# Build King Holdings Limited 利基控股有限公司\*

(Formerly known as I-China Holdings Limited)

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

# **Interim Report 2004**

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# **INTERIM RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS**

The board of directors (the "Board") of Build King Holdings Limited (the "Company") announces the interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30th June, 2004.

#### CHANGE OF COMPANY NAME AND FINANCIAL YEAR END DATE

Following the restructuring in April 2004 the Group became the construction flagship of Wai Kee Holdings Limited ("Wai Kee"). As a result on 23rd July, 2004 the Company's name was changed to Build King Holdings Limited to better reflect its new business direction.

In addition, the Company's financial year end date was also changed from 31st March to 31st December to align with that of Wai Kee. As a result of the change in financial year end date, the current interim period covers the six-month period from 1st January, 2004 to 30th June, 2004.

## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Group turnover and share of turnover of jointly controlled entities	HK\$384.8 million
Profit attributable to shareholders	HK\$28.5 million
Basic earnings per Consolidated Share (#)	HK4.5 cents
Net assets per Consolidated Share (#)	HK11.5 cents

# With effect from 26th July, 2004, every ten shares of the Company were consolidated into one share ("Consolidated Share"). The basic earnings per share before the share consolidation was HK0.45 cents as set out in the condensed consolidated income statement.

#### **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

Apart from the dividend as mentioned in note 2 to the condensed financial statements, the Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30th June, 2004.

# **BUSINESS REVIEW**

#### RESULTS

For the six months ended 30th June, 2004, the Group reported a total of group turnover and share of turnover of jointly controlled entities of HK\$384 million, representing a decrease of 43% compared to HK\$678 million for the six months ended 30th June, 2003. As a result of finalization of several major contracts, the Group achieved a net profit of HK\$28 million, an increase of 140% compared to a net profit of HK\$12 million for the six months ended 30th June, 2003. Earnings per Consolidated Share was HK4.5 cents.

During the last three years the Hong Kong construction market has been adversely affected by the overall economic situation and the resulting cuts in both public and private capital expenditure. The competition for new infrastructure projects therefore has been intense and new work difficult to secure. The Group has been careful in bidding new projects in Hong Kong by selecting only those which it believes it can not only win but also execute profitably. On its current projects the Group has continued to adopt a strategy of high quality, cost effective work constructed on time and with a strong emphasis on site safety and environmental conformance. During the first half of the year this strategy has resulted in a continuous improvement in the Works Bureau Contractors Performance Index of all the Group subsidiaries. As tenders for Works Bureau projects are now evaluated not only on price but also on past performance (by taking account of the bidder's Index), the Group's chances of successful bidding will continue to be enhanced. In the private sector the Group has been successful in securing work and establishing a sound reputation with several private clients and quasi government organizations.

As a result of the market conditions in Hong Kong the Group has continued to search for ventures in China as well as elsewhere in the Middle East and in Taiwan. In China the Group has 2 existing projects and has been actively pursuing new work including environmental infrastructure projects. Taiwan is suffering from the same market conditions as Hong Kong and new work has been difficult to obtain in order to replace the 3 current projects. Contacts have been established in Dubai and some prospects in the Middle East have been identified which the Group will follow up.

During the first half of 2004 the Group were successful in securing a total of 8 new projects which together with its on-going projects has reflected a reasonably healthy position. As at the date of this Report the Group had contracts on hand of HK\$8,239 million of which about HK\$1,225 million represented outstanding work.

#### **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

Despite the recovery of the Hong Kong property market and the revival of the tourism sector, the market conditions for the local construction industry are expected to remain sluggish in the second half of 2004. In particular, the change in the government housing policy and the continued lack of new investment in public infrastructure as well as in the private sector continue to put much pressure on our industry. As a result our business environment in Hong Kong is expected to continue to be very tough and highly competitive for at least the remainder of this year.

Notwithstanding the difficult market situation, the Group will continue to devote its efforts to maintain its market competitiveness by strict cost control and providing sound and effective project management in order to deliver quality cost effective service on all its projects. In addition, the Group will continue to adopt a prudent approach in tendering for new contracts and further strengthen its commercial management.

#### **FUTURE PROSPECTS** (Continued)

Looking ahead, the Group will continue to bid for public works projects of both the government and quasi-government authorities in Hong Kong. Since the Hong Kong government now awards construction contracts based not only on tender price but also on past performance, the Group is well placed to secure future Works Bureau projects. It will continue its strategy of good on-site performance in order to enhance its Index yet further.

In the private sector the Group will seek to continue to develop its services thereby enhancing its reputation with its existing clients and seeking further projects from them as well as increasing its opportunities for work with new clients.

With prospects in Hong Kong limited for the remainder of this year, the Group will continue to explore new business opportunities in the PRC, the Middle East and Taiwan focusing on both construction work and environmental infrastructure projects. With its good reputation and strong management the Group believes that these markets will provide opportunities for future growth thereby moving towards its long term objective of profitable growth.

In respect of the car rental business inherited from the former I-China Group, the results for the period were minimal. Management is now critically reviewing the market situation and future prospects of this business.

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As at 30th June, 2004, the Group had no borrowings (as at 31st December, 2003: HK\$20 million) and bank balances and cash amounted to HK\$51 million (as at 31st December, 2003: HK\$71 million).

With an objective to enhance the return on cash, the company had invested for the short term in a portfolio of listed securities. These investments amounted to HK\$27 million as at 30th June, 2004.

Due to the low level of bank borrowings during the period, the Group's net finance costs for the six months ended 30th June, 2004 were kept to a minimal level below HK\$200,000.

The Group's borrowings and cash balances were principally denominated in Hong Kong dollars. Hence there is no exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuations. During the period, the Group had no borrowings at fixed interest rate and had no financial instruments for hedging purposes.

#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND GEARING RATIO

As a result of the restructuring, the shareholders' fund was substantially improved from a deficit of HK\$729 million as at 31st March, 2004 to a positive figure of HK\$89 million as at 30th June, 2004. The gearing ratio was zero as the Group had no outstanding borrowings as at 30th June, 2004.

#### PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 30th June, 2004, Group's bank deposits amounting to HK\$29 million (31st December, 2003: HK\$54 million) were pledged to secure the banking facilities granted to the Group and a jointly controlled entity.

#### **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

As at 30th June, 2004, the Group had contingent liabilities set out as follows:—

	30th June, 2004 HK\$ million	31st December, 2003 HK\$ million
Guarantee given to a bank in respect of banking facilities granted to an associate	35	285
Outstanding tender/performance/retention bonds in respect of construction contracts	146	209

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

As at 30th June, 2004, the interests and short positions of the Directors of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO") which are required to be notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or were required to be entered in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO or were required, pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange were as follows:

#### (I) The Company

	Capacity/ Nature of	Number of	f shares held	Percentage of
Name of Director	Interest	Long Position	Short Position	shareholding (%)
Zen Wei Peu, Derek	Personal	697,154,218 (Note 1)	—	8.92
Yu Sai Yen	Personal	166,660,000 (Note 2)	_	2.13

#### Notes:

- 1. The number of shares taken to be interested or have a long position by Mr. Zen Wei Peu, Derek includes (i) 497,154,218 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company and (ii) the purchasing right granted to him to purchase 200,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company pursuant to the Staff Share Purchasing Scheme adopted by Wai Kee, the ultimate holding company of the Company on 15th March, 2004.
- 2. The number of shares taken to be interested or have a long position by Mr. Yu Sai Yen is the purchasing right granted to him to purchase 166,660,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company pursuant to the Staff Share Purchasing Scheme adopted by Wai Kee on 15th March, 2004.

Name of Director	Name of Company	Capacity/ Nature of Interest	Number of Long Position		Percentage of shareholding (%)
Zen Wei Peu, Derek	Wai Kee	Personal	185,057,078 (Note 1)	_	23.34
	Wai Kee (Zens) Construction & Transportation Company Limited	Personal	2,000,000 (Note 2)	_	10.00
	Wai Luen Stone Products Limited	Personal	30,000 (Note 3)	_	37.50

#### (II) Associated Corporation

Notes:

- 1. The number of shares taken to be interested or have a long position by Mr. Zen Wei Peu, Derek is 185,057,078 ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of Wai Kee.
- 2. The number of shares taken to be interested or have a long position by Mr. Zen Wei Peu, Derek is 2,000,000 non-voting deferred shares of HK\$1.00 each in the capital of Wai Kee (Zens) Construction & Transportation Company Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company.
- 3. The number of shares taken to be interested or have a long position by Mr. Zen Wei Peu, Derek is 30,000 non-voting deferred shares of HK\$10.00 each in the capital of Wai Luen Stone Products Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Wai Kee.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors or their associates had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any associated corporations (within the meaning of the SFO) as recorded in the register to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS

As at 30th June, 2004, so far as is known to any Director of the Company, the following persons (other than directors of the Company), who have interests or short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provision of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO:

	Capacity/Nature	Num	Number of shares held in the Company and percentage of shareholding		
Name of shareholder	of Interest	Long position	%	Short position	%
Top Horizon Holdings Limited ("Top Horizon") ( <i>Note 1(a)</i> )	Personal/ Beneficiary	5,908,212,705 (Notes 1 and 2)	75.61	1,059,160,000 (Note 3)	13.55
Wai Kee (Zens) Holding Limited ("Wai Kee (Zens)") (Note 1(b))	Corporate	5,908,212,705 (Notes 1 and 2)	75.61	1,059,160,000 (Note 3)	13.55
Wai Kee (Note 1(c))	Corporate	5,908,212,705 (Notes 1 and 2)	75.61	1,059,160,000 (Note 3)	13.55
Vast Earn Group Limited (Note 1(d))	Personal/ Beneficiary	598,830,400 (Note 1)	7.66	_	—
NWS Service Management Limited ( <i>Note</i> 1(e))	Corporate	598,830,400 (Note 1)	7.66	_	—
NWS Service Management Limited ( <i>Note</i> 1(f))	Corporate	598,830,400 (Note 1)	7.66	_	
NWS Holdings Limited (Note 1(g))	Corporate	598,830,400 (Note 1)	7.66	_	_
New World Development Company Limited (Note 1(h))	Corporate	598,830,400 (Note 1)	7.66	_	_
Chow Tai Fook Enterprises Limited ( <i>Note</i> 1(i))	Corporate	598,830,400 (Note 1)	7.66	_	_

Notes:

- 1. Long position in the ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company (the "Shares")
  - (a) Top Horizon is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Wai Kee (Zens).
  - (b) Wai Kee (Zens) is deemed to be interested in the Shares of the Company through its interests in Top Horizon.
  - (c) Wai Kee (Zens) is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Wai Kee. Accordingly, Wai Kee is deemed to be interested in the Shares of the Company through its interests in its wholly owned subsidiaries, namely, Wai Kee (Zens) and Top Horizon.
  - (d) Vast Earn Group Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of NWS Service Management Limited (incorporated in the British Virgin Islands).
  - (e) NWS Service Management Limited (incorporated in the British Virgin Islands) is deemed to be interested in the Shares through its interests in its wholly owned subsidiary, namely Vast Earn Group Limited.
  - (f) NWS Service Management Limited (incorporated in the Cayman Islands) is deemed to be interested in the Shares through its interests in its wholly owned subsidiary, namely NWS Service Management Limited (incorporated in the British Virgin Islands).
  - (g) NWS Holdings Limited is deemed to be interested in the Shares through its interests in its wholly owned subsidiaries, namely NWS Service Management Limited (incorporated in the Cayman Islands), NWS Service Management Limited (incorporated in the British Virgin Islands) and Vast Earn Group Limited.
  - (h) New World Development Company Limited is deemed to be interested in the Shares through its interests in more than one-third of the issued share capital of NWS Holdings Limited.
  - (i) Chow Tai Fook Enterprises Limited is deemed to be interested in the Shares through its interests in more than one-third of the issued share capital of New World Development Company Limited.
- 2. The number of shares taken to be interested or to have a long position by Top Horizon, Wai Kee (Zens) and Wai Kee includes (i) 4,208,212,705 Shares; (ii) derivative of 1,500,000,000 convertible preference shares in the capital of the Company, which can be convertible into 1,500,000,000 Shares pursuant to the terms of issue of convertible preference shares; and (iii) a creditors put option whereby the Creditors of the Company and/or the Scheme Administrators may, at their sole discretion, sell all or part of 200,000,000 Shares to Wai Kee at a price of HK\$0.01 per Share exercisable within 90 days after the expiry of 2 years following the completion of the Scheme of Arrangement.
- 3. The number of shares taken to be interested or to have a short position by Top Horizon, Wai Kee (Zens) and Wai Kee is 1,059,160,000 Shares. Pursuant to the Staff Share Purchasing Scheme (the "Scheme") adopted by Wai Kee on 15th March, 2004, purchase rights for the acquisition of an aggregate of 1,059,160,000 Shares have been granted to eligible participants as defined in the Scheme.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

# DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO RULES 13.16 AND 13.22 OF THE RULES GOVERNING THE LISTING OF SECURITIES ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE ("THE LISTING RULES")

- (1) As at 30th June, 2004, financial assistance to and guarantees given for the benefit of the Company's affiliated companies by the Group together amounted in aggregate to approximately HK\$89,691,000 representing approximately 24.2% of the Group's total assets of HK\$370,356,000 (being the Group's total assets of HK\$392,406,000 as at 30th June, 2004, adjusted for the aggregrate of distribution declared prior to the group restructuring as set out in note 2 to the condensed financial statements and preference share dividend for the period ended 30th June 2004 amounting to approximately HK\$22,050,000 pursuant to Rule 14.16(1) of the Listing Rules) and approximately 68.3% of the Company's market capitalization of approximately HK\$131,276,627 as at 30th June, 2004 (the "Market Capitalisation"). The Market Capitalisation was based on the total number of 7,814,084,941 ordinary shares of the Company in issue as at 30th June, 2004 and the average closing price of HK\$0.0168 per share as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheets for the five business days immediately preceding 30th June, 2004.
- (2) Details of the financial assistance to and guarantees given for the benefit of the Company's affiliated companies as at 30th June, 2004 are as follows:

	Attributable interest held by the Group	Guarantees given for facilities utilized by affiliated companies (Note) HK\$'000	Loans granted to affiliated companies <i>HK</i> '000	Total HK'000	Annual interest rate on loans	Loans maturity date	Loans collateral
Barclay Mowlem — Zen Pacific Joint Venture	40%	-	23	23	interest free	on demand	unsecured
Barclay Mowlem — Zen Pacific — China Civil Joint Venture	35%	_	17	17	interest free	on demand	unsecured
Dragages (HK) Joint Venture	14%	_	1,890	1,890	interest free	on demand	unsecured
Dragages — Zen Pacific Joint Venture	25%	_	108	108	interest free	on demand	unsecured
Hong Kong Landfill Restoration Group Limited	23%	_	490	490	interest free	on demand	unsecured
Kier Hong Kong Limited	49.5%	35,000	20,000	55,000	HK\$ prime	27 April 2006	unsecured
Kier/Zen Pacific Joint Ventu	re 50%	31,072	3	31,075	interest free	on demand	unsecured
Kong On Waste Management Limited	50%	_	248	248	interest free	on demand	unsecured
Zen-Pacific — Shui On Joint Venture (C518)	50%	_	840	840	interest free	on demand	unsecured
		66,072	23,619	89,691			

# **OTHER INFORMATION**

*Note:* The guarantees given represent the relevant amount of guarantees provided by the Group to secure bank facilities and a retention bond issued by a financial institution on behalf of the respective affiliated companies.

There is no committed capital injection to the affiliated companies by the Group and the advances made were funded by internal resources.

(3) The proforma combined balance sheet of the Company's aforesaid affiliated companies as at 30th June, 2004, which were prepared based on their adjusted financial statements prepared in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong for the period ended 30th June, 2004, is as follows:

	HK\$'000
Non-current assets	213,164
Current assets	1,964,479
Current liabilities	(1,571,835)
Non-current liabilities	(20,000)
Net assets	585,808

Save as disclosed above, the Company does not have other disclosure obligations under Rules 13.16 and 13.22 of the Listing Rules.

#### DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO RULES 13.13, 13.15 AND 13.20 OF THE LISTING RULES

As at 30th June, 2004, trade receivables from Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (the "Trade Receivables"), which are unsecured, interest-free and with credit terms of approximately 60 days upon certification and approximately one year after completion of projects resulted from the ordinary and normal course of business of the Group, amounted to approximately HK\$25.64 million representing approximately 19.53% of the Company's Market Capitalisation as at 30th June, 2004.

Save as disclosed above, the Company does not have other disclosure obligations under Rules 13.13, 13.15 and 13.20 of the Listing Rules.

#### DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO RULES 13.18 AND 13.21 OF THE LISTING RULES

The Company was granted a term loan facility of HK\$40,000,000 (the "Facility") pursuant to a facility letter from an independent bank dated 22nd July, 2004. The Company accepted the terms of the facility letter on 3rd August, 2004. The full sum of the Facility will be repaid by six half-yearly instalments commencing eighteen months after the date of drawdown of the Facility.

For so long as the Facility is made available to the Company, Wai Kee and Mr. Zen Wei Peu, Derek ("Mr. Zen"), are required to undertake to maintain their joint shareholding in the Company at not less than 50% of the total issued share capital of the Company. Wai Kee is the controlling shareholder of the Company. Mr. Zen is a director of the Company. Accordingly, this disclosure is made pursuant to Rules 13.18 and 13.21 of the Listing Rules.

Save as disclosed above, the Company does not have other disclosed obligations under Rule 13.18 and 13.21 of the Listing Rules.

# **OTHER INFORMATION**

## EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 30th June 2004, the Group had a total of approximately 475 employees (2003: 438), of which 445 were in Hong Kong, 19 were in the PRC and 11 were in Taiwan.

Competitive remuneration packages are structured to commensurate with individual responsibilities, qualifications, experience and performance.

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

Apart from the issue of new shares as set out in note 2 to the condensed financial statements, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30th June, 2004.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management and external auditors the accounting principles and policies adopted by the Group and the unaudited interim financial reports for the six months ended 30th June, 2004.

#### CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

Subsequent to the restructuring, the Company has complied throughout the period from 23rd April, 2004 to 30th June, 2004 with the Code of Best Practice (the "Code") as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, save that the non-executive directors of the Company have not been appointed for specific term of office but are subject to retirement by rotation in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company.

By Order of the Board Zen Wei Peu, Derek *Chairman* 

Hong Kong, 9th August, 2004

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#### **INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF BUILD KING HOLDINGS LIMITED** (FORMERLY I-CHINA HOLDINGS LIMITED) (Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

#### **INTRODUCTION**

We have been instructed by the Company to review the interim financial report set out on pages 14 to 29.

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of an interim financial report to be in compliance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 25 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants and the relevant provisions thereof. The interim financial report is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the directors.

It is our responsibility to form an independent conclusion, based on our review, on the interim financial report, and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

#### **REVIEW WORK PERFORMED**

We conducted our review in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 700 ("SAS 700") "Engagements to Review Interim Financial Reports" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. A review consists principally of making enquiries of group management and applying analytical procedures to the interim financial report and, based thereon, assessing whether the accounting policies and presentation have been consistently applied unless otherwise disclosed. A review excludes audit procedures such as tests of controls and verification of assets, liabilities and transactions. It is substantially less in scope than an audit and therefore provides a lower level of assurance than an audit. Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion on the interim financial report.

#### **REVIEW CONCLUSION**

On the basis of our review which does not constitute an audit, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the interim financial report for the six months ended 30th June, 2004.

Without modifying our review conclusion, we draw to your attention that the comparative condensed income statement, the comparative condensed cash flow statement and statement of changes in equity for the six months ended 30th June, 2003 disclosed in the interim financial report have not been reviewed in accordance with SAS 700.

**Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu** *Certified Public Accountants* Hong Kong 9th August, 2004

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30th June, 2004

	Notes	1.1.2004 to 30.6.2004 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) (Note 2)	1.1.2003 to 30.6.2003 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) (Note 2)
Group turnover and share of turnover of jointly controlled entities Less: Share of turnover of jointly		384,792	678,950
controlled entities		181,576	286,502
<b>Group turnover</b> Cost of sales	4	203,216 (207,268)	392,448 (365,620)
Gross (loss) profit Other operating income Administrative expenses Share of results of jointly controlled entities		(4,052) 1,656 (28,930) 78,883	26,828 2,105 (45,465) 42,583
Profit from operations Finance costs Share of results of associates Amortisation of goodwill of an associate	5 6	47,557 (146) 763 (265)	26,051 (1,313) 797
Profit before taxation Taxation	7	47,909 (15,907)	25,535 (6,166)
Profit before minority interests Minority interests		32,002 (3,478)	19,369 (7,544)
Profit for the period		28,524	11,825
Dividends Distribution prior to the group restructuring as set out in note 2		22,000	
To the holders of 2% convertible preference shares		50	
Earnings per share — Basic	8	HK cents	HK cents 0.20
— Diluted		0.43	N/A

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

At 30th June, 2004

	Notes	30.6.2004 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) (Note 2)	31.12.2003 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) (Note 2)
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	21,885	25,082
Goodwill	10	31,620	—
Interests in associates		4,129	3,631
Interests in joint ventures		103,837	45,736
Investments in securities	11	28,302	36,924
		189,773	111,373
Current assets			
Amount due from customers for contract work		29,037	43,099
Debtors, deposits and prepayments	12	72,577	159,771
Amount due from immediate holding company		—	3,490
Amount due from a fellow subsidiary		370	6,393
Amounts due from associates		13,001	12,363
Amounts due from jointly controlled entities		2,882	10,561
Investments in securities	11	27,260	—
Tax recoverable		5,518	2,820
Bank deposits pledged	16	29,544	54,494
Bank balances and cash		22,444	17,360
		202,633	310,351
Current liabilities			
Amount due to customers for contract work		3,087	18,844
Creditors and accrued charges	13	102,147	166,306
Other payable		70,000	70,000
Amount due to an intermediate holding company		1,604	1 002
Amount due to immediate holding company			1,003
Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries		221 22,657	221
Amounts due to jointly controlled entities Amounts due to minority shareholders		,	14,202
Preference share dividend payable to immediate		2,794	2,794
holding company		50	—
Taxation		5,467	8,511
Bank loans — due within one year		—	16,000
Bank overdrafts, secured			4,137
		208,027	302,018
Net current (liabilities) assets		(5,394)	8,333
Total assets less current liabilities		184,379	119,706

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

At 30th June, 2004

	Notes	30.6.2004 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) (Note 2)	31.12.2003 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) (Note 2)
Minority interests		3,541	(317)
Non-current liabilities			
Amounts due to associates		33,159	33,159
Amounts due to jointly controlled entities		36,070	23,070
Ordinary share dividend payable to			
an intermediate holding company		22,000	
		91,229	56,229
		89,609	63,794
Capital and reserves			
Ordinary share capital	14	78,141	7,808
Preference share capital	15	15,000	
Reserves		(3,532)	55,986
		89,609	63,794

# CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30th June, 2004

	Ordinary share capital HK\$'000 (Note 2)	Preference share capital HK\$'000 (Note 2)	Translation reserve HK\$'000 (Note 2)	Special reserve HK\$'000 (Note 2)	Retained profits HK\$'000 (Note 2)	Total HK\$'000 (Note 2)
At 1st January, 2003	7,808	_	2,705	_	30,045	40,558
Profit for the period					11,825	11,825
At 30th June, 2003	7,808		2,705		41,870	52,383
At 1st January, 2004	7,808	_	1,548	_	54,438	63,794
Issue of preference shares	_	30,000	_	—	_	30,000
Paid-in capital eliminated on reverse acquisition of the Company Adjustment in share capital on reverse acquisition of	(7,808)	_	_	_	_	(7,808)
the Company ( <i>note</i> 14(b)) Conversion of preference shares during the period	63,141	_	_	(63,141)	_	_
(note 14(c)) Exchange difference arising on translation of the financial statements of overseas operations not recognised in the condensed consolidated	15,000	(15,000)	_	_	_	_
income statement	_	_	(2,851)	_	_	(2,851)
Profit for the period	_	_	_	_	28,524	28,524
Dividends					(22,050)	(22,050)
At 30th June, 2004	78,141	15,000	(1,303)	(63,141)	60,912	89,609

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30th June, 2004

	1.1.2004	1.1.2003
	to	to
	30.6.2004	30.6.2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	(Note 2)	(Note 2)
Net cash (used in) generated from operating activities	(19,857)	10,763
Net cash generated from (used in) investing activities	24,371	(8,030)
Net cash generated from financing activities	4,707	19,505
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	9,221	22,238
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	13,223	29,290
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	22,444	51,528
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents		
Bank balances and cash	22,444	61,498
Bank overdrafts		(9,970)
	22,444	51,528

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#### 1. GENERAL

The Company was incorporated in Bermuda as an exempted company with limited liability and its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). The directors consider Wai Kee Holdings Limited ("Wai Kee"), also incorporated in Bermuda as an exempted company with limited liability and its share being listed on the Stock Exchange, to be the Company's ultimate holding company.

## 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

On 23rd April, 2004, the Company issued 5,987,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each and 3,000,000,000 convertible preference shares of HK\$0.01 each to Top Horizon Holdings Limited ("Top Horizon"), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wai Kee, at a total consideration of HK\$89,870,000. The consideration was satisfied by cash of HK\$29,870,000 and by injection of Top Tactic Holdings Limited ("Top Tactic") and its subsidiaries (collectively "Top Tactic Group") valued at HK\$60,000,000. Top Tactic was a then wholly-owned subsidiary of Top Horizon.

The Company obtains ownership of Top Tactic by the issuance of the voting shares as consideration and has resulted the control of the combined enterprise being transferred to Top Horizon. Under generally accepted accounting principles in Hong Kong, the transactions were accounted for as a reverse acquisition. Top Tactic was treated as the acquirer and the Company and its subsidiaries immediately before the issue of the voting shares (the "Former I-China Group") were deemed to have been acquired by Top Tactic.

Top Tactic applied the acquisition method to account for the acquisition of the Former I-China Group. In applying the acquisition method, the identifiable assets and liabilities of the Former I-China Group were recorded on the balance sheet of the combined enterprise at their fair values at 23rd April, 2004. Goodwill arising on acquisition was determined as the excess of the purchase consideration deemed to be incurred by Top Tactic over the fair value of the separable assets and liabilities of the Former I-China Group at 23rd April, 2004. The purchase consideration deemed to be paid by Top Tactic was the fair value of Top Tactic at 23rd April, 2004 amounted to HK\$2,115,000 given up to the shareholders of the Company immediately before the issue of the voting shares and the net liabilities of the Former I-China Group at the same date were HK\$29,860,000. The assets and liabilities of Top Tactic Group were recorded in the balance sheet of the combined enterprise at their historic carrying values on the books of Top Tactic Group.

A dividend was declared by Top Tactic prior to completion of restructuring as ("Completion") but the payment of which will not be made until 12 months after the Completion and unless the Directors of the Company when deciding to make the payment of such dividend, have consulted their financial advisers and be satisfied that the Group will remain solvent for at least 12 months after such payment. "Solvent" means that the Group will have a positive net asset value at the time of and after paying the dividend, and will be able to meet payments and debts in full as they fall due notwithstanding the payment of the dividend.

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified for the revaluation of investments in securities classified under current assets.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the accountants' report of Top Tactic for the two years ended 31st March, 2002, the nine months ended 31st December, 2002 and the ten months ended 31st October, 2003 as set out in Appendix II to the Company's circular to the shareholders dated 24th February, 2004.

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# 4. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

#### (a) Business segments

The Group is mainly engaged in civil engineering work. Accordingly no business segment analysis of financial information is provided.

#### (b) Geographical segments

The Group's civil construction business is principally located in Hong Kong and Taiwan. The Group reports its segment information based on the geographical location of its customers and the segment information about these geographical markets is presented below:

	Hong Kong <i>HK\$'000</i>	Taiwan <i>HK\$'000</i>	Other regions in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") <i>HK\$</i> '000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
Six months ended 30th June,	2004			
<b>Results</b> Segment turnover Share of turnover of jointly controlled entities	178,015 156,529	25,201 23,267	 1,780	203,216 181,576
Segment turnover and share of turnover of jointly controlled entities	334,544	48,468	1,780	384,792
Segment results Share of results of jointly	(30,712)	761	(1,375)	(31,326)
controlled entities Profit (loss) from operations	75,566 44,854	<u>3,317</u> <u>4,078</u>	(1,375)	<u>78,883</u> 47,557
Finance costs Share of results of associates less amortisation of goodwill	498			(146) 498
Profit before taxation Taxation				47,909 (15,907)
Profit before minority interests Minority interests				32,002 (3,478)
Profit for the period				28,524

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# 4. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (Continued)

## (b) Geographical segments (Continued)

	Hong Kong HK\$'000	Taiwan <i>HK\$'000</i>	Other regions in the PRC <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
Six months ended 30th June, 20	003			
Results				
Segment turnover	353,977	38,471		392,448
Share of turnover of jointly controlled entities	275,499	11,003		286,502
Segment turnover and share of turnover of jointly				
controlled entities	629,476	49,474		678,950
Segment results	6,237	(22,420)	(349)	(16,532)
Share of results of jointly	0,237	(22,420)	(349)	(10,552)
controlled entities	44,128		(1,545)	42,583
Profit (loss) from operations	50,365	(22,420)	(1,894)	26,051
Finance costs				(1,313)
Share of results of associates	797			797
Profit before taxation				25,535
Taxation				(6,166)
Profit before minority interests				19,369
Minority interests				(7,544)
Profit for the period				11,825

# 5. **PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS**

	Six months ended 30th June,	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Profit from operations has been arrived at after charging: Depreciation Less: Amount attributable to construction contracts	1,656 (885)	3,882 (1,358)
Amortisation of goodwill included in administrative expenses	771 355	2,524

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# 6. FINANCE COST

	Six months ended 30th June,	
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest on:		
Bank borrowings wholly repayable within five years	146	658
Amount due from ultimate holding company		655
	146	1,313

# 7. TAXATION

	Six months ended 30th June,		
	2004	2003	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Provision for the period			
Hong Kong	413	9,169	
Other jurisdictions	5	_	
Under(over)provision in prior years			
Hong Kong	3,043	(927)	
Other jurisdictions	(39)	_	
Deferred taxation			
For the period	_	(1,531)	
Effect on change in tax rate	_	131	
Share of tax on results of associates	_	49	
Share of tax on results of jointly controlled entities	12,485	(725)	
	15,907	6,166	

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 17.5 per cent (Six months ended 30th June, 2003: 17.5 per cent) on the estimated assessable profit for the period.

Taxation arising in other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

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# 8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

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

	Six months ended 30th June,	
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit for the period	28,524	11,825
Dividends on preference share capital	(50)	
Earnings for the purposes of basic earnings per share Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares:	28,474	11,825
Dividends on preference share capital	50	
Earnings for the purposes of diluted earnings per share	28,524	11,825
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	6,323,278,849	5,987,000,000
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares: Preference share capital	275,342,466	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for		
the purpose of diluted earnings per share	6,598,621,315	

The 5,987,000,000 shares issued by the Company to acquire Top Tactic Group as set out in note 2 are deemed to be in issue on 1st January, 2003 for the purpose of computing earnings per share under the reverse acquisition of the Company.

# 9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the period, the Group spent HK\$224,000 (six months ended 30th June, 2003: HK\$100,000) on property, plant and equipment.

## 10. GOODWILL

	HK\$'000
GROSS AMOUNT Arising on reverse acquisition of the Company	
during the period and at 30th June, 2004	31,975
AMORTISATION	(255)
Provided for the period and balance at 30th June, 2004	(355)
CARRYING AMOUNT	
At 30th June, 2004	31,620

Goodwill arose on the group restructuring as detailed in note 2 and is amortised using the straight line method over its estimated useful life of fifteen years.

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# 11. INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES

	30.6.2004 HK\$'000	31.12.2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Equity securities:		
— Unlisted investment securities, at cost	28,302	28,302
- Listed other investments, at market value	27,260	8,622
	55,562	36,924
Represented by:		
Non-current assets	28,302	36,924
Current assets	27,260	
	55,562	36,924

# 12. DEBTORS, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS

	30.6.2004 HK\$'000	31.12.2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade debtors within 60 days	35,883	73,520
Retentions receivable	21,452	58,627
Other debtors, deposits and prepayments	15,242	27,624
	72,577	159,771

The Group allows an average credit period of 60 days to its trade customers. For retention receivables in respect of construction contracts, the due dates are usually one year after the completion of the construction work.

## 13. CREDITORS AND ACCRUED CHARGES

	30.6.2004 HK\$'000	31.12.2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade creditors (aged analysis):		
0 to 60 days	7,187	29,802
61 to 90 days	1,352	992
Over 90 days	4,763	5,400
	13,302	36,194
Retentions payable	24,663	25,057
Accrued project costs	48,919	63,343
Other creditors and accrued charges	15,263	41,712
	102,147	166,306

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# 14. ORDINARY SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	Amount <i>HK\$'000</i>
Paid-in capital and balance at 1st January, 2004 (note a)	_	7,808
Eliminated on reverse acquisition of the Company	_	(7,808)
Adjustments on reverse acquisition of the Company (note b)	6,314,084,941	63,141
Conversion of preference shares during the period (note $c$ )	1,500,000,000	15,000
Balance at 30th June, 2004	7,814,084,941	78,141

Notes:

- (a) The share capital as at 1st January, 2004 represents the paid-in capital of the companies comprising Top Tactic Group as at 1st January, 2004.
- (b) Through a capital restructuring as detailed in the Company's circular to the shareholders dated 24th February, 2004, on 23rd April, 2004, the Company
  - (i) reduced the share capital from 508,339,764 shares of HK\$0.01 each to 127,084,941 shares of HK\$0.01 each;
  - (ii) issued 5,987,000,000 new shares of HK\$0.01 each of the Company in exchange of the entire equity interest in the Top Tactic Group; and
  - (iii) issued 200,000,000 new shares of HK\$0.01 each of the Company to the former creditors of the Company on 23rd April, 2004 in exchange for the discharge and waiver of all the claims against the Company.
- (c) On 24th April, 2004, the holder of the preference shares converted HK\$15,000,000 of the preference shares in the Company (*note 15*).

#### **15. PREFERENCE SHARE CAPITAL**

	Number of shares	Amount <i>HK\$'000</i>
Issued on 23rd April, 2004	3,000,000,000	30,000
Conversion of preference shares into ordinary share on 24th April, 2004 (note 14(c))	(1,500,000,000)	(15,000)
Balance at 30th June, 2004	1,500,000,000	15,000

The preference shares shall entitle their holders thereof the right to convert their preference shares into fully-paid ordinary shares of the Company at any time after the date of issuance of the preference shares but before the seventh anniversary of such date at the conversion price of HK\$0.01 per each ordinary share.

Holders of the preference shares shall be entitled to receive dividends at the rate of 2% per annum at its issue price. The holders of the preference shares shall be entitled to receive dividends prior to and in preference to the holders of the ordinary shares.

The holder of each preference shares shall not have any voting rights. The preference shares shall be non-redeemable and will not be listed on any stock exchanges.

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## 16. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 30th June, 2004, bank deposits amounting to HK\$29,544,000 (31st December, 2003: HK\$54,494,000) of the Group were pledged to secure the banking facilities granted to the Group and a jointly controlled entity.

# **17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

	30.6.2004 HK\$'000	31.12.2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Guarantee given to a bank in respect of banking facilities granted to an associate	35,000	285,000
Outstanding tender/performance/retention bonds in respect of construction contracts	145,561	208,624

#### **18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

		Six months ended 30th June,		
		2004	2003	
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Ultimate holding company				
Corporate guarantee provided	!	222,006	187,076	
Immediate holding company				
Corporate guarantee fee	(a)	2,910	3,050	
Management fee paid	<i>(b)</i>	823	1,689	
Fellow subsidiaries				
Purchase of goods	<i>(b)</i>		3,104	
Associate				
Consultancy fee paid	<i>(b)</i>	_	5,802	
Interest income	<i>(c)</i>		1,313	

Notes:

- (a) As disclosed in the circular dated 4th June, 2004 issued by the ultimate holding company to the shareholders, these transactions have been continuing after the restructuring as detailed in note 2. Corporate guarantee fee was charged in accordance with respective agreements entered between the Company and the ultimate holding company.
- (b) The transactions were charged at the terms determined and agreed by both parties.
- (c) Interest income for the six months ended 30th June, 2003 was calculated at HIBOR as quoted by a financial institution.

In addition to above, the Group has interest in a jointly controlled entity for the construction of Zhejiang Shenjiawan — Zhongmentong (the "JCE"). The JCE is an unincorporated jointly controlled entity operating in the PRC, with 50% attributable interests held by a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company and the remaining attributable interests held by two wholly-owned subsidiaries of Wai Kee.

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### **18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS** (Continued)

At 30th June, 2003, certain listed shares of Road King Infrastructure Limited, an associate of the ultimate holding company held by fellow subsidiaries were pledged to secure the banking and other facilities granted to the Group. The pledge was released during the period.

# **19. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The following financial information of the Company is not comparable to the basis of preparation as set out in note 2 and is for the compliance of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange only.

# (a) Condensed consolidated income statement for the six months ended 30th September, 2003

	Notes	HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Turnover	i	359
Direct operating expenses		(455)
Other operating income		427
Selling and administrative expenses		(353)
Loss from operations	ii	(22)
Finance costs		(15,801)
Loss before taxation		(15,823)
Taxation	iii	
Net loss for the period		(15,823)
Loss per share — basic	iv	(3.11 cents)

#### Notes:

- (i) All the Group's turnover and contributed to results from operations are attributable to the hiring of motor vehicles in Hong Kong.
- (ii) Loss for operations has been arrived at after charging (crediting):

	HK\$'000
Depreciation and amortisation of property, plant and equipment	211
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(427)

- (iii) No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made in the condensed consolidated financial statements as the Company and its subsidiaries did not have any estimated assessable profits for both periods.
- (iv) The calculation of the basic loss per share is based on the loss for the period of HK\$15,823,000 and on 508,339,764 shares in issue during the period.

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# **19. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** (Continued)

(b) Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the six months ended 30th September, 2003

	Share capital <i>HK\$'000</i>	Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000	Special reserve HK\$'000	Capital reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Asset revaluation reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Translation reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Deficit HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1st April, 2003 Net loss for the period	5,083	115	168,788	54,605	223,734	(454)	(1,133,264) (15,823)	(681,393) (15,823)
At 30th September 2003	, 5,083	115	168,788	54,605	223,734	(454)	(1,149,087)	(697,216)

# (c) Condensed consolidated cash flow statement for the six months ended 30th September, 2003

	HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Net cash used in operating activities	(181)
Net cash from investing activities	774
Net cash used in financing activities	(74)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	519
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning	
of the period	931
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period,	
represented by bank balances and cash	1,450

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### **19. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** (Continued)

#### (d) Consolidated balance sheet at 31st March, 2004

	HK\$'000
Non-current assets	
Property, plant and equipment	4,980
Current assets	
Short-term receivables	6,483
Trade and other receivables	2,885
Amounts due from former associates	31
Bank balances and cash	1,021
	10,420
Current liabilities	
Other payables	172,865
Amounts due to former associates	10,350
Amounts due to former directors	7,663
Taxation payable	1,142
Bank and other borrowings	552,613
	744,633
Net current liabilities	(734,213)
	(729,233)
Capital and reserves	
Share capital	5,083
Reserves	(734,316)
	(729,233)

*Note:* Aged analyses on trade and other receivables and trade and other payables are not presented in the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31st March, 2004.

The condensed consolidated income statement, condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity and the condensed consolidated cash flow statement of the Company for the six months ended 30th September, 2003 are extracted from the unaudited financial statements of the Company for the six months ended 30th September, 2003 of which the auditors of the Company were unable to reach a review conclusion as to whether material modifications should be made to the interim financial report for the six months ended 30th September, 2003. Details of the independent review report on the 2003 interim financial report dated 29th January, 2004 were set out on pages 8 to 11 of the Company's Interim Report 2003.

The consolidated balance sheet of the Company at 31st March, 2004 is extracted from the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 2004 of which the auditors of the Company were unable to form an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the Group as at 31st March, 2004. Details of the auditors' report dated 19th May, 2004 were set out on pages 16 to 20 of the Company's Annual Report March 2004.

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