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ARES ASIA LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 645)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

The board of directors (the “Board”) of Ares Asia Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to present the consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the year ended 31 March 2017, together with the comparative figures for the previous year, as follows:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 March 2017

(Expressed in United States dollars)

	<i>Note</i>	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
Revenue	3	254,358	42,638
Cost of sales		<u>(251,665)</u>	<u>(42,324)</u>
Gross profit		2,693	314
Other income/(loss)	4	644	(11,675)
Selling expenses		(143)	(154)
Administrative expenses		<u>(2,081)</u>	<u>(1,841)</u>
Profit/(loss) from operations		1,113	(13,356)
Finance costs	5(a)	<u>(982)</u>	<u>(42)</u>
Profit/(loss) before taxation	5	131	(13,398)
Income tax	6	<u>—</u>	<u>28</u>
Profit/(loss) and total comprehensive income for the year		<u>131</u>	<u>(13,370)</u>
Earnings/(loss) per share	7		
Basic and diluted		<u>0.04 cent</u>	<u>(3.91) cents</u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 March 2017

(Expressed in United States dollars)

	Note	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		22	56
Intangible asset		—	—
		<u>22</u>	<u>56</u>
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	8	60,230	25,344
Cash and cash equivalents		12,229	9,046
		<u>72,459</u>	<u>34,390</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	5,162	14,236
Discounted bills with recourse	10	56,061	9,083
		<u>61,223</u>	<u>23,319</u>
Net current assets		<u>11,236</u>	<u>11,071</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>11,258</u>	<u>11,127</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital		441	441
Reserves		10,817	10,686
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>11,258</u>	<u>11,127</u>

NOTES

(Expressed in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated)

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial information set out in this announcement does not constitute the Group's statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017, but is derived from those financial statements.

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the financial statements is the historical cost basis.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), which collective term includes all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. These financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") (the "Listing Rules").

2 CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The HKICPA has issued a number of amendments to HKFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group. None of these developments have had a material effect on how the Group's result and financial position for the current or prior periods have been prepared or presented.

The Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

3 REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING

(a) Revenue

The Group is principally engaged in the coal trading business. Revenue represents the sales value of goods sold less returns, discounts and value added taxes and other sales taxes.

Revenue from customers contributing over 10% of the Group's revenue are as follows:

	Coal trading \$'000
2017	
Customer A	255,609
2016	
Customer A	22,766
Customer B	9,212
Customer C	6,286

Further details regarding the Group's principal activities are disclosed below.

(b) Segment reporting

The Group has a single reportable segment which is “coal trading”. Accordingly, the business segment information for this sole reportable segment is equivalent to the consolidated figures.

The following table sets out information about the geographical location of (i) the Group’s revenue from external customers and (ii) the Group’s property, plant and equipment. The geographical location of customers is based on the location at which the goods delivered. The geographical location of the property, plant and equipment is based on the physical location of the asset.

	Revenue from external customers		Property, plant and equipment	
	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
Mainland China	254,358	38,242	—	—
Hong Kong	—	—	22	56
India	—	4,396	—	—
	<u>254,358</u>	<u>42,638</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>56</u>

4 OTHER INCOME/(LOSS)

	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
Bank interest income	4	27
Reversal of impairment loss/(impairment loss) on prepayments and other receivables (<i>note 8</i>)	640	(11,704)
Net foreign exchange gain	—	2
	<u>644</u>	<u>(11,675)</u>

5 PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION

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

	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
(a) Finance costs		
Interest on discounted bills	<u>982</u>	<u>42</u>
(b) Staff costs		
Salaries, wages and other benefits	896	943
Contributions to defined contribution retirement plan	<u>16</u>	<u>19</u>
	<u>912</u>	<u>962</u>
(c) Other items		
Cost of inventories	235,779	41,574
Operating lease charges in respect of properties	343	343
Depreciation	34	69
Auditors' remuneration	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>

6 INCOME TAX

Income tax in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income represents:

	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
Hong Kong Profits Tax		
— Over-provision in respect of prior year	<u>—</u>	<u>(28)</u>

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made for the year ended 31 March 2017 (2016: Nil) as the Group's operations in Hong Kong had tax losses brought forward to offset estimated assessable profits for the year.

7 EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE

(a) Basic earnings/(loss) per share

The calculation of basic earnings/(loss) per share is based on the profit attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company of \$131,000 (2016: loss of \$13,370,000) and the weighted average of 342,116,934 ordinary shares (2016: 342,116,934 ordinary shares) in issue during the year.

(b) Diluted earnings/(loss) per share

The calculation of diluted earnings/(loss) per share is the same as basic earnings/(loss) per share for the years ended 31 March 2017 and 2016 as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares during that year.

8 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
Trade debtors and bills receivable	60,028	25,260
Prepayments and other receivables	11,266	11,788
<i>Less: impairment on prepayments and other receivables</i>	<u>(11,064)</u>	<u>(11,704)</u>
	<u><u>60,230</u></u>	<u><u>25,344</u></u>

During the year ended 31 March 2014, the Group entered into coal sale and purchase agreements (“the Original Agreements”) with a marketing agent (“the Original Supplier”) of two top coal miners in Indonesia. Under the Original Agreements, the Group made prepayments in the aggregate amount of \$13,000,000 to the Original Supplier to secure long-term supply of thermal coal from the relevant coal miners. The prepayments were recoverable by deducting a pre-agreed amount from the unit cost of coal purchased by the Group.

On 22 July 2015, the Group, the Original Supplier and another agent of the two top coal miners in Indonesia (“the New Supplier”) entered into a deed of transfer and amendment (“the Deed”), pursuant to which the Original Supplier transferred certain of its rights, titles and interest in and to the Original Agreements to the New Supplier, and amended certain terms of the Original Agreements, details of which were disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 22 July 2015. Under the Original Agreements as amended by the Deed, the New Supplier agreed to deliver up to approximately 11.6 million metric tonnes of thermal coal to the Group by the end of 2017, at prices to be agreed between the parties in purchase contracts. The Original Supplier would also be entitled to half of the profit margin (“the Original Seller’s Entitlement”) earned by the Group on the sale of the thermal coal in consideration of its facilitating the entering into the Deed among the parties and referral of potential end customers to the Group. As at the date of the Deed, the unutilised balance of prepayments made to the Original Supplier was approximately \$11.6 million and the Original Seller’s Entitlements would be deducted from such balance of prepayments. Save for the amendments made to the Original Agreements, the other terms of the Original Agreements were to remain in full force and effect.

As at 31 March 2016, the unutilised prepayments amounted to \$11,565,000. The directors reassessed the recoverability of the unutilised prepayments based on all relevant information available to the Group. Due to the continuing downturn of coal market, the low demand of coal and minimal utilisation of the prepayments, and the Group's efforts in negotiation with the Original Supplier and New Supplier to secure the delivery of thermal coal under the terms of the Original Agreements as amended by the Deed as well as demand for repayment which were in vain, the directors considered that there was significant uncertainty on the ability of the Group to recover the balance of the prepayments through either utilisation from future purchases or repayment of the prepayments. Accordingly, a full impairment loss was recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income during the year ended 31 March 2016.

In December 2016, the Group restructured the rights and obligations under the Original Agreements as amended by the Deed, through a series of contracts signed and exchanged with the relevant parties ("the New Agreements"), details of which were disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 12 December 2016. Under the New Agreements, the remainder of the unutilised prepayments are to be utilised on an agreed basis against each purchase with an annual minimum of \$2,000,000, either through an application of prepayment towards purchases or by cash payment to the Group from the Original Supplier. During the year ended 31 March 2017, unutilised prepayments and other receivables in total of \$640,000 were recovered from the Original Supplier. Accordingly, the impairment loss recognised in prior year was reversed and credited in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income to the extent of the actual amount recovered. The directors will continue to closely monitor the recoverability of the prepayments from the Original Supplier.

Included in "Trade and other receivables" are trade debtors and bills receivable with the following ageing analysis, based on the invoice date (or date of revenue recognition, if earlier), as of the end of the reporting period:

	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Within 1 month	20,631	20,224
More than 1 month but within 3 months	38,198	5,036
More than 3 months but within 6 months	1,199	—
	<u>60,028</u>	<u>25,260</u>

The credit terms offered to customers of coal trading business are negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Irrevocable letters of credit, up to a tenor of 170 days (2016: 120 days) after the receipt of required documents by nominated banks, are usually required not later than 14 days prior to the expected date of vessel's arrival at loading port as stipulated in the sales agreements.

The ageing analysis of trade debtors and bills receivable based on the past due status as of the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Neither past due nor impaired	<u>60,028</u>	<u>25,260</u>

Based on past experience, management believes that no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of trade debtors and bills receivable as there has not been a significant change in credit quality and the balances are still considered fully recoverable. The outstanding trade debtors as at 31 March 2017 and 31 March 2016 were covered by letters of credit which has been accepted by the nominated bank subsequent to the end of the reporting period. No impairment loss was recognised by the Group at 31 March 2017 and 31 March 2016.

9 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Trade creditors	3,888	13,193
Other payables and accrued expenses	<u>1,274</u>	<u>1,043</u>
	<u>5,162</u>	<u>14,236</u>

All of the trade and other payables are expected to be settled or recognised as income within one year or are repayable on demand.

As of the end of the reporting period, the ageing analysis of trade creditors, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Within 1 month	<u>3,888</u>	<u>13,193</u>

10 DISCOUNTED BILLS WITH RECOURSE

Bills discounted with banks at an effective interest rate ranging from 1.88% to 2.25% (2016: 1.49% to 2.25%) per annum as at 31 March 2017 have maturity profiles of no more than 90 days.

11 EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There has been no material event after the end of the reporting period which requires disclosure in this announcement.

12 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 31 March 2017, the Group is involved in a legal claim relating to the disposal of certain former subsidiaries the operation of which were discontinued.

The Group ceased the operation of its footwear business in January 2013. Further, as disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 26 February 2014, the Company entered into a sale and purchase agreement ("the agreement") with Landway Investments Limited ("Landway"), a company wholly owned by a director of Brave Win Industries Limited ("Brave Win") to dispose of (i) 1 share of Brave Win, representing 0.0000033% of the total issued share capital of Brave Win; (ii) the 1,000 shares of China Compass Investments Limited ("China Compass"), representing the entire issued share capital of China Compass; and (iii) the unsecured and interest free shareholder's loan in the principal amount of approximately \$1,579,000 owed by China Compass to the Company, at a consideration of \$3,200,000 ("the Disposal"). The Disposal was completed on 10 April 2014. The directors reviewed the representations and warranties provided by the Company to Landway as set out in the agreement and based on the review and professional advice obtained, it was considered that there was no breach of any of the representations and warranties.

On 23 March 2016, Landway filed a claim against the Company, which alleged that a former director of the Company made certain misrepresentations in the Disposal and filed a claim of \$700,000 plus interest against the Company in the High Court of Hong Kong. The Company filed its defence on 24 May 2016 which denied the allegations made by Landway. On 7 September 2016, the Company issued a summons applying to strike out Landway's claim. The strike out application was unsuccessful as Landway amended its statement of claim on 13 March 2017 in response to the strike out application. The Company filed an amended defence on 28 April 2017 accordingly. As at the end of the reporting period, the legal process was still on-going, and no conclusion has been reached.

Based on the opinion from the Company's legal advisor, the legal proceedings are still at a very early stage. Whilst it is too early to assess the outcome of the litigation, the Company has been advised that the allegations made by Landway are vague and unparticularised, and therefore the Company will strenuously defend the claim. Based on latest available information, the directors of the Company are of the opinion that no provision in respect of the said claim is required to be made in these financial statements.

FINAL DIVIDEND

The Board did not recommend the payment of any final dividend for the year ended 31 March 2017 (2016: Nil).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is proposed that the annual general meeting (the "AGM") of the Company will be held on Monday, 18 September 2017. A notice convening the AGM will be published and despatched to the shareholders of the Company in the manner as required by the Listing Rules in due course.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 12 September 2017 to Monday, 18 September 2017, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares of the Company will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the AGM, all transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the branch share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 11 September 2017.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Group continued to operate its coal trading business during the year ended 31 March 2017.

The Group's revenue for the year ended 31 March 2017, which was solely generated from its coal trading business, increased to US\$254.36 million as compared with US\$42.64 million for the year ended 31 March 2016.

Profit before taxation for the year ended 31 March 2017 was US\$0.13 million, representing US\$0.98 million of profit from the coal trading business, in which US\$0.64 million was the reversal of the impairment loss on prepayments and other receivables recognised during the year ended 31 March 2017 which was credited to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 March 2017, and US\$0.85 million of corporate overhead expenses. In comparison, loss before taxation for the year ended 31 March 2016 was US\$13.40 million, representing US\$12.57 million of loss from the coal trading business, in which US\$11.70 million was impairment loss on prepayments and other receivables, and US\$0.83 million of corporate overhead expenses.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

During the year ended 31 March 2017, the performance of the coal trading business has improved significantly with revenue of US\$254.36 million, representing a year-on-year increase of 497% or US\$211.72 million. The Group sold thermal and coking coals originated from Indonesia, New Zealand and Australia to Mainland China, with a total volume of approximately 4.56 million metric tonnes ("MT") as compared to approximately 0.95 million MT in prior year.

Other income mainly represented the reversal of the impairment loss on prepayments and other receivables of US\$640,000 recognised during the year ended 31 March 2017 was credited to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Selling and administrative expenses primarily consisted of employee benefits costs as well as rental and corporate expenses which amounted to approximately US\$2.22 million for the current year (2016: US\$2.00 million). The increase was due to a reflection of growing of the Group's business operations.

Finance costs incurred during the year ended 31 March 2017 arose from the bills discounted as a result of the increase in trade volume.

The Group recorded profit before taxation of US\$0.13 million for the year ended 31 March 2017 as compared to loss before taxation of US\$13.40 million for the year ended 31 March 2016 mainly due to (i) the significant increase in revenue during the year as the Group continued to increase its coal trading activities as well as an improvement in an overall gross profit margin; (ii) the reversal of the impairment loss on prepayments and other receivables of US\$640,000 recognised during the year ended 31 March 2017 as explained above; and (iii) absence of the impairment loss on prepayments and other receivables of US\$11.70 million in the last reporting period.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

We continue our conservative positioning in managing the Group's working capital.

As at 31 March 2017, cash on hand and at banks for the Group amounted to approximately US\$12.23 million as compared to US\$9.05 million as at 31 March 2016. The increase in cash was primarily the result of the trade receipts during the year ended 31 March 2017.

As at 31 March 2017, the Group had no other borrowings except for the discounted bills with recourse amounting to US\$56.06 million as compared to US\$9.08 million as at 31 March 2016. The increase was due to all bills receivable discounted, with recourse, for matching the working capital requirement arising from the Group's trading activities had tenors of 90 days, which has not been matured nor settled by corresponding letters of credit as at 31 March 2017.

As at 31 March 2017, the gearing ratio, being net debt (total borrowings less cash on hand and at banks) to net assets attributable to owners of the Group was approximately 389% (31 March 2016: 0.33%).

The Group implements tight control on its credit and collection policies. As stipulated in the sale and purchase agreements for the coal trading business, irrevocable letters of credit, up to a tenor of 170 days (2016: 120 days) after the receipt of required documents by nominated banks, are usually required not later than 14 days prior to the expected date of vessels' arrival at loading port. So far, the Group has not experienced any bad debts from its coal trading business.

The Group generally relied on its internally generated cash flows and the existing trade facilities to finance its day to day operations. There is no present plan for material capital expenditures and we believe that the Group has adequate liquidity to meet its current and future working capital requirements.

MATERIAL ACQUISITION, DISPOSAL AND SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT

The Group did not have any material acquisition, disposal and significant investment during the year ended 31 March 2017.

RISK OF CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS

The Group's assets and liabilities as well as the income and expenses derived from the operation are mainly denominated in Hong Kong Dollars and United States Dollars (i.e. functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries).

There is no significant exposure to the fluctuation of foreign exchange rates, but the Group is closely monitoring the financial market and would consider appropriate measures if required. Currently, the Group has no hedging arrangement for foreign currencies and has not entered into any financial derivatives arrangement.

COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2017, the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are payable as follows:

	The Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Within 1 year	208	374
After 1 year but within 5 years	—	208
	<u>208</u>	<u>582</u>

The Group is the lessee in respect of its office premise held under operating lease from a fellow subsidiary. The lease runs for an initial period of three years with options to renew the lease when all terms are renegotiated. The lease does not include contingent rentals.

PROSPECT

Despite the Chinese economy confronted with various uncertainties and the global economy growth remained depressive over the past twelve months, the Group was still able to achieve a record in coal trading volume of 4.56 million MT for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Looking ahead, the market will remain challenging due to the forecasted decline in coal consumption from electricity and steel sectors with the oversupply from domestic and foreign producers. However, the Chinese government has indicated that they will continue to promote the supply-side structural reform of the coal industry and resolve the excess capacity of the coal industry. These factors not only will provide a favorable environment for the Group's coal trading activity in the upcoming year, but will also be beneficial to the stabilisation of coal prices in China.

In order to enable the Group to maintain marginal contribution and minimise an adverse impact of market price, the Group will continue to work closely with the top coal mines in Indonesia to secure supply of quality thermal coal at a competitive price. In addition, the Group will seize an upcoming development trend of coal industry to further explore new customers by allocating marketable types of coal according to differentiated requirements of customers.

The Group will continue to review its strategic directions with a view to enhance its future development without risking the profitability of the Company.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 31 March 2017, the Group had a total of 9 (2016: 9) full time employees in Hong Kong. The Group's emolument policy is to pay salaries and wages that are competitive in the industry in a way that will be motivational, fair and equitable, and that are dependent on individual and the Group's performance. Apart from salaries, the Group also provides other fringe benefits to employees, which include share option scheme, provident fund schemes, discretionary bonuses on performance basis and medical insurance.

The remuneration committee under the Board reviews the Group's emolument policy and structure of the Directors of the Group, having regards to the Group's operating results, individual performance and comparable market standards.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the year under review.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its code of conduct governing deals by all directors of the Company in the securities transactions of the Company. All members of the Board have confirmed that, following specific enquiries made by the Company, they have complied with the required standard as set out in the Model Code throughout the year ended 31 March 2017.

COMPLIANCE WITH CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Company has applied the principles of, and complied with the applicable code provisions (the “Code Provision(s)”) of the Corporate Governance Code (the “CG Code”) and Corporate Governance Report as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules throughout the year ended 31 March 2017 save for the deviation from Code Provision A.2.1 which stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. ZHENG Yong Sheng (“Mr. ZHENG”) is the chairman of the Board (the “Chairman”) and chief executive officer of the Company (the “Chief Executive Officer”). The Board considers that this structure will not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Company. The balance of power and authority is ensured by the operations of the Board, which comprises experienced and high calibre individuals and meets regularly to discuss issues affecting the operations of the Company. The Board believes that this structure is conducive to strong and consistent leadership, enabling the Group to make and implement decisions promptly and efficiently. The Board has full confidence in Mr. ZHENG and believes that his holding of the positions of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer is beneficial to the business development of the Group. The Board will nevertheless regularly review the effectiveness of this structure to ensure that such structure is appropriate in view of the Group’s prevailing circumstances.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company (the “Audit Committee”) under the Board comprises all the three independent non-executive directors of the Company, namely Mr. NGAN Hing Hon (Committee Chairman), Mr. YEUNG Kin Bond, Sydney and Mr. CHANG Jesse.

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management of the Company and KPMG, the Company’s auditors, the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal controls and financial reporting matters including the review of the final results of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2017.

SCOPE OF WORK OF KPMG

The financial figures in respect of the announcement of the Group’s results for the year ended 31 March 2017 have been compared by the Company’s auditor, KPMG, Certified Public Accountants, to the amounts set out in the Group’s draft consolidated financial statements for the year and the amounts were found to be in agreement. The work performed by KPMG in this respect did not constitute an audit, review or other assurance engagement in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and consequently no assurance has been expressed by the auditor.

PUBLICATION OF FINAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT

This results announcement is published on the websites of the Company at www.aresasia.com / www.irasia.com/listco/hk/aresasia and the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk. The annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2017 containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be despatched to shareholders of the Company and available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange in due course.

By Order of the Board
Ares Asia Limited
ZHENG Yong Sheng
Chairman

Hong Kong, 23 June 2017

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. ZHENG Yong Sheng (Chairman) and Mr. RAN Dong, and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. CHANG Jesse, Mr. NGAN Hing Hon and Mr. YEUNG Kin Bond, Sydney.