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## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**



In the first six months of 2021, the Company continued to operate with a hands-on approach and focused on consolidating costs at each of its subsidiaries. The positivity from last year's handling of COVID-19 by the Australian government led to a somewhat return to normal especially for the read-for-pleasure sector in the first quarter for the Company, this however was dampened by the onset of COVID-19 related restrictions coming into force in the second quarter as the Delta strain of COVID-19 arrived onshore.

Our revenue for the six months ended 30 June 2021 increased 40.8% compared to the prior period, finishing at approximately HK\$193.6 million. Direct operating costs also increased by 29.2% to approximately HK\$152.5 million as a result of increased consumption of materials and utilisation of direct labour.

Earnings before tax increased by approximately 35.5% as compared to the prior period to approximately HK\$16.8 million for the six months ended 30 June 2021, with the Australian Government's JobKeeper subsidy contributing approximately HK\$2.2 million in other income for the first quarter.

#### **PROSPECTS**

Looking to the second half of 2021, the management team holds conservative expectations on revenue given the uncertainty of ongoing COVID-19 related impacts on the domestic economy. Government mandated restrictions continue to impact the eastern states and given our manufacturing businesses have endured last year's COVID related impacts with flexibility and innovation, our businesses are prepared and confident we can continue to balance our operational need against changing demands and business conditions in the coming six months and continue to manage our frontline operations in a steady, hands-on approach.





#### Revenue

Revenue for the six months ended 30 June 2021 was approximately HK\$193.6 million, representing an increase of approximately 40.8% from the prior period (six months ended 30 June 2020: approximately HK\$137.5 million). More revenue for the six months ended 30 June 2021 was driven by a number of the Group's read-for-pleasure publishers increased their local printed books for quicker turnaround time and a new agreement entered into with a customer for read-for-pleasure books early this year. However, because of the depressed government spending and effect of COVID-19 related government restrictions, the printing demands from government agencies and quick turnaround time educational books were still weak.

## Gross profit and gross profit margin

Our gross profit raised by approximately HK\$21.7 million, or approximately 111.1% from approximately HK\$19.5 million for the six months ended 30 June 2020 to approximately HK\$41.2 million for the six months ended 30 June 2021. Gross profit margin enhanced by approximately 7.1% in comparison of the same period last year from 14.2% to 21.3%. Such increase was mainly due to the implementation of cost control measures since last year despite of the increase in sales in the current period.

#### Other income

Other income significantly decreased from approximately HK\$17.8 million for the six months ended 30 June 2020 to approximately HK\$3.9 million for the six months ended 30 June 2021. The reduction was mainly attributable to the completion of government subsidy from the lobKeeper Payment Scheme offered by the Australian Government since the first quarter this year. There was approximately HK\$12.5 million government subsidy received in the prior period while approximately HK\$2.2 million received in the current period.

#### Selling and distribution costs

Selling and distribution costs increased by approximately HK\$3.0 million or 28.6% from approximately HK\$10.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2020 to approximately HK\$13.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2021. The increase in selling and distribution expenses was greatly in line with the rebound of revenue during the period.

#### Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses slightly increased approximately HK\$0.4 million from approximately HK\$13.7 million for the six months ended 30 June 2020 to approximately HK\$14.1 million for the six months ended 30 June 2021, representing a period-on-period increase of approximately 2.6%. Administrative expenses are relatively stable as the Group's management has continuously focused on cost control measures since the outbreak of the pandemic.

#### Income tax expense

Income tax expense increased from approximately HK\$3.4 million (effective income tax rate: 27.0%) for the six months ended 30 June 2020 to approximately HK\$5.3 million (effective income tax rate: 31.5%) for the six months ended 30 June 2021. Such increase was consistent with the increase in taxable income during the period.

#### Net profit

During the period, the Group reported a net profit of approximately HK\$11.5 million (six months ended 30 June 2020: approximately HK\$9.1 million), which represented an increase of approximately HK\$2.5 million or 27.1%. The improvement of profitability of the Group was mainly due to the rebound of sales as well as the Group's management has continuously focused on mitigating the Group's operational risk, enhancing operational efficiency and reducing costs.

#### Liquidity and financial resources

As at 30 June 2021, the Group had net current assets of approximately HK\$236.5 million (31 December 2020: approximately HK\$236.8 million), among which, cash and bank balances, were approximately HK\$188.1 million in aggregate (31 December 2020: approximately HK\$174.8 million) which were denominated in Australian Dollars ("AUD"), US Dollars ("USD") and HK\$.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## FINANCIAL REVIEW – continued



## Liquidity and financial resources – continued

The Group's current ratio was approximately 5.0 times (31 December 2020: approximately 4.5 times). The only interest bearing liabilities were lease liabilities of approximately HK\$28.1 million (31 December 2020: approximately HK\$34.2 million) which were denominated in AUD. The Group's gearing ratio as at 30 June 2021 was approximately 9.8% (31 December 2020: approximately 11.6%), which is calculated on the basis of the Group's total interest-bearing debts over total equity. The decrease of the Group's interest-bearing liabilities, hence the gearing ratio, was mainly due to payment of lease liabilities during the period. Save as the aforesaid, the Group maintained net cash position and healthy current and gearing ratios, reflecting its healthy financial position.

The Group adopts centralised financing and treasury policies in order to ensure that Group funding is utilised efficiently. The Group also regularly monitors its liquidity requirements and its relationship with its bankers to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash and adequate committed lines of funding from major financial institutions to meet its liquidity requirements in both the short and long term.

#### Working capital management

The Group's capital employed includes share capital, reserves and lease liabilities. The Group's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain investors, creditors and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business. The impact of the level of capital on shareholders' return is also recognised and the Group acknowledges the need to maintain a balance between the higher returns that might be possible with greater gearing and the advantages and security afforded by a sound capital position. The Group is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

The allocation of capital between its specific business segments' operations and activities is, to a large extent, driven by optimisation of the return achieved on the capital allocated. The process of allocating capital to specific business segment operations and activities is undertaken independently of those responsible for the operation.

#### Foreign currency management

The Group is exposed to foreign currency risk on sales and purchases that are denominated in a currency other than the functional currencies. The currencies in which transactions primarily denominated are AUD, NZD, USD, European Union Euros, Great British Pound and HK\$. As at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, foreign exchange risks on financial assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies were insignificant to the Group.



## Foreign currency management – continued

Management evaluates the Group's foreign currency risk using cash flow forecasts with the objective of keeping its exposure to a minimum. The Group may in certain circumstances use forward exchange contracts to hedge its foreign currency risk. When used, the contracts would normally have maturities of less than one year at reporting date. The Group does not hold or issue financial instruments for trading purposes. However, derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting are accounted for as trading instruments.

#### Capital expenditure

During the period, the Group acquired property, plant and equipment at approximately HK\$1.0 million (30 June 2020: approximately HK\$0.7 million). The purchases during the period were financed by internal resources of the Group, including the Net Proceeds from the Share Offer (as defined in the paragraph headed "Use of proceeds" below).

## Material acquisitions and disposals

There were no material acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint venture in the course during the period of 2021 and 2020.

## Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

As at 30 June 2021, the Group had approximately HK\$0.1 million capital commitment contracted but not provided for in respect of the acquisition of property, plant and equipment (31 December 2020: HK\$0.7 million).

The Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities (31 December 2020: Nil).

#### Charge of assets

As at 30 June 2021, there was no pledged deposit (31 December 2020: Nill.

#### Use of proceeds

On 8 October 2018 (the "Listing Date"), the Company's issued shares were listed on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. A total of 105,000,000 shares with nominal value of HK\$0.01 each were issued to the public and placees at the final offer price of HK\$1.00 per share for total gross proceeds of HK\$105.0 million (the "Share Offer"). The total net proceeds raised from the Share Offer (the "Net Proceeds") were approximately HK\$66.5 million after the deduction of related listing expenses.

With reference to the Prospectus and in light of the difference between the actual amount of the Net Proceeds and estimated amount of the Net Proceeds as stated in the Prospectus (which was disclosed based on an offer price of HK\$1.05 per share, being the mid-point of the then indicative offer price range of HK\$1.00 to HK\$1.10 per share, net of the estimated listing expenses), the Group has adjusted the intended use of the actual amount of the Net Proceeds in the same manner and in the same proportion as disclosed in the Prospectus.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# FINANCIAL REVIEW – continued



Use of proceeds – continued Up to the date of this report, the amount of the Net Proceeds which has been utilised amounted to approximately HK\$45.2 million, including:

- approximately HK\$9.0 million has been utilised to purchase three digital printing presses, two binding machines and one pre-press machine to replace certain existing machines;
- approximately HK\$10.8 million has been utilised to purchase two binding machines to expand capacity;

- approximately HK\$16.0 million has been utilised for upgrading the ERP and IPALM system, of which approximately HK\$2.0 million and HK\$14.0 million was utilised to purchase equipment, such as server, and development and purchase of software, respectively;
- approximately HK\$2.7 million has been utilised for enhancing of the existing warehousing facilities; and
- approximately HK\$6.7 million has been utilised as general working capital of the Group.

Set out below are details of the original allocation of the Net Proceeds as disclosed in the Prospectus, the revised allocation based on the actual Net Proceeds (after the adjustment as mentioned above), the utilised and unutilised amount of the Net Proceeds as at the date of this report:

		Original allocation of Net Proceeds as disclosed in the Prospectus	Revised allocation based on the actual Net Proceeds	Amount utilised as at the date of this report	Unutilised Net Proceeds as at the date of this report
	Allocation	Approximate	Approximate	Approximate	Approximate
	percentage	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million
Purchasing machinery	57.2%	41.9	38.0	19.8	18.2
Upgrading ERP system and IPALM platform	24.1%	17.7	16.0	16.0	-
Expansion of the warehousing facilities					
and/or streamlining the printing facilities	8.7%	6.4	5.8	2.7	3.1
General working capital of the Group	10.0%	7.3	6.7	6.7	-
	100.0%	73.3	66.5	45.2	21.3

## FINANCIAL REVIEW – continued

## Use of proceeds – continued

During the six months ended 30 June 2021, the Group has incurred HK\$1.0 million on enhancing of its warehousing facilities and streamlining printing facilities to improve overall efficiency. The Group has adopted a conservative approach and tightened the cash flow as a result of the impact of COVID-19. Despite of the rebound in sales of read-for-pleasure books, the plan of purchase of the remaining digital printing press has been delayed in the view of the challenging economic conditions and the reduction of printing demand from various government agencies and quick turnaround time educational publishers.

To the practicable extent which is in the best interests of the Group, the Directors are in the progress of seeking the best use of the remaining Net Proceeds in accordance with the uses as stated in the Prospectus which would maximise shareholders' return. The Company will update the shareholders regarding the use of proceeds as and when appropriate in accordance to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules").

## Events subsequent to the end of financial period

The Company has no significant events after the reporting period and up to the date of this interim report.

The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of Left Field Printing Group Limited (the "Company") presents the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2021 together with the comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding period in 2020 as follows:

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2021

		(Unaudited) Six months ended	
	Notes	2021	2020
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue	3	193,644	137,495
Direct operating costs		(152,468)	(117,994)
Gross profit		41,176	19,501
Other income	5	3,897	17,788
Selling and distribution costs		(13,380)	(10,403)
Administrative expenses		(14,072)	(13,722)
Finance costs	4	(799)	(746)
Profit before income tax	6	16,822	12,418
Income tax expense	7	(5,299)	(3,350)
Profit for the period		11,523	9,068
Other comprehensive income			
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange loss on translation of financial statements of			
foreign operations		(5,986)	(9,779)
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax		(5,986)	(9,779)
Total comprehensive income for the period		5,537	(711)
Profit for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		11,523	9,068
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		5,537	(711)
Earnings per share for profit attributable to owners of the	<del></del>		
Company during the period	8	HK\$	HK\$
Basic and diluted		2.3 cents	1.8 cents



## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2021

		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
		At 30 June	At 31 December
		2021	2020
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	35,516	41,171
Right-of-use assets	10	26,542	32,670
Deferred tax assets		14,633	16,223
Deposits paid for acquisition of property,			
plant and equipment		1,644	681
		78,335	90,745
Current assets			
Inventories		42,830	45,358
Trade receivables	11	56,803	72,511
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	11	4,452	11,342
Current tax recoverable		2,878	_
Cash and cash equivalents		188,072	174,752
		295,035	303,963
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	28,250	33,670
Lease liabilities	13	9,248	11,693
Provisions		20,996	21,750
Current tax liabilities		-	37
		58,494	67,150
Net current assets		236,541	236,813
Total assets less current liabilities		314,876	327,558
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	13	18,861	22,470
Provisions		4,373	4,398
Deferred tax liabilities		6,013	5,638
		29,247	32,506
Net assets		285,629	295,052
EQUITY			
Share capital	14	4,987	4,987
Reserves		280,642	290,065
Total equity		285,629	295,052

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 June 2021

	Share		Contributed	Merger	Foreign currency translation	Proposed final	Retained	
	capital	premium	surplus	reserve	reserve	dividend	earnings	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2021 (Audited)	4,987	89,975	183,655	(42,177)	16,051	14,960	27,601	295,052
Profit for the period	-	_	_	_	-	_	11,523	11,523
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	_	_	-	(5,986)	_	-	(5,986)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	_	_	_	(5,986)	_	11,523	5,537
Transaction with owners in their capacity								
as owners								
Dividends (Note 17)	-	_	_	_	-	(14,960)	_	(14,960)
Total transaction with owners	_	_	-	_	-	(14,960)	_	(14,960)
Balance at 30 June 2021 (Unaudited)	4,987	89,975	183,655	(42,177)	10,065	_	39,124	285,629



	Share capital	Share premium	Contributed surplus	Merger reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Proposed final dividend	Retained earnings	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2020 (Audited)	5,069	93,207	183,655	(42,177)	(7,072)	25,345	14,503	272,530
Profit for the period	=	=	=	=	=	=	9,068	9,068
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	=	=	=	_	(9,779)	=	=	(9,779)
Total comprehensive income for the period	=	=	=		(9,779)	=	9,068	(711)
Transaction with owners in their capacity as owners								
Dividends (Note 17)	-	_	_	_	_	(25,345)	-	(25,345)
Total transaction with owners	-	_	_	_	_	(25,345)	-	(25,345)
Balance at 30 June 2020 (Unaudited)	5,069	93,207	183,655	(42,177)	(16,851)	_	23,571	246,474

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended 30 June 2021

		(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 June	
		2021	2020
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before income tax		16,822	12,418
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	9	5,882	4,982
Amortisation of right-of-use assets	10	5,988	5,327
Provision for/(reversal of) impairment of trade receivables		46	(27)
Reversal of impairment of inventories		(1,415)	(369)
Bad debts written-off		_	199
Finance costs		799	746
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	(23)
Net cash inflow generated from operating activities		28,122	23,253
Decrease in inventories		3,046	7,311
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables		22,412	(3,235)
Decrease in trade and other payables		(4,820)	(553)
Decrease in provisions		(249)	(1,175)
Cash generated from operations		48,511	25,601
Income taxes paid, net		(6,486)	(7,618)
Net cash generated from operating activities		42,025	17,983
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payment for purchase of property, plant and equipment		(978)	(741)
Deposits for acquisition of property, plant and equipment	t	(995)	(1,328)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	t	_	23
Decrease in pledged deposit		_	159
Net cash used in investing activities		(1,973)	(1,887)



		(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 June		
		2021	2020	
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Cash flows from financing activities				
Repayment of principal portion of lease liabilities		(5,881)	(5,000)	
Interest paid on lease liabilities	4	(799)	(722)	
Dividends paid	17	(14,960)	(25,345)	
Net cash used in financing activities		(21,640)	(31,067)	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalent	'S	18,412	(14,971)	
Net effect of exchange fluctuations		(5,092)	(6,626)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning				
of the period		174,752	163,370	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period		188,072	141,773	
Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents				
Bank balances and cash		188,072	141,773	

#### NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. General information

Left Field Printing Group Limited (the "Company") was incorporated as an exempted company with limited liability in Bermuda on 18 April 2018. The address of the Company's registered office is Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda. The principal place of business in Hong Kong is Level 11 East Wing, NEO, 123 Hoi Bun Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong. The principal place of business in Australia is 138 Bonds Road, Riverwood, NSW 2210, Australia. The Company's shares were listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "SEHK") on 8 October 2018.

As at 30 June 2021, the Company's ultimate holding company is Lion Rock Group Limited, which was incorporated in Bermuda and is also a listed company on the Main Board of the SEHK.

The Company is an investment holding company. The Company and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to as the "Group" hereafter. Major operations of the Group are carried out in Australia.

The functional currency of the Company is Australian Dollars ("AUD") and accordingly, the consolidated financial statements of the Group were presented in AUD in the prior years. Starting from 1 January 2020, the Group has changed its presentation currency for the preparation of its unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements from AUD to Hong Kong Dollars ("HK\$"). The Directors of the Company considered that the change of presentation currency to HK\$ enables the shareholders and potential investors of the Company to have a more accurate picture of the Group by aligning the Group's financial performance with its share price.

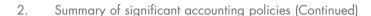
#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The Group's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 of The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by International Accounting Standard Board (the "IASB"). The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are unaudited but have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, unless otherwise stated.

The accounting policies used in preparing the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements are consistent with those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 except for the adoption of the new and revised International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") which collective term includes all applicable individual International Financial Reporting Standards and Interpretations approved by the IASB, and all applicable individual International Accounting Standards ("IASs") and Interpretations as originated by the Board of the International Accounting Standards Committee and adopted by the IASB and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance which are relevant to the operations of the Group and mandatory for annual period beginning 1 January 2021.



#### Basis of preparation (Continued)

The adoption of the new and revised IFRSs had no material impact on these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the current and prior accounting period.

The Group has not early adopted the new IFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective. The Directors of the Company are currently assessing the impact of the new or amended IFRSs upon initial application. So far, the Directors of the Company have preliminary concluded that the initial application of these IFRSs will not result in material financial impact on the Group's results of operations and financial position.

These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements contain condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to gain an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the 2020 annual financial statements. These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes do not include all of the information required for a complete set of financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRSs and should be read in conjunction with the 2020 consolidated financial statements.

#### 3. Segment information

Operating segments are presented using the "management approach", where the information presented is on the same basis as the internal reports provided to the chief operating decision maker (the "Chief Operating Decision Maker"). The Chief Operating Decision Maker is responsible for the allocation of resources to operating segments and assessing their performance, has been identified as the board of directors.

#### (a) Description of segments

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the Chief Operating Decision Maker as defined above that are used to make strategic decision.

These individuals review the business primarily from a product and service offering perspective and have identified one reportable segment, which is printing solutions and services.

The printing solutions and services division provides digital and offset printing, and other ancillary business services including digital asset management, content management, back catalogue fulfilment, direct to consumer distribution and warehousing, variable data and intelligent mailing.

The division has short run, medium and long run production capabilities and in-house finishing.

The printing solutions and services division also has a business services model that enables the efficient and seamless content creation to consumption for the Australian government, government departments and agencies. This includes webhosting, electronic fulfilment, printing on demand and digital asset management. These capabilities have been extended to the publishing sector as well.

#### NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued

#### 3. Segment information (Continued)

#### (b) Segment revenue

Revenue from external parties reported is measured in a manner consistent with that in the condensed consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income that are revenue from contracts with customer within the scope of IFRS 15 "Revenue from contracts with customers".

Revenue by geographic location is not used by the Chief Operating Decision Maker in reviewing the performance of the cash generating unit. The Directors of the Company considered the cost to develop it would be excessive.

#### (c) EBITDA as monitored by the directors and senior management

The Chief Operating Decision Maker assesses the performance of the operating segment based on a measure of EBITDA as monitored by the board of directors ("EBITDA"). This measure is consistent with the presentation of financial information internally for management accounts purpose.

A reconciliation of EBITDA to the profit before income tax per the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is as follows:

	(Unaudited)		
	Six months ended 30 June		
	<b>2021</b> 20		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
EBITDA on ordinary activities	29,317	20,073	
Depreciation and amortisation	(11,870)	(10,309)	
Net finance (cost)/income	(625)	2,654	
Profit before income tax	16,822	12,418	

#### (d) Segment assets and liabilities

The amounts provided to the Chief Operating Decision Maker with respect to total assets and total liabilities are not reported by operating segment. The Chief Operating Decision Maker does not receive information about the geographical locations of the segment assets and liabilities.



### (e) Segment information

	(Unaudited)			
	Printing solutions and services	Corporate*	Total	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Six months ended 30 June 2021				
Total external revenue	193,644	_	193,644	
Other income	5,332	87	5,419	
Operating expenses#	(165,991)	(3,755)	(169,746)	
EBITDA	32,985	(3,668)	29,317	
Depreciation and amortisation	(11,775)	(95)	(11,870)	
Net finance (cost)/income	(827)	202	(625)	
Profit before income tax	20,383	(3,561)	16,822	
Total consolidated segment results	20,383	(3,561)	16,822	

		(Unaudited)	
	Printing solutions		
	and services	Corporate*	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Six months ended 30 June 2020			
Total external revenue	137,495	=	137,495
Other income	14,696	347	15,043
Operating expenses#	(128,573)	(3,892)	(132,465)
EBITDA	23,618	(3,545)	20,073
Depreciation and amortisation	(10,230)	(79)	(10,309)
Net finance (cost)/income	(746)	3,400	2,654
Profit before income tax	12,642	(224)	12,418
Total consolidated segment results	12,642	(224)	12,418

<sup>\*</sup> Included in "Corporate" are the Group's activities in finance income and costs, staff costs and other corporate activities incurred under central corporate and treasury function which are not able to be allocated to printing solutions and services segment.

Included in "Operating expenses" are production expenses, staff costs and other administrative expenses incurred by the Group.

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

#### 4. Finance costs

		(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 June		
	2021	2020		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
Interest on lease liabilities	799	722		
Other interest expenses	-	24		
	799	746		

### 5. Other income

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	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Scrap recoveries	726	983
Reversal of impairment of trade receivables	_	27
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	23
Insurance refunds	554	716
Interest income	173	412
Government subsidies	2,234	12,526
Other	210	3,101
	3,897	17,788



#### 6. Profit before income tax

Profit before income tax has been arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	•	udited) nded 30 June
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Bad debts written-off	-	199
Reversal of impairment of inventories	(1,415)	(369)
Provision for/(reversal of) impairment of trade receivables	46	(27)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	(23)
Exchange gains, net	(91)	(3,065)
Cost of inventories recognised as expenses	62,137	45,757
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Note 9)	5,882	4,982
Amortisation of right-of-use assets (Note 10)	5,988	5,327
Employee benefits expense		
Salaries, wages and other staff costs	57,560	47,564
Superannuation	4,827	4,019

#### 7. Income tax expense

The amount of income tax expense charged/(credited) to the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income represents:

	(Unaudited)		
	Six months ended 30 June		
	2021 2020		
	HK\$'000 HK\$'000		
Current tax expense - Australia	3,519	2,110	
Deferred tax	1,780	1,286	
Over provision in prior year	_	(46)	
	5,299	3,350	

No Hong Kong profits tax has been provided as the Group had no assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the six months ended 30 June 2021 and 2020. The Group's subsidiaries in Australia are subject to domestic tax rate of 30% (2020: 30%) on the estimated assessable profits.

#### NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

### 8. Earnings per share

The calculation of the basic earnings per share is based on the following data:

	(Unaudited)		
	Six months ended 30 June		
	2021 202		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Earnings for the purposes of basic earnings per share			
for the period	11,523	9,068	
	Number of shares ('000)		

	Number of shares ('000)		
	2021 202		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of			
basic earnings per share	498,672	506,910	

No diluted earnings per share are presented as the Group has no dilutive potential ordinary shares during the period (2020: Nil).



## 9. Property, plant and equipment

			Office				
	Land and	Plant and	furniture and	Motor	Leasehold	Computer	
	buildings	equipment	equipment	vehicles	improvements	equipment	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 January 2021 (Audited)							
Cost	15,453	264,767	2,551	1,611	9,534	18,357	312,273
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(10,591)	(229,954)	(2,346)	(1,211)	(9,182)	(17,818)	(271,102)
Net book amount	4,862	34,813	205	400	352	539	41,171
Period ended 30 June 2021 (Unaudited)							
Opening net book amount	4,862	34,813	205	400	352	539	41,171
Additions	-	712	7	-	174	85	978
Depreciation	(388)	(5,149)	(48)	(61)	(78)	(158)	(5,882)
Exchange differences	(93)	(630)	(3)	(6)	(9)	(10)	(751)
Closing net book amount	4,381	29,746	161	333	439	456	35,516
At 30 June 2021 (Unaudited)							
Cost	15,137	259,882	2,505	1,578	9,510	17,953	306,565
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(10,756)	(230,136)	(2,344)	(1,245)	(9,071)	(17,497)	(271,049)
Net book amount	4,381	29,746	161	333	439	456	35,516

At 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, the Group's freehold land and buildings were situated in Australia.

#### NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

### 10. Right-of-use assets

	Leased properties	Plant and equipment	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 January 2021 (Audited)			
Carrying amount	30,959	1,711	32,670
At 30 June 2021 (Unaudited)			
Carrying amount	25,381	1,161	26,542
For the six months ended 30 June 2021 (Unaudited)			
Amortisation charge	5,462	526	5,988

## 11. Trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments

The Group generally allows a credit period from 30 to 90 days (2020: 30 to 90 days) to its trade customers. Ageing analysis of trade receivables, net of provision as at 30 June 2021, based on sales invoice date, is as follows:

	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	At 30 June	At 31 December
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0 – 30 days	33,825	29,603
31 - 60 days	14,881	22,558
61 – 90 days	6,897	12,404
91 – 120 days	912	7,343
121 - 150 days	281	564
Over 150 days	7	39
Total trade receivables	56,803	72,511
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	4,452	11,342
	61,255	83,853

As at 30 June 2021, a provision of HK\$105,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$55,000) was made against the gross amounts of trade receivables.



## 12. Trade and other payables

As at 30 June 2021, the ageing analysis of trade payables based on invoice date is as follows:

	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	At 30 June	At 31 December
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0 – 30 days	11,003	12,335
31— 60 days	1,211	1,282
61 – 90 days	50	83
91 – 120 days	24	10
Over 120 days	51	81
Total trade payables	12,339	13,791
Other payables and accruals	15,911	19,879
	28,250	33,670

#### 13. Lease liabilities

	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	At 30 June	At 31 December
	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current	9,248	11,693
Non-current	18,861	22,470
	28,109	34,163

### 14. Share capital

	No. of shares	Amount
		HK\$'000
Authorised:		
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	10,000,000,000	100,000
Issued and fully paid:		_
At 1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021	498,671,823	4,987

#### NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued

#### 15. Capital commitments

As at 30 June 2021, the Group had HK\$64,000 capital commitment contracted but not provided for in respect of the acquisition of property, plant and equipment (31 December 2020: HK\$732,000).

#### 16. Performance Bonds

As at 30 June 2021, the obligations of the Group under commercial agreements amounted HK\$585,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$587,000). There have been no claims from the agreements in both periods.

#### 17. Dividends and distribution

## (a) Dividends and distribution attributable to the previous financial year, approved and paid during the interim period:

	(Unaudited)		
	Six months ended 30 June		
	2021 2020		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December			
2020, approved and paid during the interim period of			
HK\$3 cents (2020: HK\$5 cents) per share	14,960	25,345	

#### (b) Dividends attributable to the interim period

	(Unaudited)		
	Six months ended 30 June		
	2021 202		
	HK\$'000 HK\$'0		
Interim dividends declared HK\$2 cents			
(2020: Nil) per share	9,973		

The amount of the interim dividend declared for the six months ended 30 June 2021, which will be payable in cash, has been calculated by reference to the 498,671,823 issued ordinary shares outstanding as at the date of this report. The interim dividend is not reflected as dividend payable in the condensed consolidated interim financial statements, but will be reflected as an appropriation of retained earnings for the year ending 31 December 2021.



#### 18. Related party transactions

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

	Relationship	Nature of	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 June	
Party	with the Group	transactions	2021	2020
			HK\$'000	HK\$'000
D.M.R.A. Property Pty Limited	Common Director	Rent and outgoings	2,130	1,793
Angrich Pty Ltd	Common Director	Consulting fees	586	241
1010 Printing International	Fellow Subsidiary	Outwork	1,584	_
Limited		Sales	49	_

#### (b) Compensation of key management personnel

The directors of the Company were considered to be key management personnel of the Group. The remuneration of key management personnel is determined by the remuneration committee having regard to the performance of individuals and market trends.

	(Unaudited)			
	Six months ended 30 June			
	2021 2020			
	HK\$'000 HK\$'00			
Short-term remuneration	1,313	1,145		
Post-employment benefit	31	66		
	1,344	1,211		

#### 19. Fair value measurement

#### Fair values of financial instruments carried at other than fair value

Trade and other receivables, trade and other payables and lease liabilities are carried at cost or amortised cost which are not materially different from their fair values as at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020.

## OTHER INFORMATION

#### CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES



In the opinion of the Board, the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report contained in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") throughout the six months ended 30 June 2021.

#### DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY



As at 30 June 2021, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations, within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO"), as recorded in the register maintained by the Company required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code"), were as follows:

#### (a) Long Position in the shares of the Company (the "Shares")

Name of Directors	Personal Interests	Trust Interests	Beneficiary of a Trust Interests	Corporate Interests	Total Interests	Percentage to the issued share capital of the Company
	(Shares)	(Shares)	(Shares)	(Shares)	(Shares)	(%)
Mr. Lau Chuk Kin (Note 1)	9,803,278	Nil	Nil	313,048,997	322,852,275	64.74
Mr. Richard Francis Celarc (Note 2)	Nil	7,533,039	5,955,780	11,523,168	25,011,987	5.01
Mr. Paul Antony Young (Note 3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	2,903,967	2,903,967	0.58

#### Notes:

1. Mr. Lau Chuk Kin ("Mr. Lau") is deemed to be interested in 322,852,275 shares through his personal interests and corporate interests. Of 313,048,997 corporate interests, 296,396,954 shares, 16,133,457 shares and 518,586 shares are beneficially owned through Bookbuilders BVI Limited ("Bookbuilders BVI"), City Apex Ltd. ("City Apex") and ER2 Holdings Limited ("ER2 Holdings"), respectively. Bookbuilders BVI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of 1010 Group Limited ("1010 Group") and 1010 Group is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lion Rock Group Limited ("Lion Rock"). Lion Rock is held directly by City Apex, ER2 Holdings and Mr. Lau as to 33.52%, 1.08% and 10.06% respectively. City Apex is owned as to 77.00% by ER2 Holdings. ER2 Holdings is owned as to 69.76% by Mr. Lau. By virtue of Part XV of the SFO, Mr. Lau is deemed to be interested in the said shares.



## DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY – continued



# (a) Long Position in the shares of the Company (the "Shares") – continued Notes: – continued

- 2. Mr. Richard Francis Celarc ("Mr. Celarc") is deemed to be interested in 25,011,987 Shares, which comprise (i) 33,117 Shares held by Navigator Australia Limited (as the custodian for the Richard Celarc Family Trust); (ii) 11,523,168 Shares held by D.M.R.A. Property Pty Limited, a company wholly-owned by Mr. Celarc; (iii) 7,533,039 Shares held by the Richard Celarc Family Trust by virtue of Mr. Celarc being the trustee; and (iv) 5,922,663 Shares held by Ligare Superannuation Nominees Pty Ltd as the trustee for Ligare Staff Superannuation Fund of which both Mr. Celarc and his wife are the only members of the superannuation fund.
- 3. Mr. Paul Antony Young ("Mr. Young") is deemed to be interest in 2,903,967 Shares through Clapsy Pty Ltd, a company owned as to 50.00% and 50.00% by Mr. Young and his wife Mrs. Lorraine Young.

#### (b) Long Position in the shares of Lion Rock

				Percentage to
				the issued
				share capital
Name of Director	Personal Interests	Corporate Interests	Total Interests	of Lion Rock
	(Shares)	(Shares)	(Shares)	(%)
Mr. Lau Chuk Kin (Note)	77,421,906	266,432,717	343,854,623	44.66

#### Note:

Of 266,432,717 shares of Lion Rock which Mr. Lau is deemed to be interested, 258,135,326 shares and 8,297,391 shares are beneficially owned by City Apex and ER2 Holdings respectively. As at 30 June 2021, ER2 Holdings was the ultimate holding company of City Apex. Mr. Lau owned 69.76% of the issued share capital of ER2 Holdings and accordingly, Mr. Lau is deemed to be interested in the said shares of Lion Rock pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

## OTHER INFORMATION





#### (c) Shares award of Lion Rock during the reporting period

	Number of shares					
	Granted Vested Cancelled/					
	Outstanding	during the	during the	lapsed during	Outstanding	
Name of Director	at 1.1.2021	period	period	the period	at 30.6.2021	
Mr. Lau Chuk Kin	200,000	_	_	_	200,000	
Mr. Richard Francis Celarc	200,000	_	_	_	200,000	
Ms. Tang Tsz Ying	1,288,000	_	_	_	1,288,000	

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2021, to the best knowledge of the Company, none of the Directors or chief executives of the Company had or was deemed to have any interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as recorded in the register required to be maintained under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

#### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS



As at 30 June 2021, the following persons, other than a Director or chief executive of the Company, had interests or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company, being 5% or more 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:

	Nature of interest				
	Beneficial	Interest in controlled	Total	Percentage to the issued share capital of the	
Name of shareholder	Owner	corporation	Interests	Company	
	(Shares)	(Shares)	(Shares)	(%)	
ER2 Holdings (Note)	518,586	312,530,411	313,048,997	62.78	
City Apex (Note)	16,133,457	296,396,954	312,530,411	62.67	
Lion Rock (Note)	Nil	296,396,954	296,396,954	59.44	
1010 Group (Note)	Nil	296,396,954	296,396,954	59.44	
Bookbuilders BVI (Note)	296,396,954	Nil	296,396,954	59.44	

#### Note:

Bookbuilders BVI is a wholly owned subsidiary of 1010 Group and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Lion Rock. Lion Rock was owned as to 33.52%, 1.08% and 10.06% by City Apex, ER2 Holdings and Mr. Lau, respectively. ER2 Holdings was the holding company of City Apex and deemed to be interested in the said Shares pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.



#### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS - continued



Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2021, the Company had not been notified of any other person (other than a Director or chief executive of the Company) who had an interest or short position in the Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company and was required to be recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO.

### SHARE OPTION SCHEME



The Company has no share option scheme as at the date of this interim report.

#### ARRANGEMENT TO PURCHASE SHARES OR DEBENTURES



At no time during the reporting period and at the end of the reporting period was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debt securities, including debentures, of the Company or any other body corporate, and none of the Directors, chief executives or their spouses or children under the age of 18, had any right to subscribe for the securities of the Company, or had exercised any such right.

#### PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES



During the six months ended 30 June 2021, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

#### MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS



The Company has adopted the Model Code as its own code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions. Having made specific enquiry to all the Directors, the Company was not aware of any non-compliance with the required standard set out in the Model Code regarding securities transactions by the directors throughout the six months ended 30 June 2021.

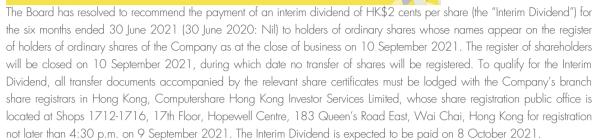
#### EMPLOYEES AND EMOLUMENT POLICY



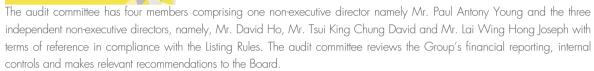
As at 30 June 2021, the Group had 260 full-time employees (30 June 2020: 281). The remuneration packages of the Group's employees are maintained at a competitive level and employees are rewarded on a performance-related basis within the general framework of the Group's salary, bonus and over-time payments system. Other employees' fringe and welfare benefits include retirement benefits, occupational injury insurance and other miscellaneous items.

## OTHER INFORMATION

#### INTERIM DIVIDEND AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS



## AUDIT COMMITTEE



The audit committee had met with the management to review the Company's interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2021 and had the opinion that such report was compiled with the applicable accounting standards and adequate disclosures had been made.

By Order of the Board Left Field Printing Group Limited Richard Francis Celarc Chairman

Hong Kong, 26 August 2021

## CORPORATE INFORMATION

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