 78.09%                               |
| South China Finance and<br>Management Limited      | Beneficial                           | 18,198,000                           | 6.99%                                |
| South China Brokerage<br>Company Limited           | Interest in a controlled corporation | 18,198,000                           | 6.99%                                |
| East Hill Development Limited                      | Interest in a controlled corporation | 18,198,000                           | 6.99%                                |

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# **INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS** *(Continued)*

**Long positions in ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each of the Company** *(Continued)* 

| Name  | Capacity/<br>Nature of interests     | Number<br>of ordinary<br>shares held | Approximate<br>percentage<br>holding |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tek Lee Finance and Investment<br>Corporation Limited | Interest in a controlled corporation | 18,198,000                           | 6.99%                                |
| South China (BVI) Limited                             | Interest in a controlled corporation | 18,198,000                           | 6.99%                                |
| South China Holdings Limited                          | Interest in a controlled corporation | 18,198,000                           | 6.99%                                |
| Bannock Investment Limited                            | Interest in a controlled corporation | 18,198,000                           | 6.99%                                |
| Earntrade Investments Limited                         | Interest in a controlled corporation | 18,198,000                           | 6.99%                                |
| Parkfield Holdings Limited                            | Interest in a controlled corporation | 18,198,000                           | 6.99%                                |
| Ronastar Investments Limited                          | Interest in a controlled corporation | 18,198,000                           | 6.99%                                |
| Fung Shing Group Limited                              | Interest in a controlled corporation | 18,198,000                           | 6.99%                                |
| Ms. Cheung Choi Ngor                                  | Persons acting in concert            | 18,198,000                           | 6.99%                                |
| Mr. Richard Howard Gorges                             | Persons acting in concert            | 18,198,000                           | 6.99%                                |
| Mr. Ng Hung Sang                                      | Persons acting in concert            | 18,198,000                           | 6.99%                                |

#### **INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS** (Continued)

# **Long positions in ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each of the Company** *(Continued)*

*Note:* The shares were registered in the name of Surplus Way. The entire issued share capital of Surplus Way was held by Jumbo Wealth on trust for The A&A Unit Trust. The A&A Unit Trust was a unit trust under the Trust, a discretionary trust set up by Mr. Albert Yeung. Mr. Albert Yeung, as founder of the Trust, was deemed to be interested in the 203,054,000 shares held by Surplus Way and held the entire issued share capital of Jumbo Wealth on trust for GZ Trust as trustee of the Trust. The above shares were the same shares as set out under section (a) of the paragraph headed "Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests and Short Positions in Securities" above.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th September, 2007, the directors of the Company were not aware of any other person or corporation (other than the directors or chief executives of the Company) who had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company.

## **COMPETING INTERESTS**

The Trust, a discretionary trust set up by Mr. Albert Yeung, a management shareholder of the Company (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules), indirectly held 50% of the shareholding of JCE Movies Limited ("JCE"), a company engaged in the production and distribution of movies. The Trust also indirectly held 100% interest in Prime Time (International) Entertainment Limited ("Prime Time"), a company engaged in the business of television programme production and artiste management. The businesses of JCE and Prime Time may constitute competition with the business of the Group. By virtue of the Trust's interest in the aforesaid businesses, Ms. Semon Luk, spouse of Mr. Albert Yeung, is also deemed to be interested in the businesses. The directors of the Company consider that since Ms. Semon Luk is a non-executive director of the Company and will not exert management control over the Group, her aforesaid deemed interest in the businesses of JCE and Prime Time Time will not materially affect the Group's business.

Save as disclosed above, the directors of the Company believe that none of the directors or the management shareholders of the Company (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) had any interest in a business which causes or may cause significant competition with the business of the Group.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company had complied throughout the Half Yearly Period with the Code on Corporate Governance Practices as set out in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules.

#### **MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES**

The Company had adopted Rules 5.48 to Rules 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules ("Model Code") as its own code of conduct regarding directors' and senior executives' securities transactions trading. Having made specific enquiry to all the directors of the Company, all the directors confirmed that they had throughout the Half Yearly Period complied with the required standard of dealings as set out in the Model Code.

### **REVIEW OF RESULTS**

The unaudited results of the Group for the Quarterly Period and the Half Yearly Period have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company, who is of the opinion that the preparation of such results has complied with the applicable accounting standards and requirements and that adequate disclosures have been made. The audit committee comprises the three independent non-executive directors of the Company, namely Mr. Chu Kar Wing (Chairman of the audit committee), Mr. Wong Ching Yue and Mr. Wong Tak Ming, Gary.

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

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

By Order of the Board Luk Siu Man, Semon Chairperson

Hong Kong, 12th November, 2007

As at the date hereof, the Board comprises Ms. Luk Siu Man, Semon (Chairperson); Mr. Ng Sui Wan alias Ng Yu, Mr. Wong Chi Fai and Ms. Fan Man Seung, Vanessa (Executive Directors); Mr. Wong Ching Yue, Mr. Chu Kar Wing and Mr. Wong Tak Ming, Gary (Independent Non-executive Directors).