

e-KONG Group Limited

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Condensed Consolidated Income Statement

For the six months ended 30 June 2007

The board of directors (the “Board”) of e-Kong Group Limited (the “Company”) herein presents the unaudited interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Group”) for the six months ended 30 June 2007, together with comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2006. The results were unaudited but have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and the auditors of the Company.

	Notes	Six months ended 30 June	
		2007 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2006 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Turnover	2	397,956	330,709
Cost of sales		(294,011)	(234,882)
Gross profit		103,945	95,827
Other income	3	19,357	1,228
		123,302	97,055
Selling and distribution expenses		(29,100)	(26,620)
Business promotion and marketing expenses		(4,068)	(2,760)
Operating and administrative expenses		(51,613)	(39,411)
Depreciation and amortisation		(8,466)	(2,688)
Profit from operations		30,055	25,576
Finance costs	4	(1,229)	(1,379)
Profit before taxation	4	28,826	24,197
Taxation	5	(2,227)	(1,423)
Profit for the period		26,599	22,774
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		26,659	22,774
Minority interests		(60)	–
		26,599	22,774
EBITDA	6	38,521	28,264
		HK cents	HK cents
Earnings per share	7		
Basic		5.3	4.8
Diluted		N/A	N/A

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2007

	<i>Notes</i>	As at 30 June 2007 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2006 (Audited) HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	15,914	17,117
Intangible assets	9	46,776	51,659
Deferred tax assets		10,866	10,866
		<u>73,556</u>	<u>79,642</u>
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	10	104,275	86,630
Pledged bank deposits		2,050	1,547
Cash and bank balances		160,853	100,362
		<u>267,178</u>	<u>188,539</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	104,603	99,686
Current portion of bank borrowings		9,513	9,188
Current portion of obligations under finance leases		202	198
Taxation payable		3,142	3,996
		<u>117,460</u>	<u>113,068</u>
Net current assets		<u>149,718</u>	<u>75,471</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		223,274	155,113
Non-current liabilities			
Bank borrowings		17,748	22,577
Obligations under finance leases		317	419
		<u>18,065</u>	<u>23,000</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>205,209</u>	<u>132,117</u>
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		5,229	4,709
Reserves		198,952	127,408
		<u>204,181</u>	<u>132,117</u>
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		204,181	132,117
Minority interests		<u>1,028</u>	<u>–</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>205,209</u>	<u>132,117</u>

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the six months ended 30 June 2007

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company								
	Share capital	Share premium	Exchange reserve	Capital redemption reserve	Contributed surplus	Accumulated profits/(losses)	Total	Minority interests	Total equity
	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	(Unaudited) HK\$'000
As at 1 January 2007	4,709	23,461	(598)	6	83,489	21,050	132,117	-	132,117
New shares issued	520	46,280	-	-	-	-	46,800	-	46,800
Shares issuance expenses	-	(1,395)	-	-	-	-	(1,395)	-	(1,395)
Deemed partial disposal of subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,088	1,088
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	26,659	26,659	(60)	26,599
As at 30 June 2007	5,229	68,346	(598)	6	83,489	47,709	204,181	1,028	205,209
As at 1 January 2006	4,709	23,461	(1,011)	6	607,462	(543,555)	91,072	-	91,072
Exchange difference on translation of foreign subsidiaries	-	-	(20)	-	-	-	(20)	-	(20)
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	22,774	22,774	-	22,774
As at 30 June 2006	4,709	23,461	(1,031)	6	607,462	(520,781)	113,826	-	113,826

Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the six months ended 30 June 2007

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2007 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2006 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Net cash generated from / (used in) operating activities	5,205	(21,917)
Net cash generated from / (used in) investing activities	14,986	(3,771)
Net cash generated from financing activities	40,803	44,732
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	60,994	19,044
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	101,909	61,218
Cash and cash equivalents as at 30 June	162,903	80,262
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents		
Pledged bank deposits	2,050	2,024
Cash and bank balances	160,853	78,238
	162,903	80,262

Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

For the six months ended 30 June 2007

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and applicable disclosure requirements under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”). The accounting policies and bases of preparation adopted in these interim financial statements are consistent with those adopted in the Company’s 2006 Annual Report.

The Group has not early adopted the new and revised standards or interpretations issued by HKICPA that are not yet effective for the current period. The Group anticipates that the adoption of these standards or interpretations in the future periods will have no material impact on the results of the Group.

2. TURNOVER AND SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

Analyses of the Group’s turnover and results by geographical and business segments during the period are as set out below:

(a) By geographical segments:

	Six months ended 30 June						
	2007				2006		
	North America (Unaudited) HK\$’000	Asia Pacific (Unaudited) HK\$’000	Eliminations (Unaudited) HK\$’000	Consolidated (Unaudited) HK\$’000	North America (Unaudited) HK\$’000	Asia Pacific (Unaudited) HK\$’000	Consolidated (Unaudited) HK\$’000
Turnover							
External sales	349,476	48,480	-	397,956	276,158	54,551	330,709
Inter-segment sales	-	664	(664)	-	-	-	-
	<u>349,476</u>	<u>49,144</u>	<u>(664)</u>	<u>397,956</u>	<u>276,158</u>	<u>54,551</u>	<u>330,709</u>
Results							
Segment results	<u>11,598</u>	<u>11,655</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,253</u>	<u>15,477</u>	<u>13,406</u>	28,883
Finance costs				(1,229)			(1,379)
Other operating income and expenses				<u>6,802</u>			<u>(3,307)</u>
Profit before taxation				<u>28,826</u>			24,197
Taxation				<u>(2,227)</u>			<u>(1,423)</u>
Profit for the period				<u>26,599</u>			<u>22,774</u>

Inter-segment sales are charged at prevailing market prices.

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2. TURNOVER AND SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (continued)

(b) By business segments:

	Six months ended 30 June					
	2007			2006		
	Telecom- munication services (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Other (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Consolidated (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Telecom- munication services (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Other (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Consolidated (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Turnover						
External sales	<u>396,177</u>	<u>1,779</u>	<u>397,956</u>	<u>325,772</u>	<u>4,937</u>	<u>330,709</u>
Results						
Segment results	<u>23,284</u>	<u>(31)</u>	<u>23,253</u>	<u>28,863</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>28,883</u>
Finance costs			(1,229)			(1,379)
Other operating income and expenses			<u>6,802</u>			<u>(3,307)</u>
Profit before taxation			<u>28,826</u>			<u>24,197</u>
Taxation			<u>(2,227)</u>			<u>(1,423)</u>
Profit for the period			<u>26,599</u>			<u>22,774</u>

3. OTHER INCOME

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2007 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2006 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Interest income on bank deposits	<u>1,955</u>	<u>1,220</u>
Gain on the deemed partial disposal of subsidiary (Note)	<u>17,402</u>	<u>–</u>
Others	<u>–</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>19,357</u>	<u>1,228</u>

Note: The gain on the deemed partial disposal of subsidiary arose from the subscription by an institutional investor for 5% of the share capital of a subsidiary.

4. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

This is stated after charging:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2007	2006
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Finance costs:		
Interest on bank loan and other borrowings	(1,218)	(1,365)
Finance charges on obligations under finance leases	(11)	(14)
	<u>(1,229)</u>	<u>(1,379)</u>

5. TAXATION

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2007	2006
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Current tax		
Hong Kong profits tax	–	–
Overseas income taxes	(2,227)	(1,138)
	<u>(2,227)</u>	<u>(1,138)</u>
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	–	(285)
	<u>(2,227)</u>	<u>(1,423)</u>

Overseas taxation represents income taxes provided by certain subsidiaries, calculated at the tax rates prevailing in the countries in which the subsidiaries operate.

6. EBITDA

EBITDA represents earnings before interest expenses, taxation, depreciation and amortisation.

7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2007 was based on the consolidated profit attributable to equity holders of the Company of HK\$26,659,000 (30 June 2006: HK\$22,774,000) and on the weighted average number of 506,518,509 (30 June 2006: 470,894,200) shares in issue during the period.

The diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2007 and 2006 have not been presented as the exercise prices of the share options were higher than the average market price of the shares.

Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

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8. ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the period, the Group acquired property, plant and equipment for an amount of HK\$2,950,000 (31 December 2006: HK\$10,212,000) and disposals were HK\$1,406,000 (31 December 2006: HK\$124,000).

9. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	As at 30 June 2007 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2006 (Audited) HK\$'000
Development costs	3,547	3,137
Customer contracts	<u>52,933</u>	<u>52,933</u>
	56,480	56,070
Less: amortisation	<u>(9,704)</u>	<u>(4,411)</u>
	<u>46,776</u>	<u>51,659</u>

Development costs represent the costs incurred for the development of new IP-based communication products and services.

Customer contracts represent intangible assets purchased pursuant to an asset purchase agreement with a third party to acquire certain telecommunication service assets in connection with the provision of long distance telecommunication services in the United States. The costs were capitalised and are being amortised under the straight-line method over 5 years.

10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	As at 30 June 2007 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	As at 31 December 2006 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade receivables	93,785	76,119
Other receivables		
Deposits, prepayments and other debtors	<u>10,490</u>	<u>10,511</u>
	<u>104,275</u>	<u>86,630</u>

The Group's credit terms on sales mainly range from 30 to 90 days. Included in trade and other receivables are trade debtors (net of provision for bad and doubtful debts) with the following ageing analysis:

	As at 30 June 2007 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	As at 31 December 2006 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Current	86,737	68,042
1 to 3 months	6,836	7,858
More than 3 months but less than 12 months	<u>212</u>	<u>219</u>
	<u>93,785</u>	<u>76,119</u>

Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

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11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As at 30 June 2007 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2006 (Audited) HK\$'000
Trade payables	39,727	44,924
Other payables		
Accrued charges and other creditors	<u>64,876</u>	<u>54,762</u>
	<u>104,603</u>	<u>99,686</u>

Included in trade and other payables are trade creditors with the following ageing analysis:

	As at 30 June 2007 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2006 (Audited) HK\$'000
Current	34,095	26,733
1 to 3 months	5,538	17,992
More than 3 months but less than 12 months	<u>94</u>	<u>199</u>
	<u>39,727</u>	<u>44,924</u>

12. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

Report on Review of Interim Financial Statements



To the Audit Committee of

e-Kong Group Limited

(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

Introduction

We have reviewed the interim financial statements set out on pages 1 to 10, which comprised the condensed consolidated balance sheet of e-Kong Group Limited (“the Company”) and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) as at 30 June 2007 and the related condensed consolidated income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the six-month period then ended and explanatory notes. The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of a report on interim financial statements to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof and Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” (“HKAS 34”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of these interim financial statements in accordance with HKAS 34.

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these interim financial statements based on our review and 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.

Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410 “Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of interim financial statements consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial statements are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with HKAS 34.

Mazars CPA Limited

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 18 September 2007

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Business Review and Outlook

During the period under review, the Group continued to achieve an increase in turnover while maintaining profitable results. Turnover of the Group amounted to HK\$398.0 million, up 20.3% from HK\$330.7 million for the previous corresponding period. ZONE telecommunication operations in the United States remained the key contributor towards the Group's revenue growth for this period. The Group's net profit increased by 16.8% from HK\$22.8 million for the corresponding period in 2006 to HK\$26.6 million. EBITDA increased 36.3% to HK\$38.5 million when compared to HK\$28.3 million for the corresponding period in the previous year. The Group further strengthened its balance sheet position with total net assets of HK\$205.2 million, representing an increase of 55.3% over the prior year, while cash and bank balances increased by 60.3% to HK\$160.9 million.

ZONE operations in the United States ("ZONE US") achieved turnover of HK\$349.5 million during the first six months of 2007 which represented an increase of HK\$73.3 million over the same period of 2006. This increased turnover was based primarily on growth in sales to the wholesale segment of ZONE US's customer base which comprises one-third of independent local exchange carriers ("ILECs") located throughout the United States and other carrier customers. This segment of revenue increased from about one-third of the total revenue of ZONE US for the previous corresponding period and now accounts for more than half of total revenue for the period under review. Over the course of the first half of 2007, ZONE US has taken steps to improve efficiencies in its existing facilities, and to add suites of new products and services for its different categories of customers. Increased utilisation of the Company's switch facilities and the implementation of advanced routing capabilities have helped to improve margins on telecom traffic. The use of Voice-over-Internet Protocol ("VoIP") technologies has presented ZONE US with a multitude of new routing options, including sending IP wholesale traffic to and from its associates in Asia and business partners globally.

ZONE US has reached an agreement with a major nationwide US wireless network provider which will enable the Group to penetrate into the domestic US mobile market as a Mobile Virtual Network Operator (MVNO) before the end of 2007. ZONE will, as an initial stage, offer cellular services to its ILEC customers which will in turn render mobile voice and data services to their end user customers under the ILECs' own brand names. This additional range of services has been received by ZONE's ILEC customers with enthusiasm, as it provides them with a seamless way to add a mobile product to their existing fixed line offerings. It is expected to further solidify the relationships between participating ILECs and ZONE US.

Turnover from ZONE's operations in Asia ("ZONE Asia") decreased by HK\$2.9 million to HK\$46.7 million as compared to HK\$49.6 million for the previous period. Profit from ZONE Asia's operations for the period under review was HK\$11.7 million compared to HK\$13.4 million for the previous period. These reductions in revenue and profit in Asia are mainly due to a lower contribution from ZONE operations in Hong Kong where the telecommunication sector remains highly competitive with major fixed line operators still aggressively pricing their services in order to gain market share.

ZONE Hong Kong operations continue to move forward with its strategic plan to expand into China. After establishing a wholly foreign-owned enterprise (WFOE) named 深圳盈港科技有限公司 in March 2007 and having set up its operating office in Shenzhen, ZONE has successfully concluded business management and consultancy arrangements in August with two local Chinese enterprises, both of which are reselling telecommunication products and services to business customers in the Shenzhen area for the major telecom operators in China. Under the arrangements, ZONE utilises its key operational staff and management systems from its Hong Kong office to work with these enterprises in order to develop their telecommunication-related businesses and receives the economic benefits thereof while maintaining effective control over the business and operations of the local Chinese enterprises.

ZONE Singapore maintained its intense marketing drive to grow its customer base, with particular focus on acquiring high value corporate customers. It continues to introduce innovative product packaging and value-added services to differentiate itself from its competitors. This strategy has contributed to favourable results in terms of both revenue and earnings during the first six months as compared to the same period last year. With its deployment of VoIP technologies, ZONE Singapore is now also providing telecom services to an increasing number of customers around the region as well as expanding into IP wholesale voice traffic business, thus broadening its revenue and customer base. ZONE Singapore will continue to deploy new technologies to improve efficient use of network resources. Lower operating costs and healthier margins are expected with the use of the new IP-based technologies.

ZONE Asia's global VoIP offering "ZoiPPE" (www.zoippe.com) continues to focus on increasing its user base through viral marketing and co-branding/white-labelling alliances and partnerships. To facilitate its reach into other larger markets, besides English and Chinese (both traditional and simplified) languages, the ZoiPPE softphone interface is also available in Japanese and it is in the pipeline to add other languages including Thai, Korean and Hindi. Upgrades and other enhancements are being incorporated into the communication service platform to improve the system robustness as well as to introduce new features and increase the mix of product offerings.

In February 2007, the Group successfully completed a placement of 52 million shares of the Company, generating net proceeds of approximately HK\$45.4 million and recording share premium of HK\$44.9 million. At the same time, the Group raised additional capital of US\$2.5 million (approximately HK\$19.5 million) from an institutional investor for development of the ZoiPPE business, realising a gain of HK\$17.4 million.

During the first six months, in addition to the business development initiatives in the Shenzhen area, the Group has been actively exploring various opportunities to penetrate, by way of acquisition or otherwise, into the telecommunication-related sector in China.

During the period under review, the Group delivered on its objectives to continue to grow both revenue and profit, to establish a business presence in China and to enhance the technology robustness and scalability of the ZoiPPE platform and intensify its promotion drive globally.

Looking ahead to the second half of 2007, the Group anticipates that steady revenue growth will be maintained, ZONE's operations in China will begin to contribute to the Group's turnover and the ZoiPPE user base will be further increased following the introduction of new features and improvements in system robustness while the Group will strive to create new revenue stream opportunities. The Group is excited about entering the domestic US mobile market as an MVNO this period and is confident of the growth potential for this latest service offering.

Financial Review

Results

During the period under review, the Group's turnover recorded significant growth and reached HK\$398.0 million, representing an increase of 20.3% when compared to HK\$330.7 million for the corresponding period in 2006.

The gross profit for this period increased by 8.5% to HK\$103.9 million, compared to HK\$95.8 million for the corresponding period in the previous year.

The Group's EBITDA for the period under review reached HK\$38.5 million, representing an increase of 36.3% from HK\$28.3 million for the same period last year.

The operating profit for the period amounted to HK\$30.1 million, representing an increase of 17.5% when compared to HK\$25.6 million for the first six months of 2006.

Consolidated net profit attributable to equity holders of the Company increased by 17.1% to HK\$26.7 million when compared to HK\$22.8 million for the previous corresponding period.

Interim Dividend

The Board does not recommend the payment of a dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2007 (30 June 2006: Nil).

Capital Structure, Liquidity and Financing

The Group's liquidity position was further strengthened by the continuing growth of the ZONE business around the world, as well as the private placement of shares of the Company and the allotment of 5% shareholding interest in a subsidiary in February 2007. The net assets of the Group improved to HK\$205.2 million as at 30 June 2007 (31 December 2006: HK\$132.1 million).

With an enhanced capital structure and operating cash flow, cash and bank balances (excluding pledged bank deposits) amounted to HK\$160.9 million as at 30 June 2007 (31 December 2006: HK\$100.4 million). The

Group had pledged bank deposits amounting to HK\$2.1 million as at 30 June 2007 (31 December 2006: HK\$1.5 million) to banks for guarantees made by them to certain telecommunication carriers for payments due by the Group.

As at 30 June 2007, the Group's bank borrowings, represented by the bank loan advanced to a subsidiary for the purpose of the WRLD Alliance transaction, reduced to HK\$27.3 million (31 December 2006: HK\$31.8 million) as a result of partial repayment of principal during the period. The Group's bank borrowings are in United States dollars at a fixed interest rate and secured through, among others, a pledge of the trade receivables of the subsidiary.

As at 30 June 2007, the Group's liabilities under equipment lease financing amounted to HK\$0.5 million (31 December 2006: HK\$0.6 million).

The Group's gearing ratio, measured on the basis of total borrowings as a percentage of net assets, improved to 13.5% (31 December 2006: 24.5%) mainly due to the enhanced capital structure and profits for the period.

Foreign Exchange Exposure

Since most of the Group's assets and liabilities, revenue and payments are denominated in Hong Kong and United States dollars, the Group considers there is no significant exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations so long as the Hong Kong-United States dollar exchange rate remains pegged. As cash contributions from the Singapore operations continue to grow, the Group will closely monitor the Singapore-United States dollar exchange rate and, whenever appropriate, take any necessary action to reduce such exchange risks.

Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

As at 30 June 2007, there were no material contingent liabilities and commitments.

Save as aforesaid, the directors are not aware of any other material changes from information disclosed in the Company's 2006 Annual Report.

Additional Information

Directors' interests in securities

As at 30 June 2007, the directors and the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates had the following interests and short positions (if any) in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) which were 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 which were required pursuant to section 352 of the SFO to be recorded in the register maintained by the Company, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules:

Name of director	Capacity	Number of Shares* held	Approximate percentage of shareholding
Richard John Siemens	Held by controlled corporations	108,500,200 (Note 1)	20.7%
Kuldeep Saran, deceased	Personal	341,200 (Note 2)	0.1%
	Held by a controlled corporation	74,676,461 (Note 2)	14.3%
William Bruce Hicks	Personal	3,949,914	0.8%
	Held by a controlled corporation	67,962,428 (Note 3)	13.0%
Lim Shyang Guey	Personal	1,320,000	0.3%
Shane Frederick Weir	Personal	10,000	0.0%

* "Shares" means ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company.

Notes:

- 8,500,000 Shares are beneficially owned by Siemens Enterprises Limited and 100,000,200 Shares are beneficially owned by Goldstone Trading Limited, both companies being controlled by Mr. Richard John Siemens.
- Mr. Kuldeep Saran held 341,200 Shares before his passing away on 16 June 2007. In addition, 74,676,461 Shares are beneficially owned by Future (Holdings) Limited, a company controlled by Mr. Saran before his passing away. So far as the Company is aware of, probate has not been granted and the executor(s) thereof have not yet registered as holders of shares in the Company or Future (Holdings) Limited.
- 67,962,428 Shares are beneficially owned by Great Wall Holdings Limited, a company controlled by Mr. William Bruce Hicks.

Additional Information (continued)

All interests disclosed above represent long positions in the shares of the Company and there were no underlying shares held by the directors as at 30 June 2007.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2007, none of the directors, the chief executive of the Company or their respective associates had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which are required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which are deemed or taken to have been under such provisions of the SFO), or which are required pursuant to section 352 of the SFO to be recorded in the register referred to therein, or which are required pursuant to the Model Code to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

Arrangement to enable directors to acquire shares or debentures

Apart from the share option schemes that are adopted or may be adopted by the Company or any of its subsidiaries and referred to in the paragraph below entitled "Share option schemes", at no time during the

period was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable any director or the chief executive of the Company to acquire benefits, by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate, and neither the directors, the chief executive of the Company nor any of their spouses or children under the age of 18 had any interests in, or had been granted, any rights to subscribe for shares in or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), or had exercised any such rights during the period.

Substantial shareholders

As at 30 June 2007, according to the register kept by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO and so far as is known to the directors or the chief executive of the Company, the following persons (other than the directors or the chief executive of the Company) had interests and short positions (if any) in the shares and underlying shares of the Company which are required to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or, who were, directly or indirectly, interested in 10% or more of the nominal value of any class of shares carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company:

Name of shareholder	Number of Shares held	Approximate percentage of shareholding
Goldstone Trading Limited	100,000,200*	19.1%
Future (Holdings) Limited	74,676,461*	14.3%
Great Wall Holdings Limited	67,962,428*	13.0%
Cannizaro Asia Master Fund Limited	34,600,000	6.6%

* *These interests represent the same interests as the corporate interests of Mr. Richard John Siemens (being held through Goldstone Trading Limited), Mr. Kuldeep Saran, deceased (being held through Future (Holdings) Limited) and Mr. William Bruce Hicks (being held through Great Wall Holdings Limited) as disclosed in the notes to the description under the heading of "Directors' interests in securities" above.*

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

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2007, according to the register kept by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO and so far as is known to the directors and the chief executive of the Company, no other person (not being a director or the chief executive of the Company) had any interests or short positions in

the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company which are required to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, nor were there any persons, directly or indirectly, interested in 10% or more of the nominal value of any class of shares carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company.

Share option schemes

The Company

Pursuant to an employee share option scheme of the Company (the “Old Share Option Scheme”) adopted in a special general meeting held on 25 October 1999, the directors of the Company might, at their discretion, invite eligible employees of the Group, including executive directors of the Company, to take up options to subscribe for shares in the Company under the terms and conditions stipulated therein. The Old Share Option Scheme was subsequently terminated in a special general meeting held on 28 June 2002 but the share options granted that were not yet exercised thereunder remain effective and are bound by the scheme terms.

On 28 June 2002, the Company adopted a new share option scheme (the “New Share Option Scheme”). Under the New Share Option Scheme, the directors of the Company may at their discretion grant share options to (i) any director, employee, consultant, customer, supplier, business introduction agent, or legal, financial or marketing adviser of or contractor to any company in the Group or any affiliate and/or (ii) any discretionary trust the discretionary objects of which include any of the foregoing, under the terms and conditions stipulated therein. No share options have been granted by the Company under the New Share Option Scheme since adoption.

Subsidiaries

On 28 June 2002, the Company adopted scheme rules and procedures for share option schemes for its subsidiaries (the “Subsidiary Scheme Rules and Procedures”). In accordance with the Subsidiary Scheme Rules and Procedures, the subsidiaries may adopt their own respective share option schemes in line with the terms and conditions of the Subsidiary Scheme Rules and Procedures, pursuant to which the board of directors of each of the relevant subsidiaries may at its discretion grant share options to (i) any director, employee, consultant, customer, supplier, business introduction agent, or legal, financial or marketing adviser of or contractor to the subsidiaries and their subsidiaries, any of their holding companies or any affiliate and/or (ii) any discretionary trust the discretionary objects of which include any of the foregoing. No subsidiaries have activated their share option scheme powers pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Subsidiary Scheme Rules and Procedures since adoption.

During the period, no share options were held by the directors, the chief executive or substantial shareholders of the Company, suppliers of goods or services or other participants, other than eligible employees under the Old Share Option Scheme.

Details of the share options granted and remaining outstanding as at 30 June 2007 were as follows:

Date of grant	Exercisable period	Exercise price HK\$	Number of share options				
			As at 1 January 2006	Lapsed during the year	As at 31 December 2006	Lapsed during the period	As at 30 June 2007
25.10.1999	25.10.2000 – 24.10.2009	1.40	15,000	–	15,000	–	15,000
16.11.1999	16.11.2000 – 24.10.2009	1.60	7,500	–	7,500	–	7,500
23.12.1999	23.12.2000 – 24.10.2009	2.00	35,000	–	35,000	–	35,000
28.04.2000	28.04.2001 – 24.10.2009	3.30	40,000	–	40,000	(15,000)	25,000
09.08.2000	09.08.2001 – 24.10.2009	2.30	30,000	–	30,000	–	30,000
25.10.2000	25.10.2001 – 24.10.2009	1.20	20,000	–	20,000	–	20,000
Total			147,500	–	147,500	(15,000)	132,500

Additional Information (continued)

Corporate governance

The Company is committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance. Except for a deviation described below, no director of the Company is aware of any information which would reasonably indicate that the Company is not, or was not, at any time during the six months ended 30 June 2007, acting in compliance with the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (“CG Code”) as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules.

CG Code A.2.1 stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Nevertheless, Mr. Richard John Siemens, the Chairman of the Company, assumed the role of the chief executive officer of the Company following the passing away of Mr. Kuldeep Saran, the then Deputy Chairman and Managing Director, on 16 June 2007. The Board anticipates that the role of the chief executive officer by Mr. Siemens is only an interim measure.

Model code for securities transactions by directors

The Company has adopted the Model Code as its own securities code. All directors have confirmed, following specific enquiries by the Company, that they have fully complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 June 2007.

Audit committee

The Audit Committee has reviewed, with the management and the auditors of the Company, the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, internal control and financial reporting matters, including a review of the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2007. The review conducted by the auditors of the Company were in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410 “Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Change of auditors

The Company announced on 5 June 2007 that Messrs. Moores Rowland Mazars resigned as auditors of the Group following the reorganisation of the firm and Mazars CPA Limited was appointed as auditors of the Group on 1 June 2007.

Purchase, sale or redemption of the Company’s listed securities

During the period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company’s listed securities.

Employee remuneration policies

As at 30 June 2007, the Group employed, altogether, 146 employees (31 December 2006: 145 employees) in Hong Kong and overseas. The Group’s total staff costs for the six months ended 30 June 2007 amounted to HK\$40.2 million (30 June 2006: HK\$34.9 million).

The Group’s remuneration policies are formulated on the basis of the performance and experience of individual employees and are in line with local market practices where the Group operates. The Group has established incentive bonus schemes to motivate and reward employees at all levels to achieve its objectives. In addition to salary and bonus payments, the Group also offers other fringe benefits, including provident fund and medical benefits, to its employees.

Appreciation

The Board wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Mr. Kuldeep Saran, the Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of the Company who passed away on 16 June 2007, for his invaluable leadership and contribution to the Group in the past.

The Board would also like to thank the customers, shareholders, business associates and professional advisers for their support and extend its appreciation to all employees for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the Group during the period.

By Order of the Board
Lau Wai Ming Raymond
Company Secretary

18 September 2007