

# VITOP BIOENERGY HOLDINGS LIMITED

天年生物控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

Stock Code: 1178



## **INTERIM RESULTS**

The board of directors (the "Board") of Vitop Bioenergy Holdings Limited (the "Company") announces the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 31 December 2012 (the "Period") together with comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2011 as follows:

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE IMCOME

#### Six months ended 31 December

	Notes	2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
REVENUE Cost of sales	3	11,841 (4,799)	11,757 (7,420)
Gross profit Other income Selling and distribution costs Administrative expenses Other operating expenses		7,042 736 (3,704) (8,029) (752)	4,337 1,430 (5,096) (10,740) (595)
LOSS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	4	(4,707)	(10,664)
Finance income Finance cost			17 (401)
Finance income/(cost) - net	5	_	(384)
LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE Income tax expense	6	(4,707) -	(11,048)
LOSS FOR THE PERIOD		(4,707)	(11,048)
ATTRIBUTABLE TO: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		(4,638) (69)	(10,959) (89)
		(4,707)	(11,048)
DIVIDENDS	7	_	_
LOSS PER SHARE  Basic  Diluted	8	HK(0.33) cents N/A	HK(0.95) cents N/A



# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Continued)

#### Six months ended 31 December

	2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	(4,707)	(11,048)
Other comprehensive expense: Exchange translation differences recognized directly in equity	1,354	(1,325)
Total comprehensive loss for the period, net of tax	(3,353)	(12,373)
Total comprehensive loss attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	(3,284) (69)	(12,284) (89)
	(3,353)	(12,373)

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	31 December 2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	30 June 2012 (Audited) HK\$'000
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Intangible assets Available-for-sale investments Interests in an associate	9	2,505 249 28,686 –	2,370 258 28,596 3,595
		31,440	34,819
Current assets Inventories Trade receivables Deposits, prepayments and other receivables Cash and bank balances	10 11	19,811 1,930 54,462 37,542	18,561 1,355 44,579 41,236
		113,745	105,731
Current liabilities Trade payables Accrued liabilities and other payables Deposits received	12	6,659 12,601 9,798	6,175 5,616 9,279
		29,058	21,070
Net current assets		84,687	84,661
Net assets		116,127	119,480



# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Continued)**

	Notes	31 December 2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	30 June 2012 (Audited) HK\$'000
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Share capital Reserves	13	34,760 79,527	34,760 82,811
		114,287	117,571
Non-controlling interests		1,840	1,909
Total equity		116,127	119,480

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Statutory reserve HK\$'000	Capital redemption reserve HK\$*000	Capital reserve HK\$*000	Translation reserve HK\$'000	Convertible notes reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	Non- controlling interests HK\$'000	Total equity HK\$'000
At 1 July 2011 (Audited)	22,070	56,260	8,789	29	28,764	12,079	3,304	(101,552)	29,743	2,088	31,831
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(1,325)	-	(10,959)	(12,284)	(89)	(12,373)
Rights issue	7,357	62,559	-	-	-	-	-	-	69,916	-	69,916
Issue of share capital Issue of shares upon conversion of	2,334	21,006	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,340	-	23,340
convertible notes  Deferred tax transferred upon	753	6,779	-	-	-	-	(994)	-	6,538	-	6,538
conversion of convertible notes	-	-	-	-	-	-	252	-	252	-	252
At 31 December 2011 (Unaudited)	32,514	146,604	8,789	29	28,764	10,754	2,562	(112,511)	117,505	1,999	119,504
At 1 July 2012 (Audited) Total comprehensive income for	34,760	155,831	8,789	29	28,764	10,810	-	(121,412)	117,571	1,909	119,480
the period	-	-		-	-	1,354	-	(4,638)	(3,284)	(69)	(3,353)
At 31 December 2012											
(Unaudited)	34,760	155,831	8,789	29	28,764	12,164	-	(126,050)	114,287	1,840	116,127

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

## Six months ended 31 December

	2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES NET CASH GENERATED FROM/(USED IN)	(5,097)	(38,567)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES  NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	139 -	(23,323) 93,857
(DECREASE IN)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 1 JULY EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE	(4,958) 41,236 1,264	31,967 10,950 (1,325)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 DECEMBER	37,542	41,592
ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CASH AND BANK BALANCES	37,542	41,592

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## (a) Basis of Preparation

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 ("HKAS 34") Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

These condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited but have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

## (b) Principal Accounting Policies

The basis of preparation and accounting policies adopted in preparing these condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those adopted in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2012.

In the current interim period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the HKICPA:

Amendments to HKAS 1 Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income

Amendments to HKAS 12 Deferred tax: Recovery of underlying asset

The application of the above amendments to HKFRSs in the current interim period has had no material effect on the amounts reported in these condensed consolidated financial statements and/or disclosures set out in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

The Group has not early applied the new and revised HKASs, HKFRSs amendments and interpretations (hereinafter collectively referred to as "new and revised HKFRSs") that have been issued but are not yet effective. The Directors of the Company anticipate that the application of these new and revised HKFRSs will have no material impact on these condensed consolidated financial statements.



#### 2. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Operating segments are identified on the basis of internal reports which provides information about components of the Group. These information are reported to and reviewed by the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

The four reportable operating segments are listed as follows:

BIOenergy products: manufacturing and trading of bedding products,

underclothing and body protection accessories

containing the BIOenergy compound

Healthcare food products: trading of healthcare food products, including

polypeptide products

Multi-functional water generators: manufacturing and trading of multi-functional

water generators

Others: trading of other healthcare products and other

			Healthc	are food	Multi-fu	nctional					
	BIOenergy products		prod	products		water generators		Others		Consolidated	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Segment revenue:											
Sales to external											
customers	7,825	6,194	780	1,653	1,824	2,776	1,412	1,134	11,841	11,757	
Commont months	2 212	000	20	00	(000)	(771)	000	(000)	2 244	(757)	
Segment results	3,313	988	36	22	(238)	(771)	233	(996)	3,344	(757)	
Unallocated other income									736	1,430	
Unallocated expense									(8,787)	(11,721)	
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Loss before income tax expense									(4 707)	(11,048)	
									(4,707)	(11,040)	
Income tax expenses											
Loss for the Period									(4.707)	(11,048)	
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No geographical analysis is presented as all of the Group's revenue and contribution to loss is attributable to markets in the People's Republic of China (the "Mainland China").



#### 3. REVENUE

Revenue, which is also the Group's turnover, represents the net invoiced value of goods sold, after allowances for returns and trade discounts where applicable. All significant intragroup transactions have been eliminated on consolidation.

Turnover made in the Mainland China is subject to value added tax ("VAT") at a rate of 17% ("output VAT"). Such output VAT is payable after offsetting VAT paid by the Group on purchases ("input VAT").

#### 4. LOSS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

The Group's unaudited loss from operating activities is arrived at after charging:

Six months ended 31 December

	2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Cost of inventories sold Amortisation of intangible assets Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Operating lease charges in respect of land	4,799 9 235	7,420 7 487
and building Impairment loss on goodwill	1,053 188	1,244 -

#### 5. FINANCE INCOME AND COST

#### Six months ended 31 December

	2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Finance income: Interest income from bank deposits	-	17
Finance cost:		
Interest on convertible notes	_	(401)
Finance income/(cost) - net	_	(384)



#### 6. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Six months ended 31 December

	2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Current – Mainland China Charge for the Period	_	-

Hong Kong profits tax has not been provided as the Group had no assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the Period (2011: Nil). Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the applicable rates of tax prevailing in the jurisdiction in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof during the Period.

#### 7. DIVIDENDS

The Board has resolved not to declare any interim dividend for the Period (2011: Nil).

#### 8. LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY

The calculation of basic loss per share is based on the loss attributable to owners for the Period of approximately HK\$4,638,000 (2011: loss of approximately HK\$10,959,000) and the weighted average number of 1,390,407,948 (2011: the weighted average number of 1,157,912,583) ordinary shares in issue during the Period.

## 9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Total HK\$'000
At 1 July 2012 (audited)	2,370
Additions	370 (235)
Depreciation	(233)
At 31 December 2012 (unaudited)	2,505



## **10. INVENTORIES**

	31 December 2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	30 June 2012 (Audited) HK\$'000
Raw materials Work in progress Finished goods	3,972 3,435 17,442	4,974 5,151 13,474
	24,849	23,599
Less: Provision for obsolete and slow-moving finished goods Foreign exchange translation losses	(4,807) (231)	(4,807) (231)
	19,811	18,561

# 11. TRADE RECEIVABLES

The credit terms that the Group offers to customers are generally not more than 90 days. Details of the ageing analysis of trade receivables (net of impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts) are as follows:

	31 December 2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	30 June 2012 (Audited) HK\$'000
Outstanding balances with ages: Within 30 days Between 31 to 60 days Between 61 to 180 days Over 180 days	49 - 159 1,722	78 45 109 1,123
	1,930	1,355

## 11. TRADE RECEIVABLES (Continued)

Included in the balances are trade receivables with an aggregate carrying amount of HK\$1,723,000 (2011: HK\$1,741,000) which are past due at the reporting date for which the Group has not provided impairment loss as there has been no significant change in credit quality and the amounts are still considered fully recoverable. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances. No interest is charged on the trade receivables.

#### 12. TRADE PAYABLES

The credit terms of trade payables varies according to the terms agreed with different suppliers. The ageing analysis of the Group's trade payables as at the end of reporting period is as follows:

	31 December 2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	30 June 2012 (Audited) HK\$'000
Outstanding balances with ages: Within 30 days Between 31 to 60 days Between 61 to 180 days Over 180 days	802 738 1,111 4,008	342 1,281 395 4,157
	6,659	6,175

## 13. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of ordinary shares (Unaudited)	Share capital HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Authorised: Ordinary shares of HK\$0.025 each At 30 June 2012 and 31 December 2012	20,000,000,000	500,000
Issued and fully paid: Ordinary shares of HK\$0.025 each At 30 June 2012	1,390,407,948	34,760
At 31 December 2012	1,390,407,948	34,760



#### 14. COMMITMENTS

#### **Operating Lease Commitment**

The Group leases certain of its offices, factory and machinery and equipment under non-cancellable operating lease arrangements with lease terms ranging from one to five years.

As at 31 December 2012, the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are payable as follows:

	31 December 2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	30 June 2012 (Audited) HK\$'000
Within one year In the second to fifth years	1,145 446 1,591	1,145 1,499 2,644

#### 15. CONTINGNET LIABILITIES AND LITIGATION

The Group is involved in one labour lawsuit and claim arising from the normal course of business. The Directors believe that the Group has substantial legal and factual bases for their position and are of the opinion that loss arising from this lawsuit, if any, will not have a material adverse impact on the results of the operations or the financial position of the Group. Accordingly, no provision for such liabilities has been made in the financial statements

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS FINANCIAL **REVIEW**

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Revenue

The Group's revenue for the Period was approximately HK\$11.84 million, slightly increase of approximately HK\$80,000 over the same period of last year due to an offsetting result by the increase in sales of Bioenergy bedding products and the decrease in sales of Multi-functional water generators.

# Gross profit and gross profit margin

The Group's gross profit margin during the Period was approximately 59.47%, representing an increase of approximately 22.58 percentage point from approximately 36.89% in the same period last year. It was primarily attributable to the improvement in gross profit margin of Bioenergy bedding products arising from swift in marketing model by exploring the middle-aged consumer groups. At as result of the above, the gross profit during the Period increased by approximately HK\$2.70 million, representing an increase of approximately 62.21% to HK\$7.04 million as compared with HK\$4.34 million over the same period last year.

# Selling and distribution costs

Selling and distribution costs decreased from approximately HK\$5.10 million in the same period last year to approximately HK\$3.70 million, primarily due to the decrease in staff costs and promotional and marketing related expenses as a result of better cost control.

# **Administrative expenses**

Administrative expenses decreased from approximately HK\$10.74 million in the same period last year to approximately HK\$8.03 million, primarily due to the decrease in staff costs as a result of the decrease in headcount

#### Loss for the Period

The Group's losses for the Period had been narrowed down, the loss decreased approximately by HK\$6.34 million or approximately 57.38% to the loss of approximately HK\$4.71 million from the loss of approximately HK\$11.05 million as compared with the same period last year. Such improvement was the combined result of the increase in gross profit and gross profit margin due to swift in marketing model and the decrease of selling and distribution costs and administrative expenses due to better cost control.



#### **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

Looking forward to the coming year, the management expects the overall business environment remain challenging given the uncertainties arising from the possibility of downturn in Mainland China's macro-economy and highly unpredictable situations of global economy. The Group will continue to be on the alert and modify our existing business strategies to cope with the changing business environment.

To ensure growth is sustained over the long term, the Group will continue to leverage its research and development expertise to develop products desired by consumers. The Group has been actively exploring new products this year and expecting these products will bring favourable results for the Group in the coming year. The Group would continue to optimize its product mix and put more efforts to develop high value-added products to improve its sales.

# SEEKING FOR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES THAT COULD ENHANCE CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT AND BROADEN THE INCOME BASE OF THE GROUP

The management will from time to time seek for investment opportunity in difference industry that could enhance corporate development and broaden the income base of the Group.

As disclosed in the announcement dated 12 August 2011 issued by the Company, the Company entered into a sale and purchase agreement on 2 August 2011 for the acquisition of 90% shareholding in Express Time Enterprises Limited ("Express Time") at the consideration of HK\$108,500,000, a company which indirectly owns 74% interest in a piece of land situated in Xuzhou City, Jiangsu, the People's Republic of China which can be used for commercial building development. The proposed acquisition constitutes a major acquisition for the Company.

As disclosed in the Company's announcement of 28 February 2013, despatch of the circular for the aforesaid proposed acquisition would be postponed to a date no later than 30 June 2013. The Company is currently in the process of preparing the circular, as additional time is required to obtain the financial information (including all audited and management accounts and related supporting documents) of Express Time and each of its past and current subsidiaries for the 3 financial years ended 31 December 2012.

The Board is of the view that, notwithstanding the time lapse since August 2011, the proposed acquisition will still be beneficial to the Company and its shareholders as a whole when completed, since the Board expects that the commercial building development on the land in Xuzhou will generate a stable and long-term income for the Group.

# SEEKING FOR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES THAT COULD ENHANCE CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT AND BROADEN THE INCOME BASE OF THE GROUP (Continued)

Although there has been an extended delay in completing the proposed acquisition, the Group has not incurred substantial amount of costs or fees in relation thereto since August 2011. Further, the extended delay is caused by the vendor's failure to timely provide the outstanding financial information as aforementioned (despite repeated requests of the Company) and which is not within the control of the Board. The Company will continue to exert pressure on the vendor to obtain the outstanding information in order to publish the circular and complete the proposed acquisition as soon as possible.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK AND MANAGEMENT

The majority of the Group's operations are located in Mainland China, and the main operational currencies are Hong Kong Dollars and Renminbi. The Company is paying regular and active attention to Renminbi exchange rate fluctuation and consistently assess exchange risks.

# LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As at 31 December 2012, the Group's current ratio was 3.91 (2011: approximately 2.46), based on the current assets of approximately HK\$113.75 million (2011: approximately 124.65 million) and current liabilities of approximately HK\$29.06 million (2011: approximately 50.73 million). The Group's gearing ratio was approximately 25.02% (2011: approximately 42.45%), based on the total liabilities of approximately HK\$29.06 million (2011: approximately 50.73 million) and total equity of approximately HK\$116.13 million (2011: approximately 119.50 million).

As at 31 December 2012, the Group was in a net cash position and has sufficient funding to pay off all the outstanding liabilities, and meet its working capital requirement. The Group's cash and bank balance at that date amounted to approximately HK\$ 37.54 million (2011: approximately HK\$41.59 million), which was denominated in mainly Hong Kong dollars and Renminbi. The Group had no outstanding bank borrowing and no banking facilities available.

# INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved not to declare any interim dividend for the six months ended 31 December 2012 (2011: Nil).



# MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

On 4 July 2012, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group had acquired all the remaining 55% equity interest in 深圳市樂健世紀信息技術有限公司, for a consideration of approximately HK\$687,500. Upon the completion of acquisition, 深圳市樂健世紀信息技術有限公司 becomes a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group.

## **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES**

As at 31 December 2012, the Group employed a total of 112 (2011: 123) employees, of which 108 (2011: 118) are based in the Mainland China and 4 (2011: 5) are based in Hong Kong. Competitive remuneration packages are structured to commensurate with individual responsibilities, qualification, experience and performance. The Group has a share option scheme for the benefit of its directors and eligible employees of the Group.

# DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS IN SECURITIES

As at 31 December 2012, the interests and short positions of the directors and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the "SFO")) as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies (the "Model Code"), were as follows:

# Long Positions in the Shares and Underlying Shares of the Company

Name of directors	Capacity	Number of shares held	Number of underlying shares held pursuant to share options	Aggregate	Approximate percentage of interest
Han Qing Yun	Interest of controlled corporation	200,000,000 (note 1)	-	200,000,000	15.38%
Han Xiao Yue	Interest of controlled corporation	3,805,112 (note 2)	-	3,805,112	0.29%

Note 1:

181,843,836 shares held by Wide Cosmos International Holdings Co Ltd which is beneficially owned by Mr. Han Qing Yun. Mr. Han Qing Yun also personally holds 18,156,164 shares in the Company.

# Long Positions in the Shares and Underlying Shares of the Company (Continued)

Note 2:

There 3,805,112 shares are owned by Portton Investments Limited ("Portton"), the issued share capital of which is beneficially owned by Dr. Han Xiao Yue (the joint-chairman of the Company) and Mr. Wang Jian Dong as to 66.67% and 33.33% respectively. Each of Dr. Han Xiao Yue and Mr. Wang Jian Dong are deemed to be interested in these 3,805,112 shares under Part XV of the SFO. Portton is wholly owned by Power Field International Limited.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2012, none of the directors or chief executive of the Company had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were recorded in the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO, or otherwise to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

#### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

According to the records entered into the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO, so far as the directors of the Company are aware of and having made due enquiries, as at 31 December 2012, the interests and short positions of the persons (other than the directors and chief executive of the Company) in the shares and underlying shares of the Company were as follows:

# Long Positions in the Shares and Underlying Shares of the Company

Name	Capacity	Number of shares held	Aggregate	Approximate percentage of interest
Wide Cosmos International Holdings Co. Ltd.	Beneficial owner (Note 1)	181,843,836	181,843,836	13.08%
Wang Jing	Beneficial owner	66,800,000	66,800,000	4.80%
Beijing Securities Limited (Note 2)	Beneficial owner	104,760,925	104,760,925	7.53%
Premium Castle Limited (Note 2)	Interest in controlled corporation	104,760,925	104,760,925	7.53%
Lo Ming Chi Charles (Note 2)	Interest in controlled corporation	104,760,925	104,760,925	7.53%



# Long Positions in the Shares and Underlying Shares of the Company (Continued)

Name	Capacity	Number of shares held	Aggregate	Approximate percentage of interest
Suen Cho Hung, Paul (Note 2)	Interest in controlled corporation	104,760,925	104,760,925	7.53%
Global Trade Center Holdings Co. Limited	Beneficial owner	93,360,000	93,360,000	6.71%

#### Note 1:

Wide Cosmos International Holdings Co Ltd is beneficial owned by Mr. Han Qing Yun, the chairman of the Company.

#### Note 2:

The 104,760,925 shares were held by Beijing Securities Limited, which was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Premium Castle Limited. The issued share capital of Premium Castle Limited was held as to 39% by Suen Cho Hung, Paul and as to 36.28% by Lo Ming Chi Charles.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2012, no person, other than the directors and chief executive of the Company whose interests are set out in the "Directors' and chief executive's interests in securities" section above, had an interest or a short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO.

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

During the six months ended 31 December 2012, there were no purchases, sales or redemptions of the Company's listed securities by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

## **Overview of Corporate Governance**

The Company recognises the importance of the provision of transparency and accountability to its shareholders. The Company is committed to achieving high standards of corporate governance and believes that sound corporate governance is essential for the Company to maximize shareholders' value.

# **Code on Corporate Governance Practices**

During the six months ended 31 December 2012, the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Corporate Governance Code") contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, except for the following code provision:

- (i) Under code provision A.1.1, the board should meet regularly and board meetings should be held at least four times a year. During the period under review, the board held two formal meetings. Currently, the board is initiating to increase number of formal meetings to be held regularly at approximately quarterly intervals and will involve the active participation through electronic means of communication.
- (ii) Under code provision E.1.2 of the Corporate Governance Code, the Chairman of the Board should attend, and the chairmen of the audit and remuneration committees should be available to answer questions at the annual general meeting of the Company. Due to prior engagement, the Chairman of the Board, the audit committee and the remuneration committee were unable to attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 7 December 2012 in person, but the Chairman of the Board has already delegated to one of the executive directors of the Company to chair the meeting on his behalf and on behalf of the chairmen of the audit committee and the remuneration committee.
- (iii) The Company has not separated the roles of the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive as required under code provision A.2.1 of the Code. The Company believes that separation of Chairman and the Chief Executive would not result in enhanced efficiency and improved governance. The balance of power and authority between the Chief Executive and the Board is ensured by regular discussion and meetings of the full Board and active participation of independent non-executive directors.



# **Code on Corporate Governance Practices (Continued)**

- (iv) Under code provision A.4.1 of the Code, non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election. All non-executive directors of the Company were not appointed for a specific term, but every director of the Company will be subject to retirement no later than the third annual general meeting after his election, under the Company's Bye-Laws. As such, the Board considers that sufficient measures have been taken to ensure that the Company's corporate governance practices are not less exacting than those in the Code.
- (v) Code A.5.1 provides that the Company should establish a nomination committee. The Company does not have a nomination committee as the role and the function of such a committee are performed by the Board. The Chairman and the other directors review from time to time the composition of the Board. The Board makes recommendations to shareholders on directors standing for re-election, providing information on directors to enable shareholders to make an informed decision on the re-election, and where necessary, to appoint directors to fill casual vacancies.

#### **Directors' Securities Transaction**

The Company has adopted the Model Code contained in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions. After specific enquiry made by the Company, all directors have confirmed that they have fully complied with the Model Code during the six months ended 31 December 2012.

# **Independent Non-executive Directors**

The board of directors has been in compliance with Rule 3.10(1) of the Listing Rules, which requires a company to maintain at least three independent non-executive directors in the board of directors, and with Rule 3.10(2) of the Listing Rules, which requires one of those independent non-executive directors to be specialised in accounting or relevant financial management.

The Company has received the written confirmation of each of the independent non-executive directors confirming that they are in compliance with Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules in respect of their independence. The Company is of the opinion that all of the independent non-executive directors are independent.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Company has established an audit committee in compliance with the Rules 3.21 and 3.22 of the Listing Rules. The primary duties of the audit committee are to review and supervise the financial reporting process and internal control system of the Company and provide advice and comments to the board of directors.

The audit committee comprises Ms. Zhu Jinghua (chairman of the committee), Mr. Li Xinzhong and Mr. Zhang Wen, all of whom are independent non-executive directors of the Company. Ms. Zhu Jinghua possesses appropriate professional accounting qualifications and related financial management expertise as required under rules 3.10(2) of the Listing Rules

The audit committee, together with the management team of the Company, has reviewed the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed accounting issues, internal control and financial reporting matters with the Directors, including a review of the unaudited interim report for the six months ended 31 December 2012.

# DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE'S WEBSITE

The electronic version of this announcement which contains all the relevant information as required by paragraph 46 of Appendix 16 to the Listing Rules will be published on the website of the Stock Exchange (http://www.hkex.com.hk). An interim report of the Company for the six months ended 31 December 2012 containing the information required under Appendix 16 to the Listing Rules will be dispatched to shareholders of the Company and published on the website of the Stock Exchange in due course.

# MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

As at the date of this interim report, the board of directors of the Company comprises Mr. Han Qingyun as chairman; Dr. Han Xiaoyue as joint chairman; Ms. Guo Yanni, Mr. Long Mingfei and Mr. Xu Nianchun as executive directors; and Mr. Li Xinzhong, Mr. Zhang Wen and Ms. Zhu Jinghua as independent non-executive directors.

By order of the Board
Han Xiaoyue
Chairman

Hong Kong, 27 February 2013

