# **STELUX** Holdings International Limited

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**INTERIM REPORT 2005/2006** 

## INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2005

The Directors are pleased to report the Group's interim results and accounts for the six months ended 30th September 2005. The Group reported a profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$68.8 million for the period under review. The consolidated results of the Group for the six months ended 30th September 2005, the consolidated balance sheet as at 30th September 2005, the condensed consolidated cash flow statement and the consolidated statement of changes in equity of the Group for the six months ended 30th September 2005, all of which are unaudited, along with the relevant explanatory notes, are set out below.

## CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2005

		Six month	Unaudited nonths ended h September 2004		
	Note	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000		
Turnover Cost of sales	2	703,997 (249,278)	672,618 (231,208)		
Gross profit Other revenues Selling expenses General and administrative expenses Other operating expenses Other operating income		454,719 7,336 (335,006) (90,484) (25,730) 83,149	441,410 7,301 (291,672) (79,896) (24,895) 		
<b>Operating profit before financing</b> Finance costs	3	93,984 (12,972)	52,248 (10,756)		
<b>Profit before taxation</b> Taxation charge	4	81,012 (12,138)	41,492 (2,026)		
Profit for the period		68,874	39,466		
Attributable to: Equity holders of the Company Minority interests		68,874	39,466		
		68,874	39,466		
Dividend	5	9,513	9,513		
Earnings per share	6	HK cents	HK cents		
– basic		7.24	4.18		
– diluted		N/A	4.17		

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2005 AND 31ST MARCH 2005

	Note	Unaudited 30th September 2005 HK\$'000	<b>Restated</b> <b>31st March</b> <b>2005</b> <i>HK\$'000</i>
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment Investment properties	7 7	158,471	154,670
Prepayment of lease premium	7	758,970 165,431	712,350 162,830
Intangible assets	7	21,264	17,052
Deferred tax assets		33,273	32,875
Investment securities Available-for-sale financial assets		- 11,500	4,299
Avanable-for-sale infancial assets			
		1,148,909	1,084,076
Current assets		517 000	200.040
Stocks Debtors and prepayments	8	517,080 421,036	388,849 292,830
Marketable securities	0		83
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		48,078	-
Bank balances and cash		80,480	64,779
		1,066,674	746,541
Total assets		2,215,583	1,830,617
<b>EQUITY</b> Capital and reserves attributable to the Company's equity holders:			
Share capital	10	95,134	95,134
Reserves		905,353	844,529
Declared interim/proposed final dividend		9,513	23,784
Shareholders' funds		1,010,000	963,447
Minority interests		6,288	2,494
Total equity		1,016,288	965,941
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities Deferred tax liabilities		57,027	47,985
Other non-current liabilities	11	400,675	279,719
		457,702	327,704

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Continued) AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2005 AND 31ST MARCH 2005

		Unaudited 30th September 2005	Restated 31st March 2005
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accruals	9	399,117	284,436
Loans from the ultimate holding company		38,500	_
Loan from a shareholder		36,500	_
Loans from a director		8,288	8,648
Taxation payable		15,980	15,770
Current portion of other non-current liabilities Bank overdrafts and short term loans	11	15,292	23,465
Secured		129,389	141,058
Unsecured		98,527	63,595
		741,593	536,972
Total liabilities		1,199,295	864,676
Total equity and liabilities		2,215,583	1,830,617
Net current assets		325,081	209,569
Total assets less current liabilities		1,473,990	1,293,645

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2005

	Unaudited Six months ended 30th September		
	<b>2005</b> HK\$'000	<b>2004</b> <i>HK\$</i> '000	
Net cash from operating activities	1,524	79,840	
Net cash used in investing activities	(105,533)	(40,900)	
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities	126,687	(38,853)	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	22,678	87	
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st April	50,209	32,833	
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(5,337)	(3,927)	
Cash and cash equivalents at 30th September	67,550	28,993	
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents:			
Bank balances and cash – unrestricted Bank overdrafts	80,480 (12,930)	48,654 (19,661)	
	67,550	28,993	

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2005

	Unaudited						
	Share capital HK\$'000	Contributed surplus HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	(. Investment revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated losses)/ retained profits HK\$'000	Minority interests HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000
At 1st April 2004 As previously reported Adjustment on adoption of	94,334	2,848,462	793	-	(2,123,230)	1,606	821,965
HKAS-Int 21 (note)					2,110		2,110
As restated	94,334	2,848,462	793		(2,121,120)	1,606	824,075
Exchange differences	-	_	_	_	(7,381)	(81)	(7,462)
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	39,466	_	39,466
Transfer of contributed surplus	-	(2,848,462)	-	-	2,848,462	-	-
2004 final dividends paid	-	-	-	-	(18,867)	-	(18,867)
Issue of shares upon exercise of share options	600		888				1,488
At 30th September 2004	94,934		1,681		740,560	1,525	838,700
At 1st April 2005 As previously reported Opening adjustment on	95,134	-	1,977	-	866,336	2,494	965,941
the adoption of HKAS 39	-	-	-	7,201	-	-	7,201
As restated Minority interest – acquisition	95,134		1,977	7,201	866,336	2,494	973,142
of subsidiaries (note 14)	_	-	_	_	_	3,873	3,873
Exchange differences	-	-	-	_	(5,738)	(79)	(5,817)
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	68,874	-	68,874
2004/2005 final dividend paid					(23,784)		(23,784)
At 30th September 2005	95,134		1,977	7,201	905,688	6,288	1,016,288

Note: As disclosed in note 2(a) to the 2005 Annual Accounts, the Group has early adopted Hong Kong Accounting Standard No. 40 ("HKAS 40") "Investment Property" and Hong Kong Accounting Standard Interpretation No. 21 "Income Taxes-Recovery of Revalued Non-Depreciable Assets" ("HKAS-INT 21") in the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2005. Accordingly, deferred tax liabilities as at 1st April 2004 was decreased by HK\$2,110,000 and reserves as at 1st April 2004 were increased by the same amount.

## NOTES TO INTERIM ACCOUNTS

#### 1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

#### (a) Basis of preparation

These unaudited condensed consolidated interim accounts have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the disclosure requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of these condensed interim accounts are consistent with those used in the annual accounts for the year ended 31st March 2005 except that the Group has changed some of its accounting policies following its adoption of new/revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS") and Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKAS") (collectively the "new HKFRSs") which are effective for accounting periods commencing on or after 1st January 2005.

The condensed consolidated interim accounts should be read in conjunction with the 2005 annual accounts.

(b) Changes in accounting policies

In the six months ended 30th September 2005, the Group adopted the new HKFRSs below which are relevant to its operations. The prior comparatives have been amended in accordance with the relevant requirements and current period classification.

HKAS 1	Presentation of Financial Statements
HKAS 2	Inventories
HKAS 7	Cash Flow Statements
HKAS 8	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
HKAS 10	Events after the Balance Sheet Date
HKAS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment
HKAS 17	Leases
HKAS 21	The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates
HKAS 23	Borrowing Costs
HKAS 24	Related Party Disclosures
HKAS 27	Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements
HKAS 32	Financial Instruments: Disclosures and Presentation
HKAS 33	Earnings per Share
HKAS 36	Impairment of Assets
HKAS 38	Intangible Assets
HKAS 39	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
HKFRS 2	Share-based Payments
HKFRS 3	Business Combinations
HKFRS 5	Non-current Asset held for Sale and Discontinued Operations

The following is a summary of material changes in principal accounting policies or presentation of interim accounts as a result of the adoption of the new HKFRSs:

(i) HKAS 1

The adoption of HKAS 1 has affected the presentation of minority interests and other disclosures.

#### 1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies (Continued)

- (b) Changes in accounting policies (Continued)
  - (ii) HKAS 17

The adoption of HKAS 17 has resulted in a change in the accounting policy relating to the reclassification of leasehold land and land use rights from property, plant and equipment to prepayment of lease premium. The up-front prepayments made for the leasehold land and land use rights are expensed in the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease or where there is impairment, the impairment is expensed in the profit and loss account. In prior periods, the leasehold land was stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss. HKAS 17 has been applied retrospectively.

(iii) HKAS 32 & 39

The adoption of HKASs 32 and 39 has resulted in a change in the accounting policy for recognition, measurement, derecognition and disclosure of financial instruments. Investment securities have been re-designated as available-for-sale financial assets and are stated at fair values. Changes in their fair values are accounted for as movements in reserve. The difference between the fair value of available-for-sale financial assets as at 1st April 2005 and the carrying amounts of the investment securities as at 31st March 2005 was credited to the opening investment revaluation reserve as at 1st April 2005. In prior periods, investment securities were stated at cost less provision for diminution in value, other than temporary in nature.

Marketable securities have been re-designated as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. In prior periods, marketable securities were also stated at fair values.

In addition, the Group's discounted bills with recourse, which were previously treated as contingent liabilities, have been accounted for as collateralised bank advances prospectively on or after 1st April 2005, as the financial asset derecognition conditions as stipulated in HKAS 39 have not been fulfilled.

HKAS 39 does not permit the recognition, derecognition or measurement of financial assets and liabilities in accordance with this standard on a retrospective basis.

(iv) HKAS 38

In accordance with the requirements of HKAS 38, the Group has reassessed the useful lives of its intangible assets. The amortisation of trademarks, has ceased prospectively on 1st April 2005 after the useful lives have been reassessed to be indefinite. Such trademarks are tested for impairment on an annual basis.

- (v) The following is a summary of effect of adopting the new HKFRSs on the interim accounts
  - (a) Consolidated profit and loss account for the six months ended 30th September 2005

	Increase/(decrease)						
	HKAS 17 HK\$'000	HKAS 32 and 39 HK\$'000	HKAS 38 HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> <i>HK\$'000</i>			
Other operating expenses			(1,178)	(1,178)			
	HK cents	HK cents	HK cents	HK cents			
Earnings per share			0.12	0.12			

There is no material impact of adopting the new HKFRSs on the consolidated profit and loss account for the six months ended 30th September 2004.

# 1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies (Continued)

- (b) Changes in accounting policies (Continued)
  - (v) (Continued)
    - (b) Consolidated balance sheet

As at 30th September 2005

	Increase/(decrease)									
		HKAS								
	HKAS 17 HK\$'000	<b>32 and 39</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000	HKAS 38 HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> <i>HK\$`000</i>						
Fixed assets	(1,082,872)	_	_	(1,082,872)						
Property, plant and										
equipment	158,471	-	-	158,471						
Investment properties	758,970	-	-	758,970						
Prepayment for lease										
premium	165,431	-	-	165,431						
Intangible assets	-	-	1,178	1,178						
Investment securities	-	(4,299)	-	(4,299)						
Available-for-sale										
financial assets	-	11,500	-	11,500						
Debtors and prepayments	-	6,186	-	6,186						
Bank overdrafts and										
short term loans,										
secured	-	(6,186)	-	(6,186)						
Net assets	_	7,201	1,178	8,379						
Retained profits	_	_	1,178	1,178						
Other reserves	_	7,201		7,201						
Shareholders' funds		7,201	1,178	8,379						
Shareholders Tullus		7,201	1,178	8,379						

## As at 31st March 2005

	Increase/(decrease)							
	HKAS 17 HK\$'000	HKAS 32 and 39 HK\$'000	HKAS 38 HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> <i>HK\$</i> '000				
Fixed assets Property, plant and	(1,029,850)	-	-	(1,029,850)				
equipment	154,670	-	-	154,670				
Investment properties Prepayment for lease	712,350	-	-	712,350				
premium	162,830			162,830				
Net assets								

## 2. Segment information

### Primary reporting format – business segments

	Unaudited Six months ended 30th September 2005						
	Ret	ail and tradir	ıg				
	Watch HK\$'000	<b>Optical</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000	(Note) <b>Hipo.fant</b> HK\$'000	<b>Property</b> <i>HK\$'000</i>	Investment HK\$'000	Eliminations HK\$'000	Group HK\$'000
Turnover	415,323	232,053	40,979	21,012	70	(5,440)	703,997
Segment results	9,038	17,270	(7,811)	87,333	8,069		113,899
Net corporate expenses							(19,915)
Operating profit before financing Finance costs							93,984 (12,972)
Profit before taxation Taxation charge							81,012 (12,138)
Profit for the period							68,874

Note: The Board has resolved on 14th July 2005 to close the Hipo.fant business during the current financial year no later than 31st March 2006.

	Unaudited Six months ended 30th September 2004						
	Ret	ail and tradir	ıg				
	<b>Watch</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000	<b>Optical</b> HK\$'000	Hipo.fant HK\$'000	Property HK\$'000	Investment HK\$'000	Eliminations HK\$'000	Group HK\$'000
Turnover	437,112	184,295	36,373	20,154	21	(5,337)	672,618
Segment results	52,014	12,823	(5,252)	8,878	21		68,484
Net corporate expenses							(16,236)
Operating profit before financing Finance costs							52,248 (10,756)
Profit before taxation Taxation charge							41,492 (2,026)
Profit for the period							39,466

## 2. Segment information (Continued)

Secondary reporting format – geographical segments

	Six months ended 30th September – Unaudited					
	Turno	over	Segment Results			
				As restated		
	2005	2004	2005	2004		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
Hong Kong	390,080	362,635	100,667	28,124		
South East and Far East Asia	220,975	186,756	13,553	20,281		
Europe	63,455	91,543	4,497	14,528		
North America	5,315	13,967	1,827	6,201		
PRC mainland and others	24,172	17,717	(6,645)	(650)		
	703,997	672,618	113,899	68,484		

Note: Certain comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with the current period's presentation.

## 3. Operating profit before financing

Operating profit before financing is stated after crediting and charging:

	Unaudited Six months ended 30th September		
	2005	2004	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Crediting			
Compensation received on arbitration (note)	38,489	-	
Fair value gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8,000	-	
Surplus on revaluation of investment properties	36,660	-	
Write back of provision for stock obsolescence	9,666		
Charging			
Depreciation			
Owned property, plant and equipment	23,128	21,267	
Leased property, plant and equipment	220	21,207	
Amortisation of prepayment of lease premium	4,445	4,205	
Amortisation of trademarks	-	1,136	
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	389	66	
Provision for stock obsolescence and stocks written off	3,944	1.178	
Provision for doubtful debts and bad debts written off	1,090	406	

*Note:* As disclosed in note 6 to the 2004 Annual Accounts, the Group was entitled to counter-claim liquidated damages and other costs or losses from the contractor for Stelux House in March 2004. In December 2004, the arbitrator awarded legal costs and interests in favour of the Group. The Contractor filed an appeal but failed to overturn the arbitrator's award. After deducting other related costs, a sum of HK\$38,489,000 was recognised during the period.

## 4. Taxation charge

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 17.5% (2004: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profit for the period less relief for available tax losses. Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profit for the period at the rates of taxation prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

The amount of taxation charged to the consolidated profit and loss account represents:

	Unaudited Six months ended 30th September	
	<b>2005</b> <i>HK\$</i> '000	<b>2004</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000
Current taxation Overseas profits tax Under provision in respect of prior years	4,009	1,324 702
Deferred taxation	4,204 7,934	2,026
Taxation charge	12,138	2,026

#### 5. Dividend

	Six month	Unaudited Six months ended 30th September	
	<b>2005</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000	<b>2004</b> <i>HK\$</i> '000	
Interim, declared, of HK\$0.01 (2004: HK\$0.01) per ordinary share	9,513	9,513	

At a meeting held on 20th December 2005, the Directors declared an interim dividend of HK\$0.01 per ordinary share. This declared dividend is not reflected as a dividend payable in the interim accounts, but will be reflected as an appropriation of retained earnings for the year ending 31st March 2006.

## 6. Earnings per share

#### Basic

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the Group's profit attributable to equity holders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

	Unaudited Six months ended 30th September	
	<b>2005</b> <i>HK\$</i> '000	<b>2004</b> <i>HK\$`000</i>
Group's profit attributable to equity holders	68,874	39,466
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (thousands)	951,340	943,438
Basic earnings per share (HK cents per share)	7.24	4.18

#### Diluted

The diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30th September 2005 was not presented as there are no outstanding share options during the period.

The calculation of diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30th September 2004 was based on the Group's profit attributable to equity holders of HK\$39,466,000 and 946,580,231 shares which is the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period plus the weighted average number of 3,141,847 shares deemed to be issued at no consideration if all outstanding options had been exercised.

	Six mor	udited nths ended eptember
	2005	2004
	HK cents	HK cents
Diluted earnings per share	N/A	4.17

# 7. Capital expenditure

	Goodwill HK\$'000	Trademarks and licences HK\$'000	Total intangible assets HK\$'000	Property, plant and equipment HK\$'000	Investment properties HK\$'000	Prepayment of lease premium HK\$'000
Opening net book amount as at 1st April 2005		17,052	17,052	154,670	712.350	162,830
Acquisition of subsidiary (Note 14)	4.231	17,052	4,231	3.107	9,960	102,850
Other additions	4,231	_	4,251	27.242	9,900	10,415
Exchange differences	_	(19)	(19)	(3,068)	-	(3,078)
Disposals	_	(1))	-	(389)	-	(291)
Depreciation/amortisation changes (Note 3)		_		(23,348)		(4,445)
Surplus on revaluation (Note 3)	-	_		(23,346)	36,660	(4,445)
Impairment write-back	_	-	_	257	50,000	_
Impariment write-back						
Closing net book amount						
as at 30th September 2005	4,231	17,033	21,264	158,471	758,970	165,431
Opening net book amount						
as at 1st April 2004	_	19,160	19,160	155,211	558,020	166,428
Additions	_	-		19,771		4,806
Exchange differences	-	103	103	(1,930)	-	(3,053)
Disposals	-	_	_	(292)	-	(842)
Depreciation/amortisation						
changes (Note 3)		(1,136)	(1,136)	(21,535)		(4,205)
Closing net book amount						
as at 30th September 2004		18,127	18,127	151,225	558,020	163,134
Additions	_	_	_	27,184	-	843
Exchange differences	-	167	167	2,756	-	3,310
Surplus on revaluation	-	-	-	-	154,330	-
Disposals	-	-	-	(65)	-	(21)
Depreciation/amortisation changes	-	(1,242)	(1,242)	(25,268)	-	(4,436)
Impairment	-	-	-	(1,162)	-	-
~						
Closing net book amount		17.052	17.050	154 (70	710.050	1(2,020
as at 31st March 2005		17,052	17,052	154,670	712,350	162,830

#### 8. Debtors and prepayments

The Group allows an average credit period of 60 days to its trade debtors. Included in debtors and prepayments are trade debtors (net of provision for doubtful debts) with the following aging analysis:

	Unaudited 30th September 2005 HK\$*000	Audited 31st March 2005 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade debtors 60 days or below Over 60 days	68,067 45,680	15,360 28,916
Deposits, prepayments and other debtors	113,747 307,289	44,276 248,554
	421,036	292,830

#### 9. Creditors and accruals

Included in creditors and accruals are trade creditors with the following aging analysis:

	Unaudited 30th September 2005 <i>HK\$</i> *000	Audited 31st March 2005 <i>HK\$</i> '000
Trade creditors 60 days or below Over 60 days	150,634 77,031	62,306 69,622
Other creditors and accruals	227,665 171,452	131,928 152,508
	399,117	284,436

## 10. Share capital

	Number of shares of HK\$0.1 each
Issued and fully paid:	
At 1st April 2004 Issue of shares (note)	943,340,023 6,000,000
At 30th September 2004	949,340,023
At 1st April 2005 and 30th September 2005	951,340,023

Note:

All the share options outstanding as at 31st March 2004 were exercised. 6,000,000 ordinary shares were issued in September 2004 and 2,000,000 ordinary shares were issued in October 2004. The exercise price was HK\$0.248 per ordinary share.

There were no further share options exercised, granted or lapsed during the period ended 30th September 2005.

#### 11. Other non-current liabilities

		Unaudited 30th September 2005 <i>HK\$</i> '000	Audited 31st March 2005 HK\$'000
Bank loans, secured	<i>(a)</i>	373,524	290,787
Loan from related companies	<i>(b)</i>	41,609	11,580
Obligations under finance leases	<i>(c)</i>	834	817
Amount payable within one year included		415,967	303,184
under current liabilities		(15,292)	(23,465)
		400,675	279,719

## Note:

(a) The maturity of bank loans are as follows:

	Unaudited 30th September 2005 HK\$'000	Audited 31st March 2005 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Within 1 year	14,993	11,617
Between 1 year and 2 years	29,427	14,242
Between 2 years and 5 years	263,049	207,728
Wholly repayable within 5 years	307,469	233,587
Over 5 years	66,055	57,200
	373,524	290,787

(b) The loans from related companies are unsecured, interest-free and not expected to be repaid within the next twelve months from the end of the financial period. The carrying amounts of loans from related companies approximate their fair values.

## 11. Other non-current liabilities (Continued)

### Note: (Continued)

(c) The obligations under finance leases are repayable as follows:

	Minimum le Unaudited 30th September 2005 <i>HK\$</i> '000	ase payments Audited 31st March 2005 HK\$'000
Within 1 year Between 1 year and 2 years Between 2 years and 5 years Over 5 years	342 251 367	311 300 342
Future finance charges on finance leases	960 (126)	953 (136)
Present value of finance lease liabilities	834	817

	Present value		
	Unaudited 30th September	Audited 31st March	
	2005	2005	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Within 1 year	299	268	
Between 1 year and 2 years	219	253	
Between 2 years and 5 years	316	296	
Over 5 years			
	834	817	

## 12. Commitments

	Unaudited 30th September 2005 HK\$'000	Audited 31st March 2005 <i>HK\$</i> '000
Commitments in respect of expenditure on property, plant and equipment		
Contracted but not provided for Authorised but not contracted for	4,126	1,825 420
	4,126	2,245

#### 13. Related party transactions

The Group is controlled by the estate of Mr Wong Chue Meng. It is interested in approximately 70% of the issued share capital of the Company. The remaining 30% of the shares are widely held. The ultimate holding company of the Group is Yee Hing Company Limited (incorporated in Hong Kong). The estate of Mr Wong Chue Meng has controlling interest in Yee Hing Company Limited.

The following transactions were carried out with related parties:

(i) Sales of goods and services

		For the six 30th September 2005 HK\$'000	x months ended 30th September 2004 <i>HK\$</i> '000
Rental income received and receivable from			
related companies	(a)	810	881
Interest income receivable from a related company	<i>(b)</i>	1,664	2,139

(a) On 14th August 2001, Stelux Holdings Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary company of the Company, entered into lease agreements with Yee Hing Company Limited, the ultimate holding company, and International Optical Manufacturing Company Limited, a 60% owned subsidiary company of Yee Hing Company Limited for the lease of office premises at Stelux House for a period of up to three years expired on 14th August 2004 at a monthly rental of HK\$55,900 and HK\$95,040 respectively.

The leases were renewed on 9th August 2004 for lease terms expiring on 31st March 2007 at a monthly rental of HK\$49,450 and HK\$85,536 respectively.

- (b) The related company is Bangkok Land Public Company Limited. The estate of Mr Wong Chue Meng is a substantial shareholder of this company.
- (ii) Purchases of goods and services

		x months ended 30th September 2004 <i>HK</i> \$'000
Vision Pro Trading Company Limited	2,746	1,750
International Optical Manufacturing Company Limited	51	111
Dongguan Xiaoshi Optical Manufacturing Company Limited	-	608
Muang Thong Seiko	4,085	3,128
Thong Sia Company (Singapore) Private Limited	4,209	6,699
Thong Sia Sdn Bhd	5,401	5,059
Thong Sia Watch Company Limited	14,521	12,014
Interest expense paid to a related company	30	349
Interest expense paid to a shareholder	50	_
Interest expense paid to directors	8	774
Interest expense paid to the ultimate holding company	88	
	31,189	30,492

The related companies are companies which are subsidiaries of Yee Hing Company Limited, the ultimate holding company, or controlled by certain substantial shareholders of the Company. Thong Sia Company (Singapore) Private Limited, Thong Sia Watch Company Limited and Thong Sia Sdn Bhd were acquired by the Group on 30th September 2005 and become subsidiaries of the Group since then.

Purchases of goods were conducted at prices and terms no less favourable than those available from third party suppliers.

Except for the above, the terms of these related party transactions have not changed from those disclosed in the Annual Report 2005.

#### 13. Related party transactions (Continued)

#### (iii) Key management compensation

	For the six months ended		
	1	30th September	
	<b>2005</b> <i>HK\$</i> '000	<b>2004</b> <i>HK\$</i> '000	
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits Other long-term benefits	11,525	9,308 119	
	11,640	9,427	

(iv) Period/year-end balances arising from rental income, interest income and purchases of goods

	As	s at
	<b>30th September</b> <b>2005</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000	<b>31st March</b> <b>2005</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000
Rent receivable from:		
Yee Hing Company Limited	125	145
Interest receivable from:		
Bangkok Land Public Company Limited	33,928	32,264
Trading balances receivable from/(payable to):		
Muang Thong Seiko	(3,463)	(1,705)
Vision Pro Trading Company Limited	(1,369)	(999)
International Optical Manufacturing Company Limited	(51)	_
Dongguan Xiaoshi Optical Manufacturing Company Limited	663	663
	(4,220)	(2,041)

#### 14. Acquisition of subsidiaries

On 30th September 2005, the Group acquired 100.0%, 96.0% and 94.4% equity interests respectively in Thong Sia Company (Singapore) Pte Limited, Thong Sia Watch Company Limited and Thong Sia Sdn Bhd (collectively "Thong Sia "). Thong Sia is principally engaged in the wholesaling of Seiko watches, clocks and optical products in Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

Details of net assets acquired and goodwill are as follows:

	HK\$'000
Purchase consideration: – Cash paid – Direct cost relating to the acquisition	55,268 4,000
Fair value of net assets acquired - shown as below	(55,037)
Goodwill	4,231

### 14. Acquisition of subsidiaries (Continued)

The goodwill is attributable to the future profitability of the acquired business and the synergies expected to arise after the Group's acquisition of Thong Sia.

The assets and liabilities arising from the acquisition are as follows:

	Fair value HK\$'000	Thong Sia Companies' carrying amount HK\$'000
Property, plant and equipment Investment properties	3,107 9,960	3,107 9,960
Deferred tax assets Stocks	941 63,743 59,724	941 63,743 59,724
Debtors and prepayments Cash and cash equivalents Deferred tax liabilities	30,165 (1,557)	30,165 (1,557)
Loans from related companies Bank overdrafts and short term loans, unsecured	(41,609) (13,216)	(41,609) (13,216)
Taxation payable Creditors and accruals	(1,447) (50,901)	(1,447) (50,901)
Net assets	58,910	58,910
Minority interests	(3,873)	
Net assets acquired	55,037	
Purchase consideration settled in cash Cash and cash equivalents in subsidiary acquired		59,268 30,165
Cash outflow on acquisition		29,103

There were no significant acquisitions for the year ended 31st March 2005.

#### 15. Event after the balance sheet date

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, an agreement was entered into between the Group with Yee Hing Company Limited ("Yee Hing") on 20th December 2005, pursuant to which the Company has agreed to dispose of Stelux House to Yee Hing for a cash consideration of HK\$820,000,000 through the disposal of the entire issued share capital of Stelux Holdings International (BVI) Limited ("Stelux (BVI)") following a group reorganisation of the Company. Following the completion of such group reorganisation of the Company and immediately prior to the completion of the Agreement, the sole assets of Stelux (BVI) will be the entire issued share capital of Stelux Holdings Limited ("SHL") and SHL, which is the current registered owner of 100% interest in Stelux House, will in turn own the property as its sole asset.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## **REVIEW OF GROUP OPERATIONS**

The Group is pleased to announce a profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$68.8 million for the six months ended 30th September 2005 compared to a profit of HK\$39 million during the same period last year. Group turnover increased by 4.7% from HK\$673 million to HK\$704 million over the corresponding period. The Directors have proposed that an interim dividend of HK\$0.01 per share be payable for the six months ended 30th September 2005.

## Turnover

Poor consumer sentiment across South East Asian countries brought on by high oil prices and escalating interest rates, coupled with mainland visitors delaying their trips to Hong Kong for the Disney opening in September affected the first half turnover of our watch retail business, City Chain Group ("City Chain"). City Chain did not meet its targeted double-digit growth in turnover. Turnover increased by only 4%. However, market share and gross profit margins were maintained.

Our optical retail business, Optical 88 Group ("Optical 88"), showed strong growth because of gains in market share in Hong Kong and South East Asia. Compared to the first six months of last year, turnover at Optical 88 increased by 26%.

Because of the end of the adidas watch global license, our Watch Manufacturing, Export and Trading Division reported a decrease in turnover of 27% compared to the same time last year.

## Profit and Loss

Excluding the revaluation surplus on the Group's investment properties, interests and legal costs recovered from an arbitration, other related expenses and the loss related to the Hipo.fant business, the Group reported an operating profit before tax of HK\$20 million compared to a profit of HK\$47 million over the same period last year.

The decrease in operating profit was largely because of the performance of City Chain which reported a loss of HK\$3 million compared to profits of HK\$30 million over the first six months last year. This was due to an increase in operating costs like rent, newly launched advertising on the CYMA brand and setting up expenses to build the PRC market. However, as of the date of this announcement, the benefits reaped from the CYMA brand advertising has been satisfactory and in the longer term, we expect investments made in this regard to be recouped. City Chain PRC turnover has started to pick up since September as a result of the newly launched CYMA advertising campaign.

Despite the disappointing performance of our watch retail business in the first half year, baring unforeseen circumstances, we are still confident of becoming profitable during the full financial year.

Significant growth in profits was reported by Optical 88 - an increase of 42% boosting profits before tax to HK\$15.4 million compared to HK\$11 million during the corresponding period last year. This was due to increased gross profit margins and improved market share. Organic expansion of Optical 88 in South East Asian and PRC markets is making good progress.

Hipo.fant incurred a loss of HK\$8 million during the first half of the financial year. This was not unexpected. Due to accounting policy, the loss was not included as a provision in the accounts for the previous financial year 2004/2005. Based on performance in the third quarter of the financial year, we expect to see further losses of no more than HK\$3 million until closure of this business in March 2006.

## **Business Strategy**

During the first six months, the Group has been busy restructuring its businesses to clearly focus on watch and optical products, businesses where we enjoy competitive advantages and good market share.

Firstly, in September 2005, the Group has completed the acquisition of the Thong Sia Group ("Thong Sia"), the sole distributor for Seiko watches, clocks and optical products in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia from our substantial shareholder. The profits and turnover for this business will only be reflected in the second half of the year and performance up to now has been up to expectation.

The inclusion of Thong Sia into the Group enhances the Group's leadership position in the Asian watch retail and wholesale industry. The Group believes that the synergy effect between Thong Sia and City Chain will boost prospects for future growth in both businesses.

The strategy of injecting the substantial shareholder's watch and optical businesses into the Group would further align the interests of all shareholders in the Group and minimise connected transactions in the core businesses.

Secondly, the proposed disposal of Stelux House to the Group's substantial shareholder, as announced separately today, is also in line with our business strategy. Through this disposal, we believe that future Group operating results will no longer be affected by fluctuations in the property market. In addition, the disposal will increase the Group's return on capital and further reduce bank borrowings.

The Directors have resolved to recommend distribution of a special dividend of HK\$0.50 per share to shareholders subject to the disposal being approved at a Special General Meeting by the Group's independent shareholders.

When all this restructuring is complete, the Group will become highly focused on watch and optical products, with its value based on recurring earnings from these two core businesses.

## FINANCE

The Group's bank borrowings at balance sheet date was HK\$601 million (at 31st March 2005: HK\$495 million), out of which, HK\$243 million (at 31st March 2005: HK\$216 million) were repayable within 12 months. The Group's gearing ratio at balance sheet date was 0.60 (at 31st March 2005: 0.51), which was calculated based on the Group's bank borrowings and shareholders' funds of HK\$1,010 million (at 31st March 2005: HK\$963 million).

Of the Group's bank borrowings, 4% (at 31st March 2005: 3%) were denominated in foreign currencies. The Group's bank borrowings denominated in Hong Kong Dollars were on a floating rate basis at either bank prime lending rates or short-term inter-bank offer rates.

The Group does not engage in speculative derivative trading.

## CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF THE GROUP

There was no change in the capital structure of the Group during the period.

## SHARE OPTION SCHEME

On 9th March 2005, a new share option scheme, replacing the previous scheme, for the employees, officers and directors of the Company and its subsidiary companies (the "Share Option Scheme") was approved and adopted by the shareholders. Details of the terms of the Share Option Scheme were disclosed in the Group's Annual Report 2005. No option was granted during the period. As at 30th September 2005, the total number of ordinary shares available for issue in the remaining life of the Share Option Scheme was 95,134,002.

## CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD

During the period, 100.0%, 96.0% and 94.4% equity interests in respect of Thong Sia Company (Singapore) Pte Limited, Thong Sia Watch Company Limited and Thong Sia Sdn Bhd were acquired at a total consideration of HK\$55,267,775. Details of the acquisition were disclosed in a circular to shareholders on 31st August 2005. As the acquisition of these three companies was completed on 30th September 2005, the assets and liabilities were therefore incorporated into the Group's Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2005. There were no other significant acquisitions of associated companies during the interim period.

## SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

An analysis of the Group's segment turnover and segment results by business activities and markets is shown in note 2 to the interim accounts.

## NUMBER AND REMUNERATION OF EMPLOYEES, REMUNERATION POLICIES, BONUS AND SHARE OPTION SCHEMES AND TRAINING SCHEMES

The Group's remuneration policies are reviewed on a regular basis and remuneration packages are in line with market practices in the relevant countries where the Group operates. As of 30th September 2005, the Group had 2,479 (at 30th September 2004: 2,165) employees.

## DETAILS OF THE CHARGES ON GROUP ASSETS

At 30th September 2005, certain of the Group's freehold land and buildings amounting to HK\$55,104,000 (at 31st March 2005: HK\$56,391,000), investment properties amounting to HK\$757,660,000 (at 31st March 2005: HK\$711,100,000) and leasehold land amounting to HK\$106,677,000 (at 31st March 2005: HK\$109,458,000) were pledged to secure banking facilities granted to the Group.

## DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

Mr Wong Chong Po, Mr Joseph C. C. Wong, Mr Anthony Chu Kai Wah, Mr Stan Lee Shu Chung and Mr Wong Yuk Woon are eligible to an annual bonus determinable under the terms of an executive bonus scheme with respect to the management of the Group. Provision for the executive bonus in respect of the directors eligible under the Executive Bonus Scheme for the half year ended 30th September 2005 amounted to HK\$5,989,000 (2004: HK\$3,432,000).

As at 30th September 2005, the interests and short positions of the directors, chief executive and their associates in the shares or underlying shares of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO") (including interests which they are deemed or taken to have under such provisions of the SFO)) as recorded in the register maintained under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company were as follows:

# **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS** (Continued)

All interests disclosed below represent long positions in shares of the Company.

## (a) The Company – Ordinary shares

		Number o	of shares		Approximate percentage of issued share capital as at 30th
	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Total	September 2005
Mr Wong Chong Po	3,600,000	_	_	3,600,000	0.38
Mr Joseph C. C. Wong	13,181,211	10,000	-	13,191,211	1.39
Mr Chu Kai Wah, Anthony	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000	0.21
Mr Sakorn Kanjanapas	391,056	-	-	391,056	0.04
Mr Lee Shu Chung, Stan	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000	0.21
Mr Wong Yuk Woon	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000	0.21

## (b) Subsidiary companies

Personal interests         Family interests         Corporate interests         Total         September 2005           (i)         City Chain (Thailand) Company Limited – Preference shares (1)         September         2005           (ii)         City Chain (Thailand) Company Limited – Preference shares (1)         Mr Wong Chong Po         200         208,800         209,000         99.52           Mr Joseph C. C. Wong         200         208,800         209,000         99.52           Mr Sakorn Kanjanapas         200         208,800         209,000         99.52           (ii)         Stelux Watch (Thailand) Company Limited – Preference shares (2)         Mr Wong Chong Po         600         -         600         16.67           Mr Joseph C. C. Wong         600         -         -         600         16.67           Mr Sakorn Kanjanapas         600         -         -         600         16.67           Mr Sakorn Kanjanapas         600         -         -         600         16.67           (iii)         Optical 88 (Thailand) Company Limited – Preference shares (3)         Mr Wong Chong Po         5,000         -         225,000         230,000         90.20           Mr Joseph C. C. Wong         5,000         -         225,000         230,000         90.2				Number o	of shares		Approximate percentage of preference shares as at 30th
Mr Wong Chong Po       200       -       208,800       209,000       99.52         Mr Joseph C. C. Wong       200       -       208,800       209,000       99.52         Mr Sakorn Kanjanapas       200       -       208,800       209,000       99.52         (ii)       Stelux Watch (Thailand) Company Limited - Preference shares (2)       Mr Wong Chong Po       600       -       -       600       16.67         Mr Joseph C. C. Wong       600       -       -       600       16.67         Mr Sakorn Kanjanapas       600       -       -       600       16.67         Mr Sakorn Kanjanapas       600       -       -       600       16.67         Mr Sakorn Kanjanapas       600       -       -       600       16.67         (iii)       Optical 88 (Thailand) Company Limited - Preference shares (3)            Mr Wong Chong Po       5,000       -       225,000       230,000       90.20         Mr Joseph C. C. Wong       5,000       -       225,000       230,000       90.20		-			•	Total	September
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Mr Sakorn Kanjanapas         600         -         -         600         16.67           (iii)         Optical 88 (Thailand) Company Limited – Preference shares <sup>(3)</sup> -         -         600         16.67           Mr Wong Chong Po         5,000         -         225,000         230,000         90.20           Mr Joseph C. C. Wong         5,000         -         225,000         230,000         90.20			600	_	_	600	16.67
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## **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS** (Continued)

## (b) Subsidiary companies (Continued)

Notes:

- (1) City Chain (Thailand) Company Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The preference shares held by certain directors represent preference shares issued by City Chain (Thailand) Company Limited which do not carry any voting rights and which are not entitled to any profit sharing but are only entitled to annual fixed dividends. The corporate interests of each of Mr Wong Chong Po, Mr Joseph C. C. Wong and Mr Sakorn Kanjanapas in 208,800 preference shares duplicate with each other.
- (2) Stelux Watch (Thailand) Company Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The preference shares held by certain directors represent preference shares issued by Stelux Watch (Thailand) Company Limited which do not carry any voting rights and which are not entitled to any profit sharing but are only entitled to annual fixed dividends.
- (3) Optical 88 (Thailand) Company Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The preference shares held by certain directors represent preference shares issued by Optical 88 (Thailand) Company Limited which do not carry any voting rights and which are not entitled to any profit sharing but are only entitled to annual fixed dividends. The corporate interests of each of Mr Wong Chong Po, Mr Joseph C. C. Wong and Mr Sakorn Kanjanapas in 225,000 preference shares duplicate with each other.

Save as disclosed above, no directors, chief executive of the Company or their associates had any interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares 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 Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers ("Model Code").

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30th September 2005, the following companies (other than directors of the Company as disclosed above) had interests in the shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO:

Name	Number of shares	Percentage of shareholding	Note
Yee Hing Company Limited	415,031,771	43.63%	<i>(a)</i>
Active Lights Company Limited	135,653,636	14.26%	<i>(b)</i>
Thong Sia Company Limited	91,032,218	9.57%	(c)

Notes:

- (a) These shares are held by Yee Hing Company Limited as beneficial owner. The estate of Mr Wong Chue Meng has controlling interest in Yee Hing Company Limited.
- (b) These shares are held by Active Lights Company Limited as beneficial owner. Active Lights Company Limited is a company controlled by Yee Hing Company Limited.
- (c) These shares are held by Thong Sia Company Limited as beneficial owner. The estate of Mr Wong Chue Meng holds 38% of the issued shares of Thong Sia Company Limited.

All interests disclosed above represent long positions in shares of the Company.

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS (Continued)

Save as disclosed in Directors' Interests above, so far as the directors are aware, there are no other parties which were, directly or indirectly, interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of the share capital of the Company as at 30th September 2005 as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO.

## **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 18th January 2006 to 25th January 2006 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the entitlement to the interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong Registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:00 p.m. on 17th January 2006. The interim dividend will be paid on 16th February 2006.

## PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

The Company has not redeemed any of its shares during the period. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased or sold any of the Company's shares during the period.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

During the six months ended 30th September 2005, the Company has complied with the provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code Provisions") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, except for the following deviations:-

## **Code Provision A.4.2**

Under Code Provision A.4.2, every director, including those appointed for a specific term, should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. Not all Directors of the Company retire strictly under Code Provision A.4.2 but in accordance with the Company's Bye-Laws. Bye-Law 110(A) stipulates that one-third of the Directors of the Company who have been longest serving in office since their last election, except the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Chief Executive Officer, shall retire from office by rotation at each annual general meeting.

## **Code Provision B.1.1**

Under Code Provision B.1.1, issuers should establish a remuneration committee with specific written terms of reference which deal clearly with its authority and duties. The Company established a remuneration committee on 20th December 2005 and Mr. Joseph C. C. Wong (the Vice-Chairman of the Company), Mr. Kwong Yiu Chung, Mr. Wu Chun Sang and Dr. Lawrence Wu Chi Man (all independent non-executive directors of the Company) were appointed as committee members.

## Code Provision B.1.3

This Code Provision deals with the terms of reference of the remuneration committee. The Company has adopted the terms of reference under Code Provision B.1.3 except that the terms of reference does not include reviewing and determining the remuneration packages of senior management. The Company believes that the remuneration packages of senior management should be the responsibility of the executive directors as they are in a better position to appraise the performance of senior management.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE** (Continued)

## **Code Provision E.1.2**

Under the first part of Code Provision E.1.2, the Chairman of the Board should attend annual general meetings. The Chairman of the Board did not attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 6th September 2005 as he was not in Hong Kong.

## DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE'S WEBSITE

A detailed announcement of the interim results of the Group for the six months ended 30th September 2005 containing all the information required by paragraph 46(1) to 46(6) of Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules will be published on the website of the Stock Exchange (http://www.hkex.com.hk) in due course.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, the Company has set up an audit committee with written terms of reference comprising three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr Kwong Yiu Chung, Dr Lawrence Wu Chi Man (appointed on 28th October 2005) and Mr Wu Chun Sang. The principal responsibilities of the Audit Committee include the review and supervision of the Group's financial reporting process and internal controls. A meeting of the Audit Committee was held on 15th December 2005 to review the Group's interim results for the six months period ended 30th September 2005 before they were presented to the board of directors for approval.

On behalf of the Board Joseph C. C. Wong Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 20th December 2005

Directors of the Company as at the date hereof:

Executive Directors:

Wong Chong Po (Chairman), Chumphol Kanjanapas (alias Joseph C. C. Wong) (Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer), Anthony Chu Kai Wah, Stan Lee Shu Chung and Wong Yuk Woon.

Non-Executive Directors:

Sakorn Kanjanapas, Kwong Yiu Chung (*independent*), Wu Chun Sang (*independent*) and Lawrence Wu Chi Man (*independent – appointed on 28th October 2005*).