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YAU LEE
HOLDINGS LIMITED
(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

The Board of Directors (the "Directors") of Yau Lee Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the **unaudited** results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30th September, 2002:-

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2002

		Unaudited	
		Six months ended	
		30th September,	
		2002	2001
	<i>Notes</i>	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Turnover	2	384,199	405,333
Cost of sales		(335,495)	(348,713)
Gross profit		48,704	56,620
General and administrative expenses		(45,306)	(49,918)
Other revenue, net		2,206	4,991
Operating profit		5,604	11,693
Finance costs		(2,859)	(1,619)
Profit before share of profit of associated companies and taxation		2,745	10,074
Share of profit of associated companies, net		139	940
Profit before taxation	3	2,884	11,014
Taxation	4		
Company and subsidiaries		(1,754)	(3,580)
Associate companies		-	(319)
Profit after taxation		1,130	7,115
Minority interests		(950)	(971)
Profit attributable to shareholders		180	6,144
Earnings per share	5	0.04 cents	1.39 cents

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2002

	Notes	Unaudited 30th September, 2002 HK\$'000	Audited 31st March, 2002 HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Fixed assets, net		157,807	165,918
Property under development		348,047	329,977
Development costs, net		8,453	6,433
Patents and trademarks, net		4,124	3,610
Long-term trade debtors		31,404	17,515
Loans to employees		2,273	3,417
Interests in associated companies		29,835	37,175
Other investments		5,731	5,731
		587,674	569,776
Current assets			
Time deposits, cash and bank balances		31,174	22,150
Restricted deposits		130,700	128,327
Trade debtors, net	6	152,532	143,282
Inventories		9,505	8,475
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		27,073	21,127
Prepaid tax		72	474
Due from customers on construction contracts		246,568	215,282
Short-term investments		10,735	3,370
Due from related parties		30	29
Total current assets		608,389	542,516
Current liabilities			
Bank overdrafts, secured		43,169	18,412
Short-term bank loans, secured		157,300	132,500
Payable to suppliers and subcontractors	7	73,312	66,480
Accruals, retention payable and other liabilities		84,625	83,675
Taxation payable		6,600	4,910
Due to customers on construction contracts		20,069	5,698
Current portion of finance lease obligations		3,093	3,881
Due to related parties		1,104	1,394
Total current liabilities		389,272	316,950
Net current assets		219,117	225,566

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	Unaudited 30th September, 2002	Audited 31st March, 2002
<i>Note</i>	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Total assets less current liabilities	806,791	795,342
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term bank loans	174,900	164,900
Obligations under hire purchase contracts repayable after one year	827	102
Deferred taxation	7,333	7,750
	183,060	172,752
Minority Interests	6,540	5,579
	189,600	178,331
Net assets	617,191	617,011
Financed by:		
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	8 88,190	88,190
Reserves	415,789	415,789
Retained profits	113,212	113,032
Shareholders' equity	617,191	617,011

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2002

	Unaudited	
	Six months ended	
	30th September,	
	2002	2001
	HK\$'000	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Net cash flows used in operating activities	(31,818)	(142,062)
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(16,290)	(181,236)
Net cash flows from financing activities	32,375	186,212
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Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(15,733)	(137,086)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	3,738	131,623
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Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	(11,995)	(5,463)
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Analysis of cash and cash equivalents:		
Time deposits	8,560	3,272
Cash and bank balances	22,614	36,792
Bank overdrafts, secured	(43,169)	(45,527)
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	(11,995)	(5,463)
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2002

	Unaudited				
	Six months ended 30th September, 2002				
	Share capital	Share premium	Capital redemption reserve	Retained profits	Total
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
As at 1st April, 2002	88,190	415,430	359	113,032	617,011
Profit for the period	—	—	—	180	180
As at 30th September, 2002	<u>88,190</u>	<u>415,430</u>	<u>359</u>	<u>113,212</u>	<u>617,191</u>

	Unaudited					
	Six months ended 30th September, 2001					
	Share capital	Share premium	Capital redemption reserve	Retained profits	Total	
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	
As at 1st April, 2001, as previously reported	88,190	415,430	369	359	106,208	610,556
Effect of adopting SSAP 9 (Revised)	—	—	—	—	6,173	6,173
Effect of adopting SSAP 30	—	—	(369)	—	369	—
As at 1st April, 2001, as restated	<u>88,190</u>	<u>415,430</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>359</u>	<u>112,750</u>	<u>616,729</u>
Final dividend paid in respect of the year ended 31st March, 2001	—	—	—	—	(6,173)	(6,173)
Profit for the period	—	—	—	—	6,144	6,144
As at 30th September, 2001	<u>88,190</u>	<u>415,430</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>359</u>	<u>112,721</u>	<u>616,700</u>

Notes:

1. Accounting Policies

The unaudited interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Statement of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP") 25 – Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants and the accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those followed in the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 2002 except for the following new/revised accounting standards which have been adopted for the first time in the preparation of the financial statements:

SSAP 1 (Revised)	:	Presentation of Financial Statements
SSAP 15 (Revised)	:	Cash Flow Statements
SSAP 25 (Revised)	:	Interim Financial Reporting
SSAP 34 (Revised)	:	Employee Benefits

The adoption of the new/revised standards during the period has no material effect on the Group's results of the current and prior period other than the changes in the format of presentation of consolidated cash flow statement and the consolidated statement of changes in equity. Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current period's presentation.

2. Turnover and Segment Information

The Group is principally engaged in contracting of building construction, maintenance and decoration projects and the sale of building materials. Revenues recognised during the period are as follows:

	Six months ended 30th September,	
	2002	2001
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Turnover		
Contracting of building construction, maintenance and decoration projects	375,151	386,996
Sale of building materials	2,752	15,450
Others	6,296	2,887
	384,199	405,333

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The analyses of the Group's segmental information are as follows:

Primary reporting format – business segments

	Six months ended 30th September, 2002				
	Construction	Property development	Others	Elimination	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
External sales	375,151	–	9,048	–	384,199
Intersegment sales	9,626	–	36,560	(46,186)	–
Total sales	<u>384,777</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>45,608</u>	<u>(46,186)</u>	<u>384,199</u>
Segment results	<u>3,069</u>	<u>(13)</u>	<u>3,857</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>6,913</u>
Unallocated costs					<u>(1,309)</u>
Operating profit					<u>5,604</u>

	Six months ended 30th September, 2001				
	Construction	Property development	Others	Elimination	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
External sales	386,996	–	18,337	–	405,333
Intersegment sales	–	–	7,465	(7,465)	–
Total sales	<u>386,996</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>25,802</u>	<u>(7,465)</u>	<u>405,333</u>
Segment results	<u>18,575</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(4,484)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>14,091</u>
Unallocated costs					<u>(2,398)</u>
Operating profit					<u>11,693</u>

The Group's operation is primarily conducted in Hong Kong and over 90% of the Group's assets are located in Hong Kong. Therefore, no geographical segment information is presented for the periods ended 30th September, 2002 and 2001.

3. Profit before Taxation

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting) the following:

	Six months ended 30th September,	
	2002	2001
	\$'000	\$'000
Depreciation		
Owned assets	8,596	9,074
Assets held under finance lease contracts	614	608
Amortisation of development costs	828	100
Amortisation of patents and trademarks	25	-
Loss/(Gains) on disposal of fixed assets	80	(26)

4. Taxation

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16% (2001: 16%) on the estimated assessable profits for the period. Overseas taxation has been calculated on the estimated assessable profits for the period at the rates prevailing in the respective jurisdictions.

5. Earnings per share

Earnings per share has been calculated using the unaudited consolidated profit attributable to shareholders for the period of HK\$180,000 (2001: HK\$6,144,000) and of the 440,949,600 shares (2001: 440,949,600 shares) in issue during the period. No diluted earnings per share are disclosed as there are no dilutive events exist at 30th September, 2002 and 30th September, 2001.

6. Trade debtors

Trade debts are due 21 days to one year after invoicing depending on the nature of services or products.

The aging analysis of trade debtors at the period end is as follows:

	30th September, 2002	31st March, 2002
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Not yet due	138,081	129,842
Overdue by:		
0 – 30 days	1,131	3,023
31 – 90 days	2,670	3,715
91 – 180 days	2,933	3,516
Over 180 days	7,717	3,186
	152,532	143,282

7. Payable to suppliers and subcontractors

The aging analysis of payable to suppliers and subcontractors at the period end is as follows:

	30th September, 2002	31st March, 2002
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Not yet due	67,900	59,558
Overdue by: 0 – 30 days	5,412	6,922
	73,312	66,480

8. Share capital

There were no movements in the share capital of the Company in the reporting period.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors of the Company ("the Directors") does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30th September, 2002 (2001: Nil).

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**Results and operation**

The turnover for the six months ended 30th September, 2002 was HK\$384,199,000 (2001: HK\$405,333,000), a decrease of 5.2% from the corresponding period in 2001. The gross profit decreased by 14.0% to HK\$48,704,000 (2001: HK\$56,620,000) while the profit before taxation decreased by 73.8% to HK\$2,884,000 (2001: HK\$11,014,000). The declines in turnover and profit were caused by the continuous contraction of the construction market since 2001, which intensified competition in tenders for construction and maintenance contracts.

To cope with the difficult market, the Group has taken measures to increase our competitiveness such as tightening costs control and improving work efficiencies and quality. As a result of those measures we can remain competitive in the construction market and be able to increase our contracts in hand.

	<i>HK\$ Million</i>
Value of Contracts in hand	
As at 31st March, 2002	2,276
Secured during the period 1st April, 2002 to 30th September, 2002	594
Completed during the period 1st April, 2002 to 30th September, 2002	(101)
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As at 30th September, 2002	2,769
Secured subsequent to 30th September, 2002	621
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As at the date of this report	3,390
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A number of awards were also received by the Group during the period. The awards cover aspects of safety, quality and technological advancements. These awards serve as the driving force and recognition of the continuous effort of the management and employees of the Group to maintain the highest level of commitment to uphold the standard of the construction industry.

The Group's property under development at Causeway Bay is progressing on schedule and is expected to be ready for occupation by the end of 2003. The development will provide approximately 155,000 square feet of retail and office spaces. The current intention of the Group is to hold the property as a long-term investment property.

Financial Position

At 30th September, 2002, the Group's short-term and long-term bank borrowings are HK\$200 Million (31st March, 2002: HK\$151 Million) and HK\$175 Million (31st March, 2002: HK\$165 Million) respectively while cash in hand was HK\$162 Million (31st March, 2002: HK\$150 Million). These represent a net debt (total bank borrowings less total cash in hand) to equity ratio of 34.5% (31st March, 2002: 26.9%). If long-term debt is excluded the ratio is 6.3% (31st March, 2002: 0.2%). The short-term bank borrowings are secured by certain cash deposit with banks while the long-term borrowings are secured by the Group's property under development. The total bank facilities granted to the Group at 30th September, 2002 was HK\$667 Million.

The increase in bank borrowings was due to the additional working capital requirement for increased number of contracts in hand and the cost incurred for the development of property. All of the Group's borrowings are denominated in Hong Kong Dollars while the cash at banks are either Hong Kong Dollars or US Dollars deposits. As the Group's main business income and expenses are in Hong Kong Dollars there is no material foreign currency exposures. Interest rate hedging instruments are applied to ensure there is adequate protection against interest rate risks.

Outlook

With the Government's commitment to stabilise the economy, we believe a turnaround is in the foreseeable future. The Group shall continue to focus on the construction market while keeping an eye on opportunities for diversifications into other related areas.

While cost control remains as the most important agenda of the Group, no compromise will be made in respect of quality and safety as we committed to be one of the leading players in the construction industry.

DIRECTOR'S INTERESTS

As at 30th September, 2002, the following Director had or was deemed to have interests under the provisions of the Securities (Disclosure of Interests) Ordinance (Chapter 396 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the "SDI Ordinance") in the Company or any of its associated companies thereof (within the meaning of the SDI Ordinance) of which the Company and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") had to be notified pursuant to Section 28 of the SDI Ordinance (including interests which the director is deemed or taken to have under Section 31 or Part I of the Schedule of the SDI Ordinance) and which were required to be entered into the register kept by the Company pursuant to Section 29 of the SDI Ordinance:

Director	Company	Number of shares interested
Mr. Wong Ip Kuen	Yau Lee Holdings Limited	230,679,599

The 230,679,599 shares of the Company referred to above are registered in the name of All Fine Investment Company Limited. Mr. Wong Ip Kuen owns the entire issued share capital of All Fine Holdings Company Limited, which owns the entire issued share capital of All Fine Investment Company Limited, both of which are companies incorporated in the Cook Islands. Mr. Wong Ip Kuen is a director of both All Fine Holdings Company Limited and All Fine Investment Company Limited.

During the six months ended 30th September, 2002, no right to subscribe for equity of the Company was exercised by any of the Directors or chief executive of the Company or the spouses or children under 18 years of age of such Directors and chief executive.

Save as otherwise disclosed in this report, none of the Directors or chief executive or their associated companies had any other interests (whether beneficial or non-beneficial) in the share capital of the Company or any other associated companies as defined in the SDI Ordinance as at 30th September, 2002.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30th September, 2002, the register of substantial shareholders maintained under Section 16(1) of the SDI Ordinance shows that the Company had not been notified of any substantial shareholders' interests, being 10% or more of the Company's issued share capital, other than the directors' interests as disclosed above.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

There was no purchase, sale or redemption of the Company's shares by the Company or any of its subsidiaries during the six months ended 30th September, 2002.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, internal control and financial reporting matters including the review of the Unaudited Interim Financial Statements.

CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company has complied with the code of best practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange throughout the period under review.

By order of the Board
Wong Ip Kuen
Chairman

Hong Kong, 17th December, 2002