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Era Information & Entertainment Limited

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(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

Stock Code: 8043

QUARTERLY REPORT

For the nine months ended 30 September 2008

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This report, for which the directors (the “Directors”) of Era Information & Entertainment Limited (the “Company”) collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM (the “GEM Listing Rules”) for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that, to the best of their knowledge and belief:

- (1) the information contained in this report is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading;*
- (2) there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement in this report misleading; and*
- (3) all opinions expressed in this report have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and are founded on bases and assumptions that are fair and reasonable.*

RESULTS

The Directors are pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (together the “Group”) for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2008, together with the unaudited comparative figures for the corresponding periods in 2007 as follows:

	Note	For the three months ended 30 September		For the nine months ended 30 September	
		2008 (unaudited) HK\$'000	2007 (unaudited) HK\$'000	2008 (unaudited) HK\$'000	2007 (unaudited) HK\$'000
Turnover	2	4,552	14,234	15,184	40,210
Cost of goods sold		(3,376)	(10,799)	(11,629)	(30,158)
Gross profit		1,176	3,435	3,555	10,052
Other income		1,688	129	2,078	419
Fair value gain on derivative component of convertible bonds		3,242	–	3,242	–
Selling and distribution costs		–	(1,664)	(1,291)	(6,070)
Administrative expenses		(5,589)	(6,584)	(16,889)	(15,580)
Operating profit (loss)	3	517	(4,684)	(9,305)	(11,179)
Finance costs		(275)	–	(275)	–
Profit (loss) before tax		242	(4,684)	(9,580)	(11,179)
Income tax expense	4	–	–	–	–
Profit (loss) for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company		242	(4,684)	(9,580)	(11,179)
		<i>HK cents</i>	<i>HK cents</i>	<i>HK cents</i>	<i>HK cents</i>
Earnings (loss) per share	5				
– basic		0.063	(1.464)	(2.495)	(3.493)
– diluted		(0.613)	N/A	(2.811)	N/A

Notes:

1. Basis of preparation

The unaudited consolidated results have been prepared in accordance with all applicable accounting standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

The accounting policies adopted in preparing the unaudited consolidated results for the period under review are consistent with those followed in the Company’s 2007 annual report. The consolidated results for the nine months ended 30 September 2008 are unaudited and have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company.

The Group has not applied the new standards, amendments or interpretations which have been issued but are not yet effective. The Group has already commenced an assessment of their impact but is not yet in a position to state whether they would have a material impact on its results of operations and financial positions.

2. Turnover

	For the three months ended 30 September		For the nine months ended 30 September	
	2008 (unaudited) HK\$’000	2007 (unaudited) HK\$’000	2008 (unaudited) HK\$’000	2007 (unaudited) HK\$’000
Home video products distribution	4,109	11,518	14,535	35,767
Theatrical release arrangement and film rights sub-licensing	-	2,701	2	4,398
Games distribution	-	15	-	45
Others	443	-	647	-
	<u>4,552</u>	<u>14,234</u>	<u>15,184</u>	<u>40,210</u>

3. Operating profit (loss)

For the nine months ended 30 September 2007, included in administrative expenses was an amount of approximately HK\$0.3 million in respect of the loss on disposal of the entire interests of a subsidiary. There is no disposal of subsidiary during the nine months ended 30 September 2008.

The fair value gain on derivative component, representing the embedded options of convertible bonds, was estimated at the issuance and each balance sheet date using option pricing model and the change in fair value of that components is recognized in the income statement.

4. Income tax expense

No provision for Hong Kong and overseas profits tax has been made as the Group has no assessable profits for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2008 (2007: Nil).

5. Earnings (loss) per share

Basic profit (loss) per share is calculated based on the Group's unaudited profit attributable to equity holders of the Company for the three months ended 30 September 2008 of approximately HK\$242,000 and unaudited loss for the nine months ended 30 September 2008 of approximately HK\$9,580,000 (unaudited loss for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2007: HK\$4,684,000 and HK\$11,179,000 respectively) and the weighted average number of 384,000,000 shares for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2008 (2007: 320,000,000 shares).

A diluted loss per share amount for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2008 were based on the unaudited consolidated loss attributable to equity holders of the Company of approximately HK\$2,737,000 and approximately HK\$12,560,000 and on the weighted average number of approximately 446,876,000 ordinary shares outstanding to assume conversion of all potential dilutive shares. A diluted loss per share amount for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2007 has not been disclosed as no dilutive potential ordinary shares existed during that period.

6. Movements in reserves

Movement in reserves during the periods are as follows:

	Share premium (unaudited) HK\$'000	Exchange reserve (unaudited) HK\$'000	Accumulated losses (unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (unaudited) HK\$'000
At 1 January 2007	65,991	5	(41,385)	24,611
Loss for the period	–	–	(11,179)	(11,179)
At 30 September 2007	<u>65,991</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>(52,564)</u>	<u>13,432</u>
	Share premium (unaudited) HK\$'000	Exchange reserve (unaudited) HK\$'000	Accumulated losses (unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (unaudited) HK\$'000
At 1 January 2008	91,066	6	(58,807)	32,265
Loss for the period	–	(322)	(9,580)	(9,902)
At 30 September 2008	<u>91,066</u>	<u>(316)</u>	<u>(68,387)</u>	<u>(22,363)</u>

DIVIDEND

The Directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend for the nine months ended 30 September 2008 (nine months ended 30 September 2007: Nil).

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the nine months ended 30 September 2008, the Group recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$15.2 million (nine months ended 30 September 2007: approximately HK\$40.2 million) and a loss attributable to shareholders amounted to approximately HK\$9.6 million (nine months ended 30 September 2007: approximately HK\$11.2 million).

As a result of the weak home video market, turnover for the home video products amounted to approximately HK\$4.0 million for the quarter ended 30 September 2008 representing a drop of 64% when compared to the same period last year.

On 21 August 2008, the Company entered into an amended term sheet with G.F.T. (FAREAST) Holding Limited (it becomes the Vendor after entering this amended term sheet), a company incorporated in Hong Kong, in relation to amend certain terms of a memorandum in relation to the possible acquisition by the Company of the Target Group which owns certain coal mining operations in Sakhalin, Russia (the "Possible Acquisition"), and which has been granted approval from The Ministry of Natural Resource in Russia to upgrade the production facilities and sell the production output.

Pursuant to the amended term sheet, the Company pay a deposit (the "Deposit") of US\$1,880,000 in full by cash to the Vendor. The Deposit shall be treated as part of the Consideration should the Formal Agreement be executed by the parties. Details of this are set out in the Company's announcement dated 21 August 2008.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 30 September 2008, the interests of the Directors and the chief executives of the Company in shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong) (the "SFO")) which would have to be notified to the Company and the Exchange pursuant to the provisions of Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and/or short positions of which they were taken or deemed to have taken under such provisions of the SFO) and/or required to be entered in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO or which had to be notified to the Company and the Exchange pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.68 of the GEM Listing Rules relating to securities transactions by the Directors were as follows:

Interests in shares of the Company

Name of Directors	Capacity	Number and class of shares held	Approximate percentage of issued share capital
Mr. Lee Sung Min	Corporate Interest <i>(Note 1)</i>	105,512,000 ordinary shares (long position)	27.48%
Mr. Lee Jong Dae	Corporate Interest <i>(Note 2)</i>	18,000,000 ordinary shares (long position)	4.69%

Notes:

1. The 105,512,000 ordinary shares in the Company owned by Mr. Lee Sung Min are beneficially owned by and registered in the name of Vasky Inc.
2. The 18,000,000 ordinary shares in the Company owned by Mr. Lee Jong Dae are beneficially owned by and registered in the name of Wah Hong Investment Limited.

Long positions in underlying shares of equity derivatives of the Company

Name of Directors	Capacity	Description of equity derivatives (number and class of underlying shares)	Approximate percentage of issued share capital
Mr. Lee Jong Dae	Beneficial owner	share options to subscribe for shares (3,800,000 ordinary shares) <i>(Note)</i>	0.99%
Mr. Lee Sung Min	Beneficial owner	share options to subscribe for shares (900,000 ordinary shares) <i>(Note)</i>	0.23%
Mr. Kim Beom Soo	Beneficial owner	share options to subscribe for shares (900,000 ordinary shares) <i>(Note)</i>	0.23%
Mr. David Marc Boulanger	Beneficial owner	share options to subscribe for shares (900,000 ordinary shares) <i>(Note)</i>	0.23%
Mr. Christopher John Parker	Beneficial owner	share options to subscribe for shares (900,000 ordinary shares) <i>(Note)</i>	0.23%
Mr. Chan Sze Hon	Beneficial owner	share options to subscribe for shares (300,000 ordinary shares) <i>(Note)</i>	0.08%

Note: The aforesaid share options are classified as “long position” under the SFO. For details of the share options granted, please refer to the section headed “Share Option Scheme” below.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2008, none of the Directors nor the chief executives of the Company had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which would have to be notified to the Company and the Exchange pursuant to the provisions of Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and/or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have taken under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein, or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.68 of the GEM Listing Rules.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The following table discloses details of options outstanding under the Company's share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") adopted by the Company on 5 June 2001.

Name of grantee	Date of grant	Granted	Number of shares options		Outstanding as at 30 September 2008
			Outstanding as at 30 June 2008	Lapsed during the period under review	
Mr. Lee Jong Dae	10 July 2008	3,800,000	-	-	3,800,000
Mr. Lee Sung Min	10 July 2008	900,000	-	-	900,000
Mr. Kim Beom Soo	10 July 2008	900,000	-	-	900,000
Mr. David Marc Boulanger	10 July 2008	900,000	-	-	900,000
Mr. Christopher John Parker	10 July 2008	900,000	-	-	900,000
Mr. Chan Sze Hon	10 July 2008	300,000	-	-	300,000
Employees in aggregate	10 July 2008	4,900,000	-	-	4,900,000
Advisors and Consultants	10 July 2008	25,800,000	-	-	25,800,000
Total			-	-	38,400,000

The share options were granted on 10 July 2008 at the exercise price of HK\$0.40 per share with exercisable period from 10 July 2009 to 9 July 2013.

Details of the Share Option Scheme are set out in the Company's 2007 annual report. In order to widen the scope of eligible participants under the Share Option Scheme, afford more flexibility for the Board in considering the grant of share options to the eligible participants under the Share Option Scheme, and to update certain terms of the Share Option Scheme to comply with the current requirements of the GEM Listing Rules, certain terms have been amended in the Share Option Scheme during the nine months ended 30 September 2008. Details of the amendments are set out in the Company's circular dated 2 April 2008.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSON'S INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 30 September 2008, so far is known to the Directors, the following persons (not being a Director or a chief executive of the Company) had an interest and/or a short position in the shares and/or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Exchange pursuant to the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO and/or required to be entered in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO and/or were directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any members of the Group.

Name of substantial shareholder	Capacity	Number and class of shares held	Approximate percentage of issued share capital
Vasky Inc.	Beneficial owner	105,512,000 ordinary shares (long position) <i>(Note)</i>	27.48%

Note: Vasky Inc. is wholly-owned by Mr. Lee Sung Min, an executive director of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2008, there was no person who had an interest and/or a short position in the shares and/or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO and/or required to be entered in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO and/or was directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any members of the Group, or any options in respect of such capital.

PURCHASE, REDEMPTION AND SALE OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the period under review.

COMPETING INTEREST

As at 30 September 2008, the Directors are not aware of any business or interest of each Director, initial management shareholder and their respective associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) 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.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

As required by the GEM Listing Rules, the Company has established an audit committee (the “Audit Committee”) with written terms of reference which deal clearly with its authority and duties. Its principal duties are to review and supervise the Group’s financial reporting process and internal control systems. The Audit Committee comprises three independent non-executive Directors, Mr. Chan Sze Hon, Mr. David Marc Boulanger and Mr. Christopher John Parker. The Group’s unaudited results for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2008 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee, which was of the opinion that the preparation of such results complied with the applicable accounting standards, the GEM Listing Rules and legal requirements, and that adequate disclosures have been made.

By Order of the Board
Era Information & Entertainment Limited
Lee Jong Dae
Chairman

Hong Kong, 10 November 2008

As at the date of this report, the chairman and executive director of the Company is Mr. LEE Jong-Dae, the remaining executive directors are Mr. KIM Beom Soo and Mr. LEE Sung Min; the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. CHAN Sze Hon, Mr. David Marc BOULANGER and Mr. Christopher John PARKER.