

# **Ching Lee Holdings Limited** 正利控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

Stock Code: 3728



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# **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Executive Directors: Mr. Ng Choi Wah (*Chairman*) Mr. Lui Yiu Wing Mr. Lam Ka Fai

# Independent non-executive

Directors:

Dr. Wai Wing Hong Onyx Mr. Tong Hin Sum Paul Mr. Chau Kam Wing Donald

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Chau Kam Wing Donald *(Chairman)* Dr. Wai Wing Hong Onyx Mr. Tong Hin Sum Paul

## REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Wai Wing Hong Onyx (*Chairman*) Mr. Ng Choi Wah Mr. Chau Kam Wing Donald

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Ng Choi Wah (*Chairman*) Dr. Wai Wing Hong Onyx Mr. Tong Hin Sum Paul

## COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Tsui Wing Tak (Certified Public Accountants)

# AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Ng Choi Wah Mr. Lui Yiu Wing

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# **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

# PRINCIPAL BANKERS

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**STOCK CODE** 3728

# **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the board of directors (the "Board") of Ching Lee Holdings Limited (our "Company", together with our subsidiaries, our "Group"), I have the pleasure to present to you the unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 September 2023.

## **OVERVIEW**

The total revenue of the Group increased by approximately HK\$193.5 million or 77.0% from approximately HK\$251.5 million for the six months ended 30 September 2022 to approximately HK\$445.0 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023. In general, the increase in revenue was mainly due to a significant increase in superstructure building works services. Basic earnings per share for the six months ended 30 September 2023 was HK0.34 cents as compared with HK0.15 cents per share for the six months ended 30 September 2022.

## FORWARD

Looking ahead, we are confident with the economic outlook and the prospects of the construction industry in Hong Kong under economic recovery and the development of Greater Bay Area. And expects the construction manpower improvement due to the labour importation policies implementation.

The Group continues focus on its core business in providing (i) substructure building works services, (ii) superstructure building works services, and (iii) repair, maintenance, alteration and addition for an existing structure ("RMAA") works services as a main contractor in the private sector in Hong Kong and looking for any opportunities in public sector in Hong Kong; and at the same time, our management team will explore new opportunities as well as new merger and acquisition targets that will benefit the shareholders.

# **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

# **APPRECIATION**

On behalf of the Board, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all our customers, shareholders and business partners for their continuous care and support. I would also like to thank all of our employees for their commitment and loyalty they have shown throughout the years.

By Order of the Board **Ng Choi Wah** *Chairman* 

Hong Kong, 27 November 2023

# **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Group recorded a revenue amounted to approximately HK\$445.0 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023, representing an increase of approximately 77.0% or HK\$193.5 million as compared with the six months ended 30 September 2022.
- The Group recognized net profit of approximately HK\$3.4 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023, representing an increase of approximately HK\$1.9 million or 126.2% as compared with the six months ended 30 September 2022.
- The basic and diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30 September 2023 is HK0.34 cents, as compared with the corresponding period in 2022 of HK0.15 cents.
- The board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2023 (six months ended 30 September 2022: nil).

# **INTERIM RESULTS**

The Board of the Company is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated financial results of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2023 together with the unaudited comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2022, as follows:

# UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

|  | Six months ended<br>30 September |                                 |                                 |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|  | Notes                            | 2023<br>HK\$'000<br>(Unaudited) | 2022<br>HK\$'000<br>(Unaudited) |
| Revenue<br>Cost of revenue   | 3                                | 444,981<br>(410,029)            | 251,502<br>(227,626)            |
| Gross profit   |                                  | 34,952                          | 23,876                          |
| Other income and gains or losses, net<br>Administrative and other operating expenses<br>Expected credit loss on financial and<br>contract assets | 4                                | 1,898<br>(27,459)<br>–          | 2,619<br>(23,960)<br>(44)       |
| Finance costs<br>Share of results of an associate  |                                  | (5,272)<br>217                  | (1,651)<br>701                  |
| Profit before income tax<br>Income tax   | 5                                | 4,336<br>(914)                  | 1,541<br>(28)                   |
| Profit and total comprehensive income for the period   |                                  | 3,422                           | 1,513                           |
| Earnings per share<br>— Basic (HK Cents)<br>— Diluted (HK Cents)   | 7                                | 0.34<br>0.34                    | 0.15<br>0.15                    |

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

|  | As at |              |           |
|--|-------|--------------|-----------|
|  |       | 30 September | 31 March  |
|  |       | 2023         | 2023      |
| Ne                                     | otes  | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000  |
|  |       | (Unaudited)  | (Audited) |
| Non-current assets                     |       |              |           |
| Property, plant and equipment          |       | 32,746       | 34,356    |
| Intangible asset                       |       | 790          | 790       |
| Interest in an associate               |       | 14,421       | 14,204    |
| Financial asset at fair value through  |       |              |           |
| profit or loss                         |       | 26,403       | 26,403    |
| Rental deposits                        |       | 262          | 262       |
| Deferred tax assets                    |       | 279          | 279       |
| Total non-current assets               |       | 74,901       | 76,294    |
| Current assets                         |       |              |           |
| Trade and other receivables            | 8     | 74,689       | 94,334    |
| Contract assets                        |       | 343,051      | 323,011   |
| Amount due from an associate           |       | 6,554        | 6,404     |
| Financial assets at fair value through |       |              |           |
| profit or loss                         |       | 368          | 368       |
| Pledged bank deposit                   |       | 25,000       | 25,000    |
| Bank balances and cash                 |       | 37,672       | 57,000    |
| Total current assets                   |       | 487,334      | 506,117   |
| Current liabilities                    |       |              |           |
| Trade and other payables               | 9     | 264,897      | 313,760   |
| Contract liabilities                   |       | 17,462       | 11,676    |
| Lease liabilities                      |       | 1,379        | 1,731     |
| Bank borrowings, secured               |       | 156,389      | 136,834   |
| Provision of taxation                  |       | 1,044        | 130       |
| Total current liabilities              |       | 441,171      | 464,131   |
| Net current assets                     |       | 46,163       | 41,986    |
| Total assets less current liabilities  |       | 121,064      | 118,280   |

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

|                               | As at        |           |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
|                               | 30 September | 31 March  |
|                               | 2023         | 2023      |
|                               | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000  |
|                               | (Unaudited)  | (Audited) |
| Non-current liabilities       |              |           |
| Deferred tax liability        | 28           | -         |
| Lease liabilities             | 1,060        | 1,726     |
| Total non-current liabilities | 1,088        | 1,726     |
| Net assets                    | 119,976      | 116,554   |
| Capital and reserves          |              |           |
| Share capital                 | 10,130       | 10,130    |
| Reserves                      | 109,846      | 106,424   |
| Total equity                  | 119,976      | 116,554   |



# UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

|  | Share<br>Capital<br>HK\$'000 | Share<br>premium<br>HK\$'000 | Merger<br>reserve<br>HK\$'000 | Share<br>option<br>reserve<br>HK\$'000 | Retained<br>profits<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| At 1 April 2023 (audited)<br>Profit and total comprehensive<br>income for the period | 10,130                       | 78,435                       | (28,965)                      | 5,060                                  | 51,894<br>3,422                 | 116,554<br>3,422  |
| At 30 September 2023 (unaudited)   | 10,130                       | 78,435                       | (28,965)                      | 5,060                                  | 55,316                          | 119,976           |
| At 1 April 2022 (audited)<br>Profit and total comprehensive                          | 10,130                       | 78,435                       | (28,965)                      | 5,060                                  | 40,076                          | 104,736           |
| income for the period  | -                            | -                            | -                             | -                                      | 1,513                           | 1,513             |
| At 30 September 2022 (unaudited)   | 10,130                       | 78,435                       | (28,965)                      | 5,060                                  | 41,589                          | 106,249           |

# UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

|  | Six months ended<br>30 September |                                 |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|  | 2023<br>HK\$'000<br>(Unaudited)  | 2022<br>HK\$'000<br>(Unaudited) |
| Net cash used in operating activities                | (32,537)                         | (54,474)                        |
| Net cash used in investing activities                | (56)                             | (20,990)                        |
| Net cash generated from financing activities         | 13,265                           | 75,215                          |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents            | (19,328)                         | (249)                           |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 57,000                           | 27,254                          |
| Cash and cash equivalents at ending of the period    | 37,672                           | 27,005                          |

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## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Ching Lee Holdings Limited (the "Company") is a limited liability company incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 16 November 2015. Its shares are listed on Main Board of the Stock Exchange.

The principal activities of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "**Group**") are provision of construction and consultancy works and project management services in Hong Kong.

The directors of the Company consider the Company's ultimate parent is JT Glory Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands.

### 2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The interim condensed consolidation financial information for the six months ended 30 September 2023 is unaudited and has been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKAS") 34 Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"). The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial information does not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual consolidated financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial information has been prepared under the historical cost convention and is presented in Hong Kong dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise indicated.

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## 2.2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND DISCLOSURES

In the current period, the Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA for the first time for the current period's financial information.

| Amendments to HKAS 1 and   | Disclosure of Accounting Policies   |
|----------------------------|---|
| HKFRS Practice Statement 2 |   |
| Amendments to HKAS 8       | Definition of Accounting Estimates  |
| Amendments to HKAS 12      | Deferred Tax Related to Assets and Liabilities<br>arising from a Single Transaction |
| HKFRS 17                   | Insurance Contracts and the related Amendments                                      |

The adoption of these amendments to HKFRSs has had no significant financial effect on the unaudited condensed interim financial statements of the Group.

## 3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Revenue represents the fair value of amounts received and receivable for services rendered by the Group to outside customers, less discount.

Specifically, the Group's reportable and operating segments under HKFRS 8 are as follows:

- (i) Substructure building works services demolition and hoarding, site formation and foundation works
- (ii) Superstructure building works services development and redevelopment of educational, residential, and commercial buildings
- (iii) RMAA works services improvement, fitting-out works, renovation works, restoration works and external works

|   | Six months ended<br>30 September |                                 |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|   | 2023<br>HK\$'000<br>(Unaudited)  | 2022<br>HK\$'000<br>(Unaudited) |
| Substructure building works services<br>Superstructure building works services<br>RMAA works services | 1,096<br>435,111<br>8,774        | 5,112<br>224,619<br>21,771      |
|   | 444,981                          | 251,502                         |

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# 4. OTHER INCOME AND GAINS OR LOSSES, NET

|   | Six months ended<br>30 September                        |                   |
|---|---|-------------------|
|   | 2023 2023   HK\$'000 HK\$'000   (Unaudited) (Unaudited) |                   |
| Bank interest income<br>HKSAR Government wage subsidies<br>Miscellaneous Income <sup>Note</sup> | 369<br>123<br>1,406                                     | 2<br>2,019<br>598 |
|   | 1,898   | 2,619             |

Note: Miscellaneous Income mainly included the subsidies from an industry association in relation to provision of Construction Works of approximately HK\$0.8 million (for the six months ended 30 September 2022: HK\$0.2 million).

# 5. INCOME TAX

|                      | Six months ended<br>30 September |             |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
|                      | <b>2023</b> 2022                 |             |
|                      | HK\$'000 HK\$'00                 |             |
|                      | (Unaudited)                      | (Unaudited) |
| Current tax          |                                  |             |
| Hong Kong profit tax | 914                              | -           |
| Deferred tax         | -                                | 28          |
|                      | 914                              | 28          |

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits of qualifying corporations will be taxed at 8.25%, and assessable profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%. The assessable profits of corporations not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

For the six months ended 30 September 2023, Hong Kong Profit Tax is calculated in accordance with the two-tiered profits tax rates regime for the qualifying corporation and the remaining corporations are calculated at a flat rate of 16.5%.

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### 6. DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2023 (six months ended 30 September 2022: nil).

## 7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings per share attribute to the owners of the company is based on the following data:

|  | Six months ended<br>30 September |                                 |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|  | 2023<br>HK\$'000<br>(Unaudited)  | 2022<br>HK\$'000<br>(Unaudited) |
| Earnings   |                                  |                                 |
| Earnings for the purpose of basic earnings per<br>share (Profit for the period attributable to |                                  |                                 |
| owners of the Company)   | 3,422                            | 1,513                           |
| Number of shares   |                                  |                                 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary  |                                  |                                 |
| shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share   | 1,013,000,000                    | 1,013,000,000                   |

Diluted earnings per share amount was the same as basic earnings per share amount as there were no potential dilutive ordinary shares outstanding for the six months ended 30 September 2022 and 2023.

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# 8. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

|  | As at        |           |
|--|--------------|-----------|
|  | 30 September | 31 March  |
|  | 2023         | 2023      |
|  | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000  |
|  | (Unaudited)  | (Audited) |
| Trade receivables                              | 40,052       | 64,775    |
| Deposits, prepayments and other receivables    | 35,196       | 34,545    |
| Less: Expected credit loss                     | (297)        | (4,724)   |
|  | 74,951       | 94,596    |
| Less: Rental deposits under non-current assets | (262)        | (262)     |
|  | 74,689       | 94,334    |

The ageing analysis of trade receivables, based on invoice date, as at the end of reporting period is as follows:

|                | As at        |           |  |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|--|
|                | 30 September | 31 March  |  |
|                | 2023         | 2023      |  |
|                | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000  |  |
|                | (Unaudited)  | (Audited) |  |
| Within 30 days | 39,864       | 38,921    |  |
| 31–60 days     | -            | 25,854    |  |
| 61–90 days     | -            | -         |  |
| Over 90 days   | 188          | -         |  |
|                | 40,052       | 64,775    |  |

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## 9. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

|  | As at        |           |  |
|--|--------------|-----------|--|
|  | 30 September | 31 March  |  |
|  | 2023         | 2023      |  |
|  | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000  |  |
|  | (Unaudited)  | (Audited) |  |
| Trade payables                                 | 191,671      | 243,897   |  |
| Retention payables                             | 60,253       | 55,102    |  |
| Other payables, accruals and deposits received | 12,973       | 14,761    |  |
|  | 264,897      | 313,760   |  |

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

|                | As at        |          |           |
|----------------|--------------|----------|-----------|
|                | 30 September | 31 March |           |
|                | 2023         |          | 2023      |
|                | HK\$'000     |          | HK\$'000  |
|                | (Unaudited)  |          | (Audited) |
| Within 30 days | 170,595      |          | 150,759   |
| 31–60 days     | 11,771       |          | 49,031    |
| 61–90 days     | 4,490        |          | 24,651    |
| Over 90 days   | 4,815        |          | 19,456    |
|                | 191,671      |          | 243,897   |

As at 30 September 2023, retention payables of HK\$13,780,000 (31 March 2023: HK\$28,215,000) were expected to be settled beyond twelve months after the end of the reporting period.

## **BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECT**

The Group is a main contractor in Hong Kong principally engaged in providing (i) substructure building works services; (ii) superstructure building works services; and (iii) RMAA works services.

In general, substructure and superstructure building work refer to building works in relation to the parts of the structure below or above the ground level respectively, while RMAA works are for existing structures. The scope of our substructure building works projects consisted of demolition and hoarding, site formation and foundation works. The scope of our superstructure building works projects consisted of development and redevelopment of educational, residential, and commercial buildings, the scope of our RMAA works consisted of improvement, fitting-out works, renovation works, restoration works and external works.

### **OVERVIEW**

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## FORWARD

Looking ahead, we are confident with the economic outlook and the prospects of the construction industry in Hong Kong under economic recovery and the development of Greater Bay Area. And expects the construction manpower improvement due to the labour importation policies implementation.

The Group continues focus on its core business in providing (i) substructure building works services, (ii) superstructure building works services, and (iii) RMAA works services as a main contractor in the private sector in Hong Kong and looking for any opportunities in public sector in Hong Kong; and at the same time, our management team will explore new opportunities as well as new merger and acquisition targets that will benefit the shareholders.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Revenue

The Group's revenue for the six months ended 30 September 2023 recorded at approximately HK\$445.0 million which represented an increase of approximately HK\$193.5 million or 77.0% from approximately HK\$251.5 million for the six months ended 30 September 2022. The increase in total revenue was mainly due to an increase in superstructure building works services of approximately HK\$210.5 million offset by the decrease in RMAA works services of approximately HK\$13.0 million and substructure building works services of approximately HK\$13.0 million and substructure building works services of approximately HK\$10.0 million.

#### Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin

Our gross profit increased by approximately HK\$11.1 million or 46.4% from approximately HK\$23.9 million for the six months ended 30 September 2022 to approximately HK\$35.0 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023. Our overall gross profit margin for the six months ended 30 September 2023 decreased to 7.9% as compared to 9.5% for the six months ended 30 September 2022. The increase in gross profit was mainly due to an increase in the number of projects compared to the six months ended 30 September 2022. However, as the project progresses, the gross profit margin was diluted due to the nominated subcontracted cost and expenses were incurred.

#### Other Income and Gains or Losses, net

Other income and gains or loss, net decreased by approximately HK\$0.7 million or 27.5% from approximately HK\$2.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2022 to approximately HK\$1.9 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease in HKSAR Government wage subsidies of approximately HK\$1.9 million.

#### Administrative and Other Operating Expenses

Administrative and other operating expenses mainly consist of employee benefit expense (including salaries, allowances, other benefits and contribution to defined contribution retirement plan), legal & professional fee, business development costs, donations, depreciation, and others. The administrative and other operating expenses increased by approximately HK\$3.5 million or 14.6% from approximately HK\$24.0 million for the six months ended 30 September 2022 to approximately HK\$27.5 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023. The increase was mainly due to the increase in salaries (including Directors remuneration) of approximately HK\$3.5 million.

#### **Finance Costs**

Finance costs mainly represent the interest on bank borrowings. Finance costs increased by HK\$3.6 million or 219.3% from approximately HK\$1.7 million for the six months ended 30 September 2022 to approximately HK\$5.3 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023, mainly due to increase in bank borrowings and interest rate.

#### **Income Tax Expenses**

Income tax expenses of the Group increased by HK\$0.9 million from approximately HK\$28,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2022 to approximately HK\$0.9 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023.

## PROFIT AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE OWNERS OF THE COMPANY

Net profit of the Group increased by approximately HK\$1.9 million or 126.2% from approximately HK\$1.5 million for the six months ended 30 September 2022 to approximately HK\$3.4 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023.

The increase was mainly due to the revenue growth as more new projects were engaged and effective cost control compared to the six months ended 30 September 2022, net off by the increase in administrative and other operating expenses and finance costs for the six months ended 30 September 2023.

## LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As at 30 September 2023, the Group had total assets of approximately HK\$562.2 million, which is financed by total liabilities and shareholders' equity of approximately HK\$442.3 million and HK\$120.0 million, respectively. The Group's current ratio at 30 September 2023 relatively stable at approximately 1.1 as compared to 31 March 2023.

### **GEARING RATIO**

The gearing ratio of the Group as at 30 September 2023 was approximately 132.4% (31 March 2023: approximately 120.4%), which is calculated based on the Group's total interest-bearing debt (bank borrowings and lease liabilities) of approximately HK\$158.8 million (31 March 2023: HK\$140.3 million) and the Group's total equity of approximately HK\$120.0 million (31 March 2023: HK\$116.6 million).

## TREASURY POLICY

The Group has adopted a prudent financial management approach towards its treasury policies and thus maintained a healthy liquidity position throughout the six months. Interest for the current bank borrowings were mainly on floating rate basis and the bank borrowings were denominated in Hong Kong dollars, hence, there is no significant exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

## CHARGES ON GROUP ASSETS

Assets with a carrying value of approximately HK\$89.9 million (31 March 2023: HK\$91.2 million) were pledged as securities for the Group's banking facilities.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

The Group was not exposed to foreign exchange risk during the six months ended 30 September 2023.

## CAPITAL STRUCTURE

As at 30 September 2023, the Company's issued share capital was HK\$10,130,000 and the number of its issued ordinary shares was 1,013,000,000 of HK\$0.01 each.

### COMMITMENTS

At the end of the reporting periods, there were no significant capital commitments for the Group.

# FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS AND CAPITAL ASSETS

As at 30 September 2023, the Group did not have other plans for material investments or capital assets.

## MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES

During six months ended 30 September 2023, there was no significant investment, material acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and associated companies by the Company.

### **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

As at 30 September 2023, the Group did not have any material contingent liabilities (31 March 2023: nil).

## **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES**

As at 30 September 2023, the Group employed a total of 147 employees (31 March 2023: 143 employees). The staff costs of our Group (including salaries, allowances, other benefits and contribution retirement plan) for the six months ended 30 September 2023 were approximately HK\$44.5 million (For the six months ended 30 September 2022: approximately HK\$24.6 million).

The remuneration package for our employees generally includes salary and bonuses. Our employees also receive welfare benefits, including exam leave, retirement benefits, occupational injury insurance, medical insurance and other miscellaneous items. We conduct annual review of the performance of our employees for determining the level of bonus, salary adjustment and promotion of our employees. Our executive Directors will also conduct research on the remuneration packages offered for similar positions in the Hong Kong construction main contracting industry in order to keep our remuneration packages at a competitive level. We have also adopted the Share Option Scheme which is designed to provide incentives and rewards to our employees.

# SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS HELD

The Group did not hold any significant investments during the six months ended 30 September 2023.

# EVENTS AFTER REPORTING PERIOD

There were no materials events after the reporting period.

## DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

# A. Directors' and Chief executives' interest and short position in shares, underlying shares and debentures

As at 30 September 2023, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) which were notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or which were otherwise required, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as contained in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules (the "Model Code"), are set out below:

| Number of<br>ordinary<br>shares held | Interests in<br>Share Option<br>(Note 2)           | Total   | Approximate<br>percentage of<br>shareholding<br>interests in<br>our Company<br>(%)<br>(Note 3)   |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|
|                                      |  |   |  |
| 725,480,000                          | 10,000,000   | 735,480,000   | 72.60%   |
| (Note 1)                             |  |   |  |
| 900,000                              | 3,000,000  | 3,900,000   | 0.38%  |
| -                                    | 3,000,000  | 3,000,000   | 0.30%  |
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| -                                    | 1,000,000  | 1,000,000   | 0.10%  |
| -                                    | 1,000,000  | 1,000,000   | 0.10%  |
| -                                    | 1,000,000  | 1,000,000   | 0.10%  |
|                                      |  |   |  |
|                                      |  |   |  |
| -                                    | 6,000,000  | 6,000,000   | 0.59%  |
|                                      | ordinary<br>shares held<br>725,480,000<br>(Note 1) | ordinary<br>shares held Share Option<br>(Note 2)   725,480,000<br>(Note 1) 10,000,000   900,000 3,000,000   - 3,000,000   - 1,000,000   - 1,000,000   - 1,000,000   - 1,000,000   - 1,000,000   - 1,000,000 | ordinary Share Option<br>(Note 2) Total   725,480,000 10,000,000 735,480,000<br>(Note 1)   900,000 3,000,000 3,900,000   - 3,000,000 3,000,000   rectors - 1,000,000   - 1,000,000 1,000,000   - 1,000,000 1,000,000   - 1,000,000 1,000,000 |

#### Long Positions in shares of the Company or any of its associated corporation

- Note 1 645,000,000 Shares are registered in the name of JT Glory Limited, the entire issued share capital of which is legally and beneficially owned by Mr. Ng. Under the SFO, Mr. Ng is deemed to be interested in all Shares held by JT Glory Limited. Another 80,480,000 shares are owned by Mr. Ng through the Bank directly.
- Note 2 These represent the interests of share options granted to the Directors under the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 21 November 2017 to subscribe for shares.
- Note 3 These percentages were compiled based on the total number of issued shares (i.e. 1,013,000,000) as at 30 September 2023.

#### Short positions in shares of the Company or any of its associated corporation

As at 30 September 2023, there is no short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of SFO).

# B. Substantial Shareholders' and Other Persons' interests and short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company

So far as the Directors are aware, as at 30 September 2023, other than the director and chief executive of the Company, the following persons/entities have an interest or a short position in the shares or the underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register of the Company required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO:

| Name                      | Capacity/<br>Nature of interest      | Number of<br>Ordinary<br>Shares held | Interests in<br>share option<br>(Note 3) | Approximate<br>percentage of<br>shareholding<br>interests in<br>our Company<br>(Note 4) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Mr. Ng                    | Interest in a controlled corporation | 645,000,000                          | -  | 63.67%  |
|                           | Beneficial owner                     | 80,480,000                           | 10,000,000                               | 8.93%   |
| JT Glory Limited          | Beneficial owner                     | 645,000,000                          | -  | 63.67%  |
|                           |                                      | (Note 1)                             |  |   |
| Ms. Cheung Yuk Sheung     | Interest of spouse                   | 645,000,000                          |  | 63.67%  |
| ("Ms. Cheung "uk Sheung") | interest of spouse                   | (Note 2)                             | -  | 03.07 /0  |
|                           | Beneficial owner                     | -                                    | 2,500,000                                | 0.25%   |

#### Long Position in shares of the Company

- Note 1 JT Glory Limited is wholly-owned by Mr. Ng. Under the SFO, Mr. Ng is deemed to be interested in all the Shares held by JT Glory Limited.
- Note 2 Ms. Cheung is the spouse of Mr. Ng. Under the SFO, Ms. Cheung is deemed to be interested in all the Shares held by Mr. Ng.
- Note 3 These represent the interests of share options granted to the Directors under the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 21 November 2017 to subscribe for shares.
- Note 4 These percentages were compiled based on the total number of issued shares (i.e. 1,013,000,000) as at 30 September 2023.

#### Short positions in shares of the Company

As at 30 September 2023, there is no short positions of every person, other than a director and chief executive of the Company, in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO.

### COMPETING BUSINESS AND CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

The Director are not aware of any business or interest of the Directors nor the controlling shareholders of the Company nor any of their respective associate (as defined in the Listing Rules) that compete or may compete with the business of the Group and any other conflicts of interest which any such person has or may have with the Group during the six months ended 30 September 2023.

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

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 September 2023.

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICE**

Pursuant to the code provision C.2.1 of Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report (the "Code"), the roles of Chairman and CEO should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The division of responsibilities between the chairman and chief executive should be clearly established.

Mr. Ng currently assumes the role of both chairman and chief executive of the Company. In view that Mr. Ng has been assuming day-to-day responsibilities in operating and managing our Group since 1998 and the rapid development of our Group, the Board believes that with the support of Mr. Ng's extensive experience and knowledge in the business of the Group, vesting the roles of both Chairman and chief executive officer of our Company in Mr. Ng strengthens the solid and consistent leadership and thereby allows for efficient business planning and decision which is in the best interest to our Group. Mr. Ng delegates the role and responsibilities including operations, management, business development and strategy planning of the Group to other Executive Directors. The Board will review the need of appointing suitable candidate to assume the role of chief executive when necessary.

In the opinion of the Board, the Company has complied with the principles and code provisions in the Code as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules with the exception for code provision C.2.1 as disclosed above for the six months ended 30 September 2023.

# **RESULTS AND DIVIDEND**

The Group's results for the six months ended 30 September 2023 and the state of affairs of the Company and the Group at that date are set out in the financial statements on pages 7 to 11.

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2023.

## SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company adopted a share option scheme on 10 March 2016. On 21 November 2017, the Group announced the granting of a total of 32,500,000 share options to selected employees and directors under the Share Option Scheme. The exercise price of the granted options is HK\$0.40 per share. No share options were exercised or forfeited during the six months 30 September 2023.

#### (A) Purpose of the share option scheme

The purpose of the Share Option Scheme enables our Company to grant Options to the Eligible Persons as incentives or rewards for their contributions to our Group.

#### (B) Participants

The Board may, at its discretion, invite any Eligible Persons to take up Options.

# (C) Total number of shares available for issue under the share option scheme

The maximum number of Shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Share Option Scheme shall not in aggregate exceed 10% of all the Shares in issue as at the Date of Listing (i.e. a total of 100,000,000 Shares representing 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this report).

### (D) Maximum entitlement of each participant

The total number of Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of options granted to each participant (including both exercised and outstanding options) under the Share Option Scheme or any other share option schemes of the Company, in any 12-month period up to the date of grant shall not exceed 1% of the Shares in issue. Any further grant of share options in excess of this limit is subject to shareholders' approval in general meeting.

#### (E) Term of subscription of shares upon exercise of the options

An option may be exercised in accordance with the terms of the Share Option Scheme at any time during a period as the Board may determine which shall not exceed ten years from the date of grant.

# (F) Minimum period for which an option must be held before it can be exercised

The Board may in its absolute discretion set a minimum period for which an option must be held before an option can be exercised.

# (G) Time of acceptance and the amount payable on acceptance of the option

An offer for the grant of options must be accepted within twenty eight days from the date on which the option is granted. The amount payable by the grantee of an option to the Company on acceptance of the offer for the grant of an option is HK\$1.

### (H) Basis for determination the exercise price

The exercise price for any share under the Share Option Scheme shall be a price determined by the Board and notified to each grantee (in the letter containing the offer of the grant of the option) and shall not be less than the highest of:

- the closing price per Share as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet on the date of grant;
- the average closing price per Share as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant; and
- (iii) the nominal value of a Share at the date of grant.

#### (I) The remaining life of the scheme

Approximately 4 years (expiring on 20 November 2027).

On 21 November 2017, the Group announced the granting of a total of 32,500,000 share options to selected employee and directors under the Share Option Scheme. The exercise price of the granted options is HK\$0.40 per share. No share options were exercised or forfeited during the six months ended 30 September 2023.

Details of the share options under the Share Option Scheme during the six months ended 30 September 2023 were as follows:

| Name  | Date of Grant    | Exercisable<br>period                   | Exercise<br>price of<br>share<br>option | Outstanding<br>as at<br>1 April 2023 | Granted<br>during<br>the period | Exercised<br>during<br>the period | Cancelled<br>during<br>the period | Lapsed<br>during<br>the period | Number of<br>Shares<br>subject to<br>outstanding<br>options at<br>30 September<br>2023 | Approximate<br>percentage<br>of the issued<br>shares of<br>the Company |
|---|------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Ng Choi Wah                                 | 21 November 2017 | 21 November 2018 to<br>20 November 2027 | HK\$0.40<br>per share                   | 10,000,000                           | -                               | -                                 | -                                 | -                              | 10,000,000   | 0.99%  |
| Lui Yiu Wing                                | 21 November 2017 | 21 November 2018 to<br>20 November 2027 | HK\$0.40 per share                      | 3,000,000                            | -                               | -                                 | -                                 | -                              | 3,000,000  | 0.30%  |
| Lam Ka Fai                                  | 21 November 2017 | 21 November 2018 to<br>20 November 2027 | HK\$0.40<br>per share                   | 3,000,000                            | -                               | -                                 | -                                 | -                              | 3,000,000  | 0.30%  |
| Tse Lai Han Henry                           | 21 November 2017 | 21 November 2018 to<br>20 November 2027 | HK\$0.40 per share                      | 6,000,000                            | -                               | -                                 | -                                 | -                              | 6,000,000  | 0.59%  |
| Wai Wing Hong Onyx                          | 21 November 2017 | 21 November 2018 to<br>20 November 2027 | HK\$0.40<br>per share                   | 1,000,000                            | -                               | -                                 | -                                 | -                              | 1,000,000  | 0.10%  |
| Tong Hin Sum Paul                           | 21 November 2017 | 21 November 2018 to<br>20 November 2027 | HK\$0.40<br>per share                   | 1,000,000                            | -                               | -                                 | -                                 | -                              | 1,000,000  | 0.10%  |
| Chau Kam Wing Donald                        | 21 November 2017 | 21 November 2018 to<br>20 November 2027 | HK\$0.40<br>per share                   | 1,000,000                            | -                               | -                                 | -                                 | -                              | 1,000,000  | 0.10%  |
| Cheung Yuk Sheung                           | 21 November 2017 | 21 November 2018 to<br>20 November 2027 | HK\$0.40<br>per share                   | 2,500,000                            | -                               | -                                 | -                                 | -                              | 2,500,000  | 0.25%  |
| Other senior<br>management and<br>employees | 21 November 2017 | 21 November 2018 to<br>20 November 2027 | HK\$0.40<br>per share                   | 5,000,000                            | -                               | -                                 | -                                 | -                              | 5,000,000  | 0.49%  |

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

Our audit committee currently consists of all three of our independent non-executive Directors, namely Dr. Wai Wing Hong Onyx, Mr. Tong Hin Sum Paul and Mr. Chau Kam Wing Donald. Mr. Chau Kam Wing Donald who has the appropriate accounting and financial related management expertise, is the chairman of the audit committee.

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal control procedures and financial reporting matters including the review of the Group's unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2023.

By order of the Board Ching Lee Holdings Limited Mr. NG Choi Wah Chairman

Hong Kong, 27 November 2023

As at the date of this report, the executive Directors are Mr. Ng Choi Wah, Mr. Lui Yiu Wing and Mr. Lam Ka Fai, and the independent non-executive Directors are Dr. Wai Wing Hong Onyx, Mr. Tong Hin Sum Paul and Mr. Chau Kam Wing Donald.