

The board of directors (the “Board”) of Four Seas Mercantile Holdings Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as at 30 September 2002 of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) and the unaudited condensed consolidated profit and loss account, unaudited condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity and unaudited condensed consolidated cash flow statement for the six months ended 30 September 2002 as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

		Six months ended 30 September	
		2002	2001
	Notes	Unaudited HK\$'000	Unaudited HK\$'000
TURNOVER	2	564,570	570,998
Cost of sales		<u>(391,874)</u>	<u>(396,020)</u>
Gross profit		172,696	174,978
Other revenue	3	6,475	3,909
Selling and distribution expenses		(91,797)	(94,179)
Administrative expenses		(45,171)	(44,532)
Other operating expenses		<u>(578)</u>	<u>(1,568)</u>
PROFIT FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2 & 4	41,625	38,608
Finance costs		(2,170)	(4,325)
Share of profits less losses of associates		<u>2,636</u>	<u>5,584</u>
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		42,091	39,867
Tax	5	<u>(6,784)</u>	<u>(6,577)</u>
PROFIT BEFORE MINORITY INTERESTS		35,307	33,290
Minority interests		<u>(127)</u>	<u>380</u>
NET PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS		<u>35,180</u>	<u>33,670</u>
DIVIDENDS	6	<u>7,991</u>	<u>7,991</u>
EARNINGS PER SHARE – Basic	7	<u>8.8 cents</u>	<u>8.4 cents</u>