

The Board of Directors of AEON Stores (Hong Kong) Co., Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group" or "AEON Stores") for the 6 months ended 30 June 2005 together with comparative figures for the 6 months ended 31 August 2004 as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

	NOTES	1.1.2005 to 30.6.2005 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	1.3.2004 to 31.8.2004 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Turnover		2,605,943	2,242,996
Other operating income		111,967	99,240
Investment income		4,128	994
Purchase of goods and changes in inventories		(1,958,804)	(1,668,992)
Staff costs		(214,956)	(204,325)
Depreciation		(61,113)	(49,699)
Pre-operating expenses	4	(917)	(1,843)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		(1,732)	(2,139)
Other operating expenses		(434,253)	(378,210)
Finance costs	5	(4)	(8)
Profit before taxation		50,259	38,014
Income tax expenses	6	(14,578)	(9,122)
Profit for the period		35,681	28,892
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent		37,273	26,711
Minority interest		(1,592)	2,181
		35,681	28,892
Interim dividend	7	14,300	10,400
Earnings per share	8	14.34 cents	10.27 cents