



## **APT SATELLITE HOLDINGS LIMITED**

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)  
(Stock Code: 1045)

# **INTERIM REPORT 2012**

## COMPANY PROFILE

APT Satellite Holdings Limited (the “Company”) is a listed company in The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (Stock Code 1045), holding the entire interest of APT Satellite Company Limited jointly together with all its subsidiaries, the APT Group.

APT Group commenced its operation in 1992. It currently owns and operates six in-orbit satellites, namely, APSTAR 1, APSTAR 1A, APSTAR 2R, APSTAR 5, APSTAR 6 and APSTAR 7 (“APSTAR Systems”) covering regions in Asia, Europe, Africa and Australia approximately 75% of the World’s population and providing excellent quality “one-stop-shop” transponder, satellite telecommunications and satellite TV broadcasting and transmission services to broadcasters and telecommunication customers of these regions.

The advanced APSTAR Systems of APT Group, being supported with the comprehensive and high quality services, has become very important satellite resources of the Asia Pacific region. APT Group has successfully launched APSTAR 7 on 31 March 2012, broadening and enhancing the scope of services and capability of APSTAR Systems.

## APSTAR SYSTEMS

Satellites	Model	Orbital Slots	TRANSPONDERS			
			C-Band		Ku-Band	
			Number	Coverage	Number	Coverage
APSTAR 7	Thales Alenia Space SB-4000 C2	76.5°E	28	Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, about 75% of World’s population	28	China (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan), Middle East, Africa, steerable coverage
APSTAR 6	Thales Alenia Space SB-4000 C1	134°E	38	China, India, Southeast Asia, Australia, Hawaii, Guam, South Pacific Islands	12	China (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan)
APSTAR 5	SS/L FS-1300	138°E	38	China, India, Southeast Asia, Australia, Hawaii, Guam, South Pacific Islands	8 8	China (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) China and India
APSTAR 1A	Boeing BSS-376	51.5°E	24	Asia and Africa (operating in inclined orbit)	–	–
APSTAR 1	Boeing BSS-376	142°E	24	Asia Pacific Region (operating in inclined orbit)	–	–

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## CORPORATE INFORMATION

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Qi Liang (*Vice President*)

#### Non-executive directors

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Lim Toon  
Yin Yen-liang  
Yong Foo Chong  
Zhuo Chao  
Fu Zhiheng  
Tseng Ta-mon  
(*alternate director to Yin Yen-liang*)

#### Independent non-executive directors

Lui King Man  
Lam Sek Kong  
Cui Ligu  
Meng Xingguo

### COMPANY SECRETARY

Lo Kin Hang, Brian

### AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES

Cheng Guangren  
Lo Kin Hang, Brian

### MEMBERS OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

Lui King Man (*Chairman*)  
Lam Sek Kong  
Cui Ligu  
Meng Xingguo

### MEMBERS OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Lam Sek Kong (*Chairman*)  
Qi Liang  
Lui King Man  
Cui Ligu  
Meng Xingguo

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Lui King Man (*Chairman*)  
Qi Liang  
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## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of APT Satellite Holdings Limited (the "Company") are pleased to announce the unaudited interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2012.

This interim result has been reviewed by the Company's Audit Committee and independent auditors.

### INTERIM RESULTS

For the first half of 2012, the Group's turnover and profit attributable to equity shareholders amounted to HK\$402,337,000 (six months ended 30 June 2011: HK\$372,125,000) and HK\$104,712,000 (six months ended 30 June 2011: HK\$103,134,000) representing 8.1% and 1.5% increases respectively as compared with corresponding periods in the previous financial year. Basic earnings per share was HK16.84 cents (six months ended 30 June 2011: HK16.59 cents) and diluted earnings per share was HK16.84 cents (six months ended 30 June 2011: HK16.59 cents).

### INTERIM DIVIDEND

Given the Group has achieved an increase of 1.5% in profit attributable to equity shareholders for the first half of 2012, the Board has resolved to declare an interim dividend of HK2.00 cents per share for the six months ended 30 June 2012 (six months ended 30 June 2011: HK2.00 cents per share). The interim dividend will be paid on or about Wednesday, 31 October 2012 to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members at the close of business on Friday, 19 October 2012.

### BUSINESS REVIEW

#### *In-Orbit Satellites*

The Group's in-orbit satellites and their corresponding ground TT&C (telemetry, tracking and command) systems and earth station have been operating under normal condition during the period and continue providing reliable service to the Group's customers. As at 30 June 2012, the total transponder utilisation rate of the Group was 75.10%.

#### **APSTAR 7**

APSTAR 7 was successfully launched to the designated orbit on 31 March 2012 on board of Long March 3B/E launch vehicle of China Great Wall Industry Corporation. APSTAR 7, which is the sixth in-orbit satellite of the Group, for the purpose of replacing APSTAR 2R, which will retire in 2012. APSTAR 7 is a Spacebus 4000 C2 Platform high power geostationary communication satellite with 28 C-band transponders and 28 Ku-band transponders. The C-band transponders of APSTAR 7 provide the same coverage as APSTAR 2R to ensure seamless services transition for customers from APSTAR 2R to APSTAR 7. The Ku-band transponders of APSTAR 7 are built with China Beam, Middle East and North Africa Beam, African Beam, and Steerable Beam, so as to further expand the satellite capacity and coverage of the Group to the above said regions. The Group has successfully signed new service agreements with customers for APSTAR 7 during the period. As of 30 June 2012, its utilisation was 71.25%.

## **APSTAR 6**

APSTAR 6, which was based on SB4000 C1 model with 38 C-band transponders and 12 Ku-band transponders, provides the latest advanced high power satellite services in the Asia Pacific region. As of 30 June 2012, its utilisation was 75.18%.

## **APSTAR 5**

APSTAR 5, which was based on FS1300 model, is also one of the latest advanced high power satellites in the Asia Pacific region. The Group has interest in 20 C-band transponders and 9 Ku-band transponders. As of 30 June 2012, its utilisation was 82.10%.

The Group's in-orbit satellites, APSTAR 7, APSTAR 6 and APSTAR 5, have integrated to form the strongest satellite service capability covering Asia, Australia, Middle East, Africa, Europe, and Asia Pacific region.

## **APSTAR 7B**

APSTAR 7B, the backup satellite for APSTAR 7, is built with Spacebus 4000 C2 Platform, the same platform as APSTAR 7, a high power geostationary communication satellite with 28 C-band transponders and 23 Ku-band transponders. Since the launch of APSTAR 7 was successful and APSTAR 2R was replaced, APSTAR 7B will be transferred to China Satellite Communications Company Limited as planned to recoup the capital expenditure made for APSTAR 7B. This back-up satellite is a very successful arrangement because the Group can save up enormous amount of back-up satellite investment.

## ***Satellite TV Broadcasting and Uplink Services***

The Group's broadcasting services is delivered through its wholly-owned subsidiary, APT Satellite TV Development Limited, which will continue to provide TV broadcasting services under its Non-domestic Television Programme Service Licence. Broadcasting services are very important value-added services for transponder services.

## ***Satellite-based Telecommunications Services***

APT Telecom Services Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, provides satellite-based external telecommunication services such as VSAT, facilities management services, satellite telecommunication and satellite television uplink services under the Fixed Carrier Licence of Hong Kong to telecommunication operators, satellite operators in the region.

## **Data Centre Services**

APT Datamatrix Limited (formerly known as “APT Satellite Vision Limited”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group for the provision of data centre services in its existing facilities. Data centre service is a newly established telecommunication value-added service for our customers with great business growth potential and synergic effect with satellite services.

The Group believes that value-added services in TV broadcasting services, telecommunication services and data centre services will continue strengthen the Group’s business development and growth.

## **BUSINESS PROSPECTS**

APSTAR 7 has been well received by the market. The utilisation rate will continue to remain at high level securing significant market share and generating substantial revenue.

The demand of transponder services in both broadcasting and telecommunication sectors have maintained high in the first half of 2012. The Group will endeavor to maintain the high utilisation rates of APSTAR 7, APSTAR 6 and APSTAR 5.

We will continue to achieve growth potential and synergic effect from various value-added services in TV broadcasting services, telecommunication services and data centre services for maximising profit and future business growth.

## **FINANCE**

As at 30 June 2012, the Group’s financial position remains sound. Please refer to financial section of this Interim Report for detailed analysis.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Group is committed to high standard of corporate governance especially in internal control and compliance.

## **NOTE OF APPRECIATION**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers and staff for their contributions to the Group during the period.

**Lei Fanpei**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 30 August 2012

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

As at 30 June 2012, the Group's financial position remains very strong and we have achieved continuous improvement in our operating result. The table below sets out the financial performance during the period:

HK\$ thousand	Six months ended 30 June	Six months ended 30 June	Change
	2012	2011	
<b>Turnover</b>	<b>402,337</b>	372,125	+8.1%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>213,412</b>	190,837	+11.8%
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<b>142,660</b>	139,989	+1.9%
<b>Profit attributable to shareholders</b>	<b>104,712</b>	103,134	+1.5%
<b>Basic earnings per share</b> <i>(HK cents)</i>	<b>16.84 cents</b>	16.59 cents	+1.5%
	At 30 June 2012	At 31 December 2011	
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>5,528,858</b>	4,768,445	+15.9%
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,680,095</b>	2,010,364	+33.3%
<b>EBITDA margin (%)</b>	<b>80.1%</b>	81.8%	-1.7%
<b>Gearing ratio (%)</b>	<b>48.5%</b>	42.2%	+6.3%
<b>Liquidity ratio</b>	<b>1.98 times</b>	1.01 times	+0.97 times

The turnover of the Group in the first half of 2012 increased by 8.1% comparing to the same period of 2011 to HK\$402,337,000 mainly due to commencement of some new utilisation contracts for APSTAR 7. The profit attributable to shareholders increased by 1.5% to HK\$104,712,000. This was mainly attributable to gross profit from operations which offset the fair value loss on financial instrument.

### Fair value changes on financial instrument designated at fair value through profit or loss

During 2011, the Group has obtained convertible bonds in the principal amount of HK\$35,000,000 issued by CNC Holdings Limited. The maturity of the convertible bonds is ended on 9 December 2014 with annual interest of 5% and conversion price of HK\$0.196. Based on the review performed by an independent professional valuer as at 30 June 2012, the fair value of the convertible bonds is remeasured at HK\$79,416,000, with a fair value loss of HK\$22,008,000 was recognised in profit or loss.



## FINANCE COSTS

During 2011, the Group entered into a swaption contract of notional amount of US\$65,000,000. For the period ended 30 June 2012, the change in fair value of the contract of HK\$966,000 was recognised in profit or loss. Given the fair value loss on swaption contract was less than the same period of last year, the finance costs for the period ended 30 June 2012 decreased to HK\$4,517,000.

Finance cost of HK\$15,465,000 directly related to the construction of APSTAR 7 and APSTAR 7B has been capitalised during the period.

## INCOME TAX

Income tax expenses for the period ended 30 June 2012 increased to HK\$37,948,000, as compared to HK\$36,855,000 for the same period in 2011. The increase was mainly due to the increase in the operating profit for the period. The details of income tax of the Group are set out in note 6 of this interim financial report.

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND GEARING RATIO

During the period, the Group's capital expenditure incurred for fixed assets was HK\$690,332,000 (six months ended 30 June 2011: HK\$467,553,000). The capital expenditure was mainly for the progress payment of HK\$686,150,000 in relation to the construction of the APSTAR 7 and APSTAR 7B and the payment of HK\$4,182,000 for addition of equipment. The above capital expenditures were financed by internally-generated funds and bank borrowings.

During 2010, the Group entered into a term loan facility (the "Banking Facility") with a syndicate of banks led by Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited. The Banking Facility, up to a maximum loan amount of US\$200,000,000, was applied to finance APSTAR 7 including its construction, launch costs and their related constructions and insurance premium. The Banking Facility is secured by the assignment of the construction and the termination payments under construction and launching contracts relating to APSTAR 7, the insurance claim proceeds relating to APSTAR 5 and APSTAR 7, assignment of the proceeds of all present and future transponder utilisation agreements of APSTAR 5 and APSTAR 7 and first fixed charge over certain bank accounts which will hold receipts of the transponder income of APSTAR 5 and APSTAR 7. During the period, the Group has drawn down US\$64,800,000 (approximately HK\$505,440,000) against the Banking Facility.

In addition, during 2010, the Group entered into a loan agreement ("Loan Agreement") with a fellow subsidiary in relation to the provision of a facility for the progress payments under the APSTAR 7B satellite procurement contract. The Loan Agreement is up to Euro100,000,000 or equivalent amount in United States dollar. During the period, the Group has voluntarily made full repayment of all of the outstanding balance and accrued interest in advance before the loan repayment due date.

As at 30 June 2012, the Group had total borrowings of HK\$1,548,533,000. The debt maturity profile (net of unamortised finance cost) of the Group was as follows:

Year of maturity	HK\$
Repayable within one year or on demand	122,539,000
Repayable after one year but within five years	1,052,268,000
Repayable after five years	373,726,000
	1,548,533,000

As at 30 June 2012, the Group's total liabilities were HK\$2,680,095,000, an increase of HK\$669,731,000 as compared to 31 December 2011, which was mainly due to the borrowings as described above and the first instalment payment received from a fellow subsidiary pursuant to the terms of the Co-operation Agreement as consideration for the assignment of APSTAR 7B. As a result, the gearing ratio (total liabilities/total assets) has increased to 48.5%, representing a 6.3% increase as compared to 31 December 2011.

For the period ended 30 June 2012, the Group recorded a net cash inflow of HK\$64,849,000 (six months ended 30 June 2011: HK\$190,419,000) which included net cash inflow from operating activities of HK\$280,952,000, net cash inflow of HK\$84,842,000 generated from financing activities and HK\$5,712,000 increase in cash due to the change in foreign exchange rates. This was offset by the net cash outflow of HK\$306,657,000 used in investing activities.

As at 30 June 2012, the Group has approximately HK\$551,249,000 of cash and bank deposits, 49% of which were denominated in United States dollars, 50% in Renminbi and 1% in Hong Kong dollars and other currencies which comprising HK\$304,913,000 cash and cash equivalents, HK\$207,119,000 bank deposits with original maturity beyond 3 months and HK\$39,217,000 pledged bank deposits. Together with cash flow to be generated from operations, the Group could meet with ease all the debt repayments scheduled in the coming year.

## CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The Group consistently adheres to conservative fund management. The solid capital structure and financial strength continue to provide a solid foundation for the Group's future development.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

The Group's revenue and operating expenses are mainly denominated in United States dollar and Renminbi. Capital expenditures except for satellite procurement contracts in relation to APSTAR 7 and APSTAR 7B are denominated in United States dollar. The effect of exchange rate fluctuation in the United States dollar is insignificant as the Hong Kong dollar is pegged to the United States dollar. The foreign exchange rate of the Renminbi has slightly depreciated by 0.94% against the Hong Kong dollar during the period ended 30 June 2012. The management does not foresee a material adverse foreign exchange risk to the Group.

The Group had entered into satellite procurement contracts in relation to APSTAR 7 and APSTAR 7B in a contract price of approximately Euro128,500,000 and Euro114,600,000 respectively. In order to meet the coming progress payment, the Group has entered into the Banking Facility, where the Group is able to purchase foreign currency forward contract up to maximum of US\$150,000,000. Given the volatile exchange rates movements experienced, Euro/USD exchange rate in particular, the Group has entered into forward exchange contracts to hedge against its exposure to potential exchange rate risks. As at 30 June 2012, all forward exchange contracts have been executed. The Group continues to adopt a conservative approach on monitoring foreign exchange exposure.

## INTEREST RATE EXPOSURE

In respect of the Group's cash flow exposure to interest rate risk arising primarily from long-term borrowings at floating LIBOR rate, the management's strategy is to use financial instruments to manage its exposure to the floating LIBOR rate. During 2011, the Group has entered into a contract which is a swaption to enter into a swap transaction to fix the 3-month LIBOR interest rate at 1.4% p.a of notional amount of US\$65,000,000 for the period from 3 July 2012 to 3 July 2017. The swaption has not been exercised during the effective period until 28 June 2012. The Group continues to adopt a conservative approach on monitoring interest rate exposure.

## CHARGES ON GROUP ASSETS

At 30 June 2012, the pledged bank deposits of HK\$39,217,000 (31 December 2011: HK\$21,007,000) are related to certain commercial arrangements and banking facilities during the period.

At 30 June 2012, a letter of guarantee issued by a bank to a subsidiary of the Company is secured by the Group's land and buildings with a net book value of approximately HK\$4,015,000 (31 December 2011: HK\$4,073,000).

## CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

As at 30 June 2012, the Group has outstanding capital commitments of HK\$750,000 (31 December 2011: HK\$1,178,423,000), which was contracted but not provided for in the Group's financial statements, mainly in respect of the future purchases of equipment.

## CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The details of contingent liabilities of the Group are set out in note 23 of this interim financial report.

## POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

On 17 August 2012, the Group has entered into the launch services contract with China Great Wall Industry Corporation in respect of the provision of launch and associated services for a satellite to be designated and supplied by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company on Long March 3B enhanced version (LM-3B/E) launch vehicle at Xichang Satellite Launch Centre at Xichang in Sichuan Province, the PRC and other launch-related optional services. Details of this transaction are set out in the announcement dated 17 August 2012.

Subsequent to the end of the interim period, the directors declared an interim dividend of HK\$12,436,000. Further details are disclosed in note 7 of this interim financial report.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

As at 30 June 2012, the Group had 98 employees (2011: 92). With regard to the emolument policy, the Group remunerates its employees in accordance with their respective responsibilities and current market trends. During the period, the Group has increased the salary of employees. On 19 June 2001, the Company first granted share options ("Scheme 2001") to its employees including executive directors. The Scheme 2001 was lapsed on 21 May 2011. On 22 May 2002, the Group adopted a new share option scheme ("Scheme 2002") to comply with the requirements of the Rules ("Listing Rules") Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange"). On 21 May 2012, the Scheme 2002 was lapsed. To further motivate employees for better contribution to the Group, the Group has also established an incentive bonus scheme. The Group provides on the job training to employees to update and upgrade their knowledge on related job fields.

## INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

### UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June 2012

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2012	2011
		\$'000	\$'000
	Note		
<b>Turnover</b>	3,4	<b>402,337</b>	372,125
Cost of services		<b>(188,925)</b>	(181,288)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>213,412</b>	190,837
Other net income		<b>8,253</b>	2,847
Valuation gains on investment property	10	<b>499</b>	84
Administrative expenses		<b>(52,979)</b>	(42,020)
<b>Profit from operations</b>		<b>169,185</b>	151,748
Fair value changes on financial instrument designated at fair value through profit or loss	12	<b>(22,008)</b>	–
Finance costs	5(a)	<b>(4,517)</b>	(11,759)
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	5	<b>142,660</b>	139,989
Income tax	6	<b>(37,948)</b>	(36,855)
<b>Profit for the period and attributable to equity shareholders of the Company</b>		<b>104,712</b>	103,134
<b>Earnings per share</b>	8		
– Basic		<b>16.84 cents</b>	16.59 cents
– Diluted		<b>16.84 cents</b>	16.59 cents

The notes on pages 17 to 32 form part of this interim financial report.

## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2012

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>104,712</b>	103,134
<b>Other comprehensive income for the period:</b>		
Exchange differences on translation of:		
– financial statements of overseas subsidiaries	(308)	1,562
Cash flow hedge: movement in hedging reserve	1,823	3,220
	<b>1,515</b>	4,782
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>106,227</b>	107,916

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## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

At 30 June 2012

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	At 30 June 2012 \$'000	At 31 December 2011 \$'000
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	9	3,594,238	4,077,704
Investment property	10	3,394	2,895
Intangible asset	11	133,585	133,585
Investment in convertible bonds	12	79,416	101,424
Club memberships		5,537	5,537
Prepaid expenses		20,814	19,170
		<b>3,836,984</b>	<b>4,340,315</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Trade receivables, net	14	100,171	53,594
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables		28,388	17,545
Amount due from immediate holding company		–	767
Derivative financial instruments	13	–	966
Pledged bank deposits	15	39,217	21,007
Bank deposits with original maturity beyond 3 months		207,119	94,187
Cash and cash equivalents	16	304,913	240,064
Assets held for sale	17	1,012,066	–
		<b>1,691,874</b>	<b>428,130</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables and accrued charges	18	49,248	72,205
Rentals received in advance		88,518	67,456
Amount due to a fellow subsidiary		492,395	911
Secured bank borrowings due within one year	19	122,539	180,285
Derivative financial instruments	13	–	1,823
Current taxation		100,943	101,078
		<b>853,643</b>	<b>423,758</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>838,231</b>	<b>4,372</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities carried forward</b>		<b>4,675,215</b>	<b>4,344,687</b>

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## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

At 30 June 2012

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		At 30 June 2012 \$'000	At 31 December 2011 \$'000
	Note		
<b>Total assets less current liabilities brought forward</b>		<b>4,675,215</b>	4,344,687
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Secured bank borrowings due after one year	19	<b>1,425,994</b>	1,001,985
Loan from a fellow subsidiary	20	–	226,200
Deposits received		<b>80,902</b>	57,895
Deferred income		<b>127,592</b>	139,936
Deferred tax liabilities		<b>191,964</b>	160,590
		<b>1,826,452</b>	1,586,606
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>2,848,763</b>	2,758,081
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Share capital	21	<b>62,181</b>	62,181
Share premium		<b>1,273,812</b>	1,273,812
Contributed surplus		<b>511,000</b>	511,000
Revaluation reserve		<b>368</b>	368
Exchange reserve		<b>1,654</b>	1,962
Hedging reserve		–	(1,823)
Other reserves		<b>442</b>	442
Accumulated profits		<b>999,306</b>	910,139
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>2,848,763</b>	2,758,081

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## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 June 2012

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company									
	Share capital	Share premium	Contributed surplus	Capital reserve	Revaluation reserve	Exchange reserve	Hedging reserve	Other reserves	Accumulated profits	Total equity
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Balance at 1 January 2011</b>	41,454	1,294,539	511,000	4,926	368	340	(2,233)	345	636,823	2,487,562
<b>Changes in equity for the six months ended 30 June 2011</b>										
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	103,134	103,134
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	1,562	3,220	-	-	4,782
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	-	-	-	-	-	1,562	3,220	-	103,134	107,916
Share options lapsed (note 22)	-	-	-	(4,699)	-	-	-	-	4,699	-
Cancellation of share options (note 22)	-	-	-	(227)	-	-	-	-	227	-
Bonus issue (note 21(iii))	20,727	(20,727)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2011</b>	62,181	1,273,812	511,000	-	368	1,902	987	345	744,883	2,595,478
<b>Balance at 1 January 2012</b>	62,181	1,273,812	511,000	-	368	1,962	(1,823)	442	910,139	2,758,081
<b>Changes in equity for the six months ended 30 June 2012</b>										
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104,712	104,712
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	(308)	1,823	-	-	1,515
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	-	-	-	-	-	(308)	1,823	-	104,712	106,227
Dividend approved in respect of previous year (note 7 (b))	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(15,545)	(15,545)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2012</b>	62,181	1,273,812	511,000	-	368	1,654	-	442	999,306	2,848,763

The notes on pages 17 to 32 form part of this interim financial report.

## UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June 2012

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2012	2011
		\$'000	\$'000
	Note		
Cash generated from operations		<b>287,660</b>	275,064
Tax paid		<b>(6,708)</b>	(4,654)
Net cash generated from operating activities		<b>280,952</b>	270,410
Net cash used in investing activities		<b>(306,657)</b>	(552,328)
Net cash generated from financing activities		<b>84,842</b>	472,308
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		<b>59,137</b>	190,390
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	16	<b>240,064</b>	121,485
Effect of foreign exchange rates changes		<b>5,712</b>	29
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	16	<b>304,913</b>	311,904

The notes on pages 17 to 32 form part of this interim financial report.

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

*(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars unless otherwise indicated)*

### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

This interim financial report of APT Satellite Holdings Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, including compliance with International Accounting Standard (“IAS”) 34, “Interim financial reporting”, issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) and Hong Kong Accounting Standard (“HKAS”) 34, “Interim financial reporting”, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”). It was authorised for issue on 30 August 2012.

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2011 annual financial statements.

The preparation of an interim financial report in conformity with IAS 34 and HKAS 34 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

This interim financial report contains condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the 2011 annual financial statements. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for a full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”) or Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”).

The interim financial report is unaudited, but has been reviewed by the Company’s auditors, KPMG, 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 HKICPA. KPMG’s independent review report to the Board of Directors is included on pages 37 to 38.

The financial information relating to the financial year ended 31 December 2011 that is included in the interim financial report as being previously reported information does not constitute the Company’s statutory financial statements for that financial year but is derived from those financial statements. Statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011 are available from the Company’s registered office. The auditors have expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements in their report dated 20 March 2012.

## 2. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The IASB has issued a few amendments to IFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group and the Company. The equivalent amendments to HKFRSs, consequently issued by the HKICPA have the same effective date as those issued by the IASB and are in all material respects identical to the pronouncements issued by the IASB. None of the developments are relevant to the Group's financial statements and the Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

## 3. SEGMENTAL REPORTING

The Group identifies operating segments and prepares segment information based on the regular internal financial information reported to the executive directors for their decisions about resources allocation to the Group's business components and for their review of the performance of those components. The business components in the internal financial information reported to the executive directors are determined following the Group's major operations.

The Group's operating business are organised and managed separately according to the nature of satellite services, which each segment representing a strategic business segment that offers different services in the global market. However, the Group's executive directors considered that over 90% of the Group's revenue, operating results and assets during the periods ended 30 June 2012 and 2011 were mainly derived from provision of satellite transponder capacity and related services. Consequently, no operating segment analysis is presented.

### Segment results, assets and liabilities

#### *Geographical segments*

The Group's operating assets consist primarily of its satellites which are used, or are intended for use, for transmission to multiple countries but not located within a specific geographical area. Accordingly, no segment analysis of the carrying amount of segment assets by location of assets is presented.

The following table represents aggregate turnover based on geographical locations of customers for the six months ended 30 June 2012 and 2011.

For the six months ended 30 June	Hong Kong		Other regions in the PRC		Singapore		Indonesia		Others		Total	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Turnover from external customers	56,349	36,735	86,999	86,844	41,811	50,985	73,565	73,844	143,613	123,717	402,337	372,125

#### 4. SEASONALITY OF OPERATIONS

The Group's operations are not subject to significant seasonality fluctuations.

#### 5. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

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

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2012	2011
		\$'000	\$'000
<b>(a) Finance costs</b>			
	Interest on bank borrowings and loan from a fellow subsidiary	18,674	9,185
	Less: amount capitalised into construction in progress*	(15,465)	(7,342)
		3,209	1,843
	Change in fair value on interest rate swaption (note 13(a))	966	9,768
	Other borrowing costs	342	148
		4,517	11,759

\* The borrowing costs have been capitalised at a rate of 2.0148% – 3.9511% per annum (six months ended 30 June 2011: 1.9695% – 2.5090%).

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2012	2011
		\$'000	\$'000
<b>(b) Other items</b>			
	Depreciation	161,694	155,744
	Interest income	(4,697)	(802)
	Rental income	(266)	(264)
	(Gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(26)	39
	Foreign currency exchange loss	5,338	1,643

## 6. INCOME TAX

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
Current tax – Overseas	6,573	6,158
Deferred tax	31,375	30,697
Actual tax expenses	<b>37,948</b>	36,855

The provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax was calculated at 16.5% (six months ended 30 June 2011: 16.5%) of the estimated assessable profits for the period. No provision has been made for Hong Kong Profits Tax as there were no estimated Hong Kong assessable profits for the period or tax losses available to offset current period assessable profit. Overseas tax includes the profits tax and withholding tax paid or payable in respect of Group's income from provision of satellite transponder capacity to customers which are located outside Hong Kong.

## 7. DIVIDENDS

### (a) Dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company attributable for the period

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
Interim dividend declared after the balance sheet date of 2 cents (2011: 2 cents) per ordinary share	<b>12,436</b>	12,436

As the interim dividend is declared after the balance sheet date, such dividend has not been recognised as a liability as at 30 June 2012.

### (b) Dividends attributable to the previous financial year, approved and paid during the period

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
Final dividend in respect of previous financial year, approved and paid during the period, of 2.5 cents (2011: nil) per ordinary share	<b>15,545</b>	–

## 8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

### (a) Basic earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company of \$104,712,000 (six months ended 30 June 2011: \$103,134,000) and the weighted average of 621,807,000 (30 June 2011: 621,807,000) ordinary shares in issue during the interim period, calculated as follows:

*Weighted average number of ordinary shares*

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012	2011
	Number of shares	Number of shares
Issued ordinary shares at 1 January	621,807,000	414,538,000
Effect of bonus issues on shares (note 21 (iii))	–	207,269,000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares at 30 June	621,807,000	621,807,000

### (b) Diluted earnings per share

Diluted earnings per share is the same as the basic earnings per share as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in existence during the periods ended 30 June 2012 and 2011.

## 9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

### (a) Acquisitions and disposals

During the six months ended 30 June 2012, the Group acquired property, plant and equipment at a cost of \$690,332,000 (six months ended 30 June 2011: \$467,553,000). Property, plant and equipment with a net book value of \$334 was disposed of during the six months ended 30 June 2012 (six months ended 30 June 2011: \$46,000), resulting in a gain on disposal of \$26,000 (six months ended 30 June 2011: loss of \$39,000). Assets with a carrying amount of \$1,012,066,000 were transferred to held for sale (see note 17) (six months ended 30 June 2011: nil).

**9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)**

**(b) Effect of cost adjustment**

According to an agreement signed with Thales Alenia Space France ("Thales") on 8 December 2001 ("Agreement"), the Group is entitled to a payment of US\$1,500,000 (approximately \$11,700,000) upon successful delivery of a satellite by Thales to its own customers with technical designs that are identical to APSTAR 6 satellite.

Pursuant to an amendment to the Agreement entered into with Thales on 21 April 2010 ("Amended Agreement"), the Group is entitled to payment in respect of satellites contracts entered into by Thales which have the identical technical design to APSTAR 6 satellite. During the six months ended 30 June 2011, \$7,800,000 was recognised from Thales and treated as a reduction to the cost of property, plant and equipment – communication satellites. No such adjustments were recognised during the six months ended 30 June 2012.

**(c) Impairment loss**

During the six months ended 30 June 2012 and 2011, the Group conducted a review of its property, plant and equipment and it was concluded that no impairment is required.

**10. INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

Investment property carried at fair value was revalued at 30 June 2012 at \$3,394,000 (31 December 2011: \$2,895,000) by Savills Valuation and Professional Services Limited, an independent professional property appraiser, on an open market value basis by reference to net rental income allowing for reversionary income potential. The valuation gain of \$499,000 (six months ended 30 June 2011: \$84,000) has been recognised in the profit or loss during the six months ended 30 June 2012.

There was no addition, disposal or transfer of investment property during the periods ended 30 June 2012 and 2011.

**11. INTANGIBLE ASSET**

The Group has obtained the right to operate a satellite at an orbital slot in 2009 in respect of APSTAR 2R. Such intangible asset is considered to have an indefinite life.

During the six months ended 30 June 2012 and 2011, the Group conducted a review for indicators of impairment of the intangible asset and concluded no impairment is required.



## 12. INVESTMENT IN CONVERTIBLE BONDS

During 2011, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company has entered into an agreement to sell an available-for-sale security which represents 5% of the issued share capital of Xinhua TV Asia-Pacific Operating Co. Limited, a Hong Kong incorporated company, to CNC Holdings Limited ("CNC") (formerly known as Tsun Yip Holdings Limited), which is a listed company in the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Fair value of \$111,413,000 of such available-for-sale security was recorded in the consolidated statement of other comprehensive income until disposal on 9 December 2011. On the same date, such fair value was then reclassified to profit or loss as a result of the settlement by the issuance of convertible bonds issued by CNC. The maturity of the convertible bonds is three years with an annual interest of 5% and conversion price of \$0.196. At 30 June 2012, the fair value of the convertible bonds is remeasured at \$79,416,000 (31 December 2011: \$101,424,000), with a fair value loss of \$22,008,000 (six months ended 30 June 2011: nil) in profit or loss.

The movements of the fair value of the convertible bonds are set out below:

	At 30 June 2012 \$'000	At 31 December 2011 \$'000
At 1 January 2012/the date of initial recognition on 9 December 2011	101,424	111,413
Change in fair value recognised in profit or loss	(22,008)	(9,989)
	<b>79,416</b>	101,424

The Group engaged an independent valuer, Greater China Appraisal Limited, to assess the fair value of the debt component and the embedded derivative, which were determined in accordance with the effective interest method and trinomial lattice model, respectively.

**13. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

	At 30 June 2012 \$'000	At 31 December 2011 \$'000
<b>Current assets/(liabilities)</b>		
Interest rate swaption, at fair value through profit or loss (note 13 (a))	–	966
Forward foreign exchange contracts held as cash flow hedging instruments (note 13 (b))	–	(1,823)

**(a) Interest rate swaption, at fair value through profit or loss**

During the six months ended 30 June 2011, the Group entered into a contract with an option to enter into an interest rate swap on notional amount of US\$65,000,000. The option has not been exercised during the effective period until 28 June 2012. Upon the expiration, a loss of \$966,000 has been recognised as finance costs in the profit or loss.

**(b) Forward foreign exchange contracts held as cash flow hedging instruments**

The Group entered into certain forward exchange contracts in 2011 to hedge the risk from upcoming progress payment in Euros for procurement. All forward exchange contracts have been executed during the period ended 30 June 2012 and the fair value change of the forward exchange contracts previously recognised in the equity, amounting to \$1,823,000, was reclassified to the initial cost of the property, plant and equipment.

The Group has classified the aforementioned forward exchange contracts as cash flow hedge. When a derivative financial instrument is designated as a hedge of the variability in cash flows of a recognised asset or liability or a highly probable forecast transaction or the foreign currency risk of a committed future transaction, the effective portion of any gains or losses on remeasurement of the derivative financial instrument to fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated separately in equity in the hedging reserve. The ineffective portion of any gain or loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss. If a hedge of a forecast transaction subsequently results in the recognition of a non-financial asset or a non-financial liability, the associated gain or loss is reclassified from equity to be included in the initial cost or other carrying amount of the non-financial asset or liability.

The fair value of the foreign exchange contract is marked to market by deducting the current spot rate from the contractual forward price directly, given the discounting impact is considered immaterial.

#### 14. TRADE RECEIVABLES, NET

The following is an ageing analysis of trade receivables (net of allowance for doubtful debts) at the balance sheet date:

	At 30 June 2012 \$'000	At 31 December 2011 \$'000
0 – 30 days	76,362	43,443
31 – 60 days	14,294	6,896
61 – 90 days	6,534	1,483
91 – 120 days	1,696	198
Over 120 days	1,285	1,574
	<b>100,171</b>	<b>53,594</b>

The Group allows a credit period of 30 days to its trade customers. The trade receivables are expected to be recovered within one year from the balance sheet date.

#### 15. PLEDGED BANK DEPOSITS

At 30 June 2012, the pledged bank deposits of \$39,217,000 (31 December 2011: \$21,007,000) are primarily related to certain commercial arrangements and secured bank borrowings during the period.

#### 16. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	At 30 June 2012 \$'000	At 31 December 2011 \$'000
Deposits with bank and other financial institutions with maturity less than 3 months	197,633	111,453
Cash at bank and on hand	107,280	128,611
Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated balance sheet and the condensed consolidated cash flow statement	<b>304,913</b>	<b>240,064</b>

## **17. ASSETS HELD FOR SALE**

On 23 April 2010, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, APT Satellite Company Limited (“APT HK”) entered into a co-operation agreement with China Satellite Communications Company Limited (“China Satcom”) in respect of APSTAR 7B. China Satcom will arrange financing to APT HK for the specific purpose of payment of the progress payments under the APSTAR 7B satellite procurement contract. In the event that the launch of APSTAR 7 is successful and APSTAR 7 is in commercial operation, APT HK will assign all its rights under the APSTAR 7B satellite procurement contract at a consideration equal to all payments made by APT HK. In the event that the APSTAR 7B satellite launch services agreement becomes operative and insurance policy in respect of the launch has been taken by APT HK for APSTAR 7B, the same will be assigned together with the APSTAR 7B satellite procurement contract to China Satcom at cost.

Details of the transactions are set out in the announcement dated 26 April 2010, the circular dated 17 May 2010 and the announcement dated 27 October 2011.

During the six months ended 30 June 2012, APSTAR 7 was successfully launched and the efforts to transfer the APSTAR 7B have commenced. The rights and liabilities of APT HK under APSTAR 7B satellite procurement contract, the APSTAR 7B satellite launch services agreement and the insurance policies in respect of APSTAR 7B will be assigned to China Satcom when all considerations are received from China Satcom. As at 30 June 2012, the carrying amount of APSTAR 7B amounting to \$1,012,066,000 was classified as held for sale and no impairment loss has been recognised as the carrying amount of the disposal assets is higher than its fair value less costs to sell.

## **18. PAYABLES AND ACCRUED CHARGES**

Trade payables are all due within three months and all payables and accrued charges are expected to be settled within one year from the balance sheet date.

## 19. SECURED BANK BORROWINGS

	At 30 June 2012 \$'000	At 31 December 2011 \$'000
Bank loans	1,548,533	1,182,270
Less: amount due within one year included under current liabilities	(122,539)	(180,285)
Amount due after one year	<b>1,425,994</b>	1,001,985
The bank borrowings are repayable as follows:		
Within one year or on demand	122,539	180,285
After one year but within five years	1,052,268	634,240
After five years	373,726	367,745
	<b>1,548,533</b>	1,182,270

On 29 June 2009, APT HK entered into a US\$50 million general banking facilities arrangement ("the 2009 Facilities"), secured by certain properties of APT HK, assignment of cash receipts to be generated from contracts relating to APSTAR 2R and APSTAR 5, APSTAR 2R insurance claim proceeds, and charge over a charged account ("the Charge Account") which holds customer deposits and payments received on services provided or to be provided by APSTAR 2R and APSTAR 5 and any accrued interest within the Charged Account. During the period, APT HK has repaid all of the outstanding principal balance amounting to US\$18,000,000 (approximately \$140,400,000) of the 2009 Facilities in full.

On 9 July 2010, APT HK, as borrower and the Company as guarantor entered into a Facilities Agreement with a syndicate of banks in respect of term loan facilities not exceeding the aggregate maximum amount of US\$200 million ("the 2010 Facilities"). The 2010 Facilities are secured by the assignment of the construction, launching and related equipment contracts relating to APSTAR 7 and the termination payments under construction, the insurance claim proceeds relating to APSTAR 5 and APSTAR 7, assignment of the proceeds of all present and future transponder utilisation agreements of APSTAR 5 and APSTAR 7 and first fixed charge over certain bank accounts which will hold receipts of the transponder income. The 2010 Facilities shall be repayable by way of semi-annual instalments over a six year period commencing from the earlier of 30 months after the first drawdown date for the relevant facility or six months after commencement of commercial operations of APSTAR 7. The 2010 Facilities shall be applied to finance APSTAR 7 including its construction, launch costs and their related construction costs and insurance premium. During the period, APT HK has drawn down US\$64,800,000 (approximately \$505,440,000) against the 2010 Facilities. As a result, the outstanding principal balance of the 2010 Facilities was US\$200,000,000 (approximately \$1,560,000,000) at 30 June 2012.

## 19. SECURED BANK BORROWINGS (Continued)

The 2009 and 2010 Facilities (“the Banking Facilities”) are subject to the fulfillment of covenants relating to certain of the Group’s ratios, as are commonly found in lending arrangements with financial institutions. If the Group were to breach the covenants, the drawn down facilities would become payable on demand. The Group regularly monitors its compliance with these covenants. For the period ended 30 June 2012, the Group complied with all of the above covenants.

At 30 June 2012, a letter of guarantee issued by a bank to a subsidiary of the Company is secured by the Group’s land and buildings with a net book value of approximately \$4,015,000 (31 December 2011: \$4,073,000).

## 20. LOAN FROM A FELLOW SUBSIDIARY

The balance represents financing provided by a subsidiary of a major shareholder of the Company with respect to the procurement of APSTAR 7B. The loan is secured by the assignment of the procurement contract of APSTAR 7B (including but not limited to all related right and services). During the period, the Group has made an early repayment of all of the balance.

## 21. SHARE CAPITAL

### (i) Authorised and issued share capital

	At 30 June 2012		At 31 December 2011	
	Number of shares	\$'000	Number of shares	\$'000
<b>Authorised:</b>				
Ordinary shares of \$0.10 each	2,000,000,000	200,000	1,000,000,000	100,000
Increase in authorised share capital of \$0.10 each (note (ii))	-	-	1,000,000,000	100,000
	<b>2,000,000,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>2,000,000,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Ordinary shares, issued and fully paid:</b>				
At 1 January 2012/2011	621,807,000	62,181	414,538,000	41,454
Bonus issue (note (iii))	-	-	207,269,000	20,727
	<b>621,807,000</b>	<b>62,181</b>	<b>621,807,000</b>	<b>62,181</b>

### (ii) Increase in authorised share capital

By an ordinary resolution passed at the annual general meeting held on 24 May 2011, the Company’s authorised ordinary share capital was increased to \$200,000,000 by creation of an additional 1,000,000,000 ordinary shares of \$0.10 each, ranking pari passu in all respects with the existing ordinary shares of the Company.

## 21. SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)

### (iii) Bonus issue

On 25 May 2011, an amount of \$20,727,000 standing to the credit of the share premium account was applied in paying up in full 207,269,000 ordinary shares of \$0.10 each which were allotted and distributed as fully paid to existing shareholders in the proportion of one for every two shares then held.

## 22. SHARE OPTIONS

At the annual general meeting on 22 May 2001, the Company adopted a share option scheme ("Scheme 2001") and granted options to its employees on 19 June 2001. On 22 May 2002, the Company adopted a new share option scheme ("Scheme 2002") at its 2002 annual general meeting. Thereafter, no further options can be granted under the Scheme 2001. The options granted on 19 June 2001 shall continue to be valid until their expiry.

During the six months ended 30 June 2012 and 2011, no options were granted or cancelled under the Scheme 2002. The Scheme 2002 was expired on 21 May 2012.

### Movements in share options

The particulars of the share options granted under the Scheme 2001 outstanding during the period are as follows:

	2012		2011	
	Weighted average exercise price	Number	Weighted average exercise price	Number
	\$		\$	
At 1 January	-	-	2.765	1,737,000
Lapsed during the period	-	-	2.765	(1,657,000)
Cancelled during the period	-	-	2.765	(80,000)
At 30 June	-	-	-	-
Options vested at 30 June	-	-	-	-

There were no share options granted or exercised during the period ended 30 June 2011. Scheme 2001 was expired on 21 May 2011 and all of the outstanding options lapsed thereafter.

### Fair value of share options and assumptions

The fair value of services received in return for share options granted are measured by reference to the fair value of share options granted. The estimated fair value of the services received is measured based on a binomial lattice model. The contractual life of the options is used as an input into this model. Expectations of early exercise are incorporated into the binomial lattice model.

### 23. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company has given bank guarantees in respect of certain secured banking facilities granted to its subsidiary. The extent of such facilities utilised by the subsidiary at 30 June 2012 amounted to \$1,560,000,000 (31 December 2011: \$1,194,960,000).

### 24. COMMITMENTS

#### (a) Capital commitments

At 30 June 2012 and 31 December 2011, the Group had the following outstanding capital commitments not provided for in the Group's interim financial report and financial statements:

	At 30 June 2012 \$'000	At 31 December 2011 \$'000
Contracted for	750	1,178,423
Authorised but not contracted for	–	244,672
	<b>750</b>	<b>1,423,095</b>

#### (b) Operating lease commitments

At 30 June 2012 and 31 December 2011, the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases were payable as follows:

	Land and buildings, and equipment \$'000	Satellite transponders capacity \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>At 30 June 2012</b>			
Within one year	1,039	1,434	2,473
After one year but within five years	289	–	289
	<b>1,328</b>	<b>1,434</b>	<b>2,762</b>
<b>At 31 December 2011</b>			
Within one year	117	4,976	5,093
After one year but within five years	143	–	143
	<b>260</b>	<b>4,976</b>	<b>5,236</b>



## 25. MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) During the period, the Group entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
Income from provision of satellite transponder capacity and provision of satellite-based telecommunication services to fellow subsidiaries (note i)	61,642	60,701
Income from provision of satellite transponder capacity and provision of satellite-based telecommunication services to a holding company of a shareholder of the Company (note i)	22,308	21,536
Management fees paid to a fellow subsidiary (note ii)	(284)	(270)
Consultancy fee paid to a fellow subsidiary (note ii)	–	(667)

Notes:

- (i) The terms and conditions of these transponder capacity utilisation agreements are similar to those contracted with other customers of the Group.
- (ii) Management fees and consultancy fees are paid to a fellow subsidiary for services rendered during the period.

(b) **Key management personnel remuneration**

Remuneration for key management personnel, including amounts paid/payable to the Company's directors and certain of the highest paid employees, is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000
Short-term employee benefits	5,225	4,423
Other long-term benefits	559	384
	5,784	4,807

**26. POSSIBLE IMPACT OF AMENDMENTS, NEW STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE FOR THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2012**

Up to the date of issue of this interim financial report, the IASB/HKICPA has issued a number of amendments, new standards and interpretations which are not yet effective for the accounting period ending 31 December 2012 and which have not been adopted in this interim financial report.

Of these developments, the following relate to matters that may be relevant to the Group's operation and financial statements:

	<b>Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after</b>
Amendments to IAS/HKAS 1 <i>Presentation of financial statements</i> –“ <i>Presentation of items of other comprehensive income</i> ”	1 July 2012
IFRS/HKFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i>	1 January 2013
IFRS/HKFRS 13 <i>Fair value measurement</i>	1 January 2013

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these amendments, new standards and new interpretations is expected to be in the period of initial application. So far it has concluded that while the adoption of them may result in new or amended disclosures, it is unlikely to have a significant impact on the Group's results of operations and financial position.

**27. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT**

The wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company has entered into the launch services contract with China Great Wall Industry Corporation in respect of the provision of launch and associated services for a satellite to be designated and supplied by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company on Long March 3B enhanced version (LM-3B/E) launch vehicle at Xichang Satellite Launch Centre at Xichang in Sichuan Province, the PRC and other launch-related optional services. Details of this transaction are set out in the announcement dated 17 August 2012.

Subsequent to the end of the interim period, the directors declared an interim dividend of \$12,436,000. Further details are disclosed in note 7.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30 June 2012, according to the register of interests in shares and short positions kept by the Company under section 336 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (“SFO”), the following companies are directly and indirectly interested in 5 per cent or more of the issued share capital of the Company:

Name	Note	Number of shares interested	% of issued share capital
China Aerospace Science & Technology Corporation	1	386,100,000	62.09
China Satellite Communications Company Limited	2	330,300,000	53.12
APT Satellite International Company Limited	3	321,300,000	51.67
Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited	4	34,200,000	5.50
Singapore Telecommunications Limited	4	34,200,000	5.50
Singasat Private Limited	4	34,200,000	5.50

Note:

1. China Aerospace Science & Technology Corporation (“CASC”) was deemed to be interested in the shares of the Company by virtue of:
  - (a) CASC holds (i) 99.75% interest in China Satellite Communications Company Limited (“China Satcom”), which in turn holds 42.86% interest in APT Satellite International Company Limited (“APT International”) and (ii) 100% interest in China Satellite Communications (Hong Kong) Corporation Limited, which in turn holds 9,000,000 shares (approximately 1.45% interest) of the Company;
  - (b) CASC holds (i) 100% interest directly in China Great Wall Industry Corporation, which in turn holds 14.29% interest in APT International; and (ii) 100% interest indirectly in China Great Wall Industry (Hong Kong) Corp. Limited, which in turn holds 21,600,000 shares (approximately 3.47% interest) of the Company;
  - (c) CASC indirectly holds 25,200,000 shares (approximately 4.05% interest) of the Company, by virtue of its 38.37% interest in China Aerospace International Holdings Limited; and
  - (d) CASC directly holds 9,000,000 shares (approximately 1.45% interest) of the Company.
2. China Satcom was deemed to be interested in the shares of the Company by virtue of:
  - (a) China Satcom holds 42.86% interest in APT International;
  - (b) China Satcom holds 100% interest in China Satellite Communications (Hong Kong) Corporation Limited, which in turn holds 9,000,000 shares (approximately 1.45% interest) of the Company.

## **SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS (Continued)**

Note: (Continued)

3. APT International directly holds 321,300,000 shares (approximately 51.67% interest) of the Company.
4. Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited (“Temasek”) was deemed to be interested in the shares of the Company by virtue of its interests through its controlled corporation (being Temasek’s 54.39% shareholding in Singapore Telecommunications Limited (“SingTel”), which was deemed to be interested in the shares of the Company by virtue of SingTel’s 100% shareholding in Singasat Private Limited). Singasat Private Limited holds 28.57% interest in APT International and directly holds 34,200,000 shares (approximately 5.50% interest) of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2012, no other party has an interest or a short position in the issued share capital of the Company, as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO.

## **INTERESTS OF DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

As at 30 June 2012, according to the register maintained by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, none of the director or the chief executive of the Company had or was deemed to have an interest or short position in the shares and underlying shares of the Company nor any associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), or which are required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transaction by Directors of Listed Companies.

## **CHANGES IN DIRECTORS’ BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS**

Changes in directors’ biographical details since the date of the Annual Report 2011 of the Company or, as the case may be, the date of announcement for the change of director issued by the Company subsequent to the date of the Annual Report 2011, which are required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) and Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules, are set out below.

- Mr. Wu Zhen Mu resigned as Non-executive Director of the Company with effect from 20 March 2012.
- Mr. Fu Zhiheng was appointed as Non-executive Director of the Company with effect from 20 March 2012.
- Dr. Meng Xingguo was appointed as Independent Non-executive Director and a member of Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company with effect from 5 July 2012.

Other than those disclosed above, there is no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules.

## SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Owing to the enforcement of the new requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “Listing Rules”) in September 2001, the Company adopted a new share option scheme (the “Scheme 2002”) at its annual general meeting on 22 May 2002, whereupon the Board of Directors of the Company shall only grant new options under the Scheme 2002.

The total number of shares available for issue under the Scheme 2002 is not exceeding 10% of the shares of the Company in issue on the adoption date of the Scheme 2002 (i.e. 412,720,000 shares). As at 30 June 2012, the total number of shares of the Company in issue was 621,807,000 shares.

Scheme 2002 was lapsed on 21 May 2012. During the period from 1 January 2012 to 21 May 2012, no option was granted under the Scheme 2002.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### *CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES*

Throughout the six months ended 30 June 2012, the Company has met the code provisions (“Code Provisions”) set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, save for the following Code Provisions:

- A4.1: the non-executive directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term given they shall retire from office by rotation once every three years except the Chairman of the Board and the President in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company;
- A4.2: the Chairman of the Board and the President are not subject to retirement by rotation given that would help the Company in maintaining its consistency of making business decisions; and
- A6.7: Dr. Lam Sek Kong, being Chairman of Nomination Committee and Independent Non-executive Director of the Company, Mr. Cui Liguu, being the Independent Non-executive Director, and Mr. Lim Toon, Dr. Yin Yen-liang, Mr. Yong Foo Chong, Mr. Zhuo Chao, being the Non-executive Directors, were unable to attend the Company’s Annual General Meeting held on 25 May 2012 as they were in business trips or attending important matters in overseas. However, other members of the Board including the Chairman, Executive Directors and Independent Non-executive Directors attended the meeting to answer any possible questions in relation to the Group’s affairs.

## **MODEL CODE**

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions on terms no less exacting than the required standard set out in the Model Code ("Model Code") contained in the Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules.

Having made specific enquiry of all directors, the Company's directors have confirmed that they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code and its code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions throughout the period from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012.

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

During the six months ended 30 June 2012, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

In the meeting on 30 August 2012, the Audit Committee reviewed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and the Company's unaudited interim financial report for the six months ended 30 June 2012, and discussed auditing and internal control matters. The Audit Committee comprises of four independent non-executive directors including Dr. Lui King Man, Dr. Lam Sek Kong, Mr. Cui Ligu and Dr. Meng Xingguo (appointed on 5 July 2012).



## INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors of APT Satellite Holdings Limited  
(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

### INTRODUCTION

We have reviewed the interim financial report set out on pages 11 to 32 which comprises the consolidated balance sheet of APT Satellite Holdings Limited (the “Company”) as of 30 June 2012 and the related consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of comprehensive income and consolidated statement of changes in equity and condensed consolidated statement of cash flows 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 an interim financial report to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof, and to be in compliance with either International Accounting Standard 34 “Interim financial reporting” issued by the International Accounting Standard Board (“IAS 34”) or Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 “Interim financial reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKAS 34”), depending on whether the issuer’s annual financial statements were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”) or Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) respectively. As the annual financial statements of APT Satellite Holdings Limited are prepared in accordance with both IFRSs and HKFRSs, the directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the interim financial report in accordance with both IAS 34 and HKAS 34.

Our responsibility is to form a 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.

### 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 the interim financial report consists of making enquiries, 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 report as at 30 June 2012 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, "Interim financial reporting" or Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34, "Interim financial reporting".

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30 August 2012