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ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2012

The board of directors (the "Board") of E. Bon Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 September 2012 (the "period").

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2012

		Unaudit Six months 30 Septen	ended
	Notes	2012 HK\$'000	2011 HK\$'000 (Restated) (Note 1.2)
Revenue Cost of sales	4	231,957 (139,745)	190,267 (117,743)
Gross profit Other income Distribution costs Administrative expenses	_	92,212 3,022 (42,874) (35,593)	72,524 76 (34,650) (26,261)
Operating profit Finance costs, net	_	16,767 (662)	11,689 (332)
Profit before income tax Income tax expense	5 6	16,105 (4,203)	11,357 (1,285)
Profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company		11,902	10,072

Unaudited Six months ended 30 September

	30 September			
		2012	2011	
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
			(Restated)	
			(Note 1.2)	
Other comprehensive income				
Exchange difference on translation on financial		4.0=	- 0.4	
statements of foreign operation		107	784	
Total comprehensive income for the period,				
net of tax		12,009	10,856	
Basic and diluted earnings per share	8	HK4.0 cents	HK3.4 cents	
Dividends	7	3,003	3,003	
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION *AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2012*

Non-current assets		Notes	Unaudited 30 September 2012 <i>HK\$</i> '000	Audited 31 March 2012 HK\$'000
Non-current assets 143,205 141,493 Property, plant and equipment Deferred income tax assets 2,273 2,273 Trade, retention and other receivables 17,910 15,205 Current assets 110,3388 158,971 Current assets 189,464 185,055 Current income tax recoverable 2,353 2,193 Current income tax recoverable 2,353 2,193 Trade, retention and other receivables 10 111,852 111,163 Cash and cash equivalents 31,791 33,457 Total assets 498,848 490,839 EQUITY EQUITY EQUITY Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company 30,030 30,030 Share capital 30,030 30,030 Reserves 267,391 255,382 Total equity 297,421 285,412 LIABILITIES 201,421 285,412 LIABILITIES 11 69,401 48,342 Receipt in advance 46,203 49,989 Borrowings 13,861 </td <td>ASSETS</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	ASSETS			
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	Total assets less current liabilities		340,949	299,280

Notes:

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2012 have been prepared in accordance with HKAS 34, 'Interim financial reporting'. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012, which have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs").

1.1 Accounting policies

Except as described below, the accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012, as described in those annual financial statements.

HKFRS 1 (Amendments)	Severe Hyperinflation and Removal of Fixed Date for
	First-Time Adopters
HKFRS 7 (Amendments)	Financial instruments: Disclosures — Transfers of Financial Assets
HKFRS 7 (Amendments)	Financial instruments: Disclosure — Offsetting Financial Assets
	and Financial Liabilities
HKAS 1 (Amendments)	Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income
HKFRS 11	Joint Arrangements
HKFRS 12	Disclosure of Interest in Other Entities
HKFRS 13	Fair Value Measurement

The adoption of these amendments and interpretations had no material financial impact on the Group's results and financial position for the current and prior accounting periods.

Taxes on income in the interim periods are accrued using the tax rate that would be applicable to expected total annual earnings.

1.2 Restatement due to correction of prior period errors

In preparing the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2012, the Group has identified certain errors in the comparative financial information presented. A detailed description of the nature of each prior period error is provided in notes 1.2 (a) to (e) below. The amounts of the prior year correction for each financial statement line item affected are presented in the tables in note 1.2 (f) below.

(a) Provision for inventory obsolescence

As at 30 September 2011, the Group applied a policy to estimate the amount of provision for inventory obsolescence, primarily by reference to the ageing of the inventories as at the respective reporting dates. In general, provision was made on the basis that inventories were deemed to be not saleable nine months after their purchase and a provision equivalent to 10% of the cost of the inventories was made each month until the net carrying cost of inventories after provision was reduced to nil.

This basis of estimating inventory obsolescence has not considered other relevant factors such as the Group's past history to successfully sell the inventories at or above cost despite a provision being made, or the amount of inventories which had been sold after the end of the reporting period but prior to the issuance of the respective condensed consolidated financial statements. Given that the information relating to these factors, which was available to management when the prior period's financial statements were finalised, or that could reasonably be expected to have been obtained, had not been taken into account by management, the previous basis of estimating the amount of inventory provision does not comply with HKAS 2 — Inventories, which requires the estimates of net realisable value to be based on the most reliable evidence available at the time the estimates are made.

The Group had performed a reassessment based on the information available at each reporting date, and has concluded that cost of sales for the six months ended 30 September 2011 should be reduced by HK\$3,440,000 with corresponding adjustments on the tax related accounts as detailed in note 1.2(f).

(b) Timing of recognising share option expense

On 27 January 2011, the Company granted to certain directors and employees 7,700,000 share options with total estimated fair value of HK\$2,047,000. Such options have a vesting period of one year. The entire fair value of such options was recognised immediately as expense in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 March 2011. However, in accordance with HKFRS 2 — Share-based Payment, the value of the options should be recognised as expense over the options' vesting period of one year, rather than immediate recognition. As a result, share-based payment expense included in administration expenses should be increased by approximately HK\$1,023,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2011 and the related share option reserve of the Group as at 30 September 2011 should be reduced by HK\$683,000.

(c) Revenue recognised on a cash basis in respect of customer deposit

The Group normally requests its customers to pay deposits in advance of delivery of goods. During the six months ended 30 September 2011, the Group had incorrectly recognised certain customer deposit as revenue in advance of goods delivery. In accordance with HKAS 18 — Revenue, revenue from sales of goods is recognised on the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership, which generally coincides with the time when the goods are delivered and the title has passed to the customer. To reflect the proper timing of the transfer of risks and rewards of ownership of the goods to customer, revenue for the six months ended 30 September 2011 should be increased by HK\$3,275,000 with corresponding adjustments in tax related accounts as detailed in note 1.2(f).

(d) Reclassification of freight-in charges and depreciation of renovated retails stores

During the six months ended 30 September 2011, freight-in charges of approximately HK\$2,756,000 were incorrectly classified as distribution costs. These charges should however be included in cost of sales when the inventories are sold. In addition, the Group had incorrectly classified depreciation expenses related to renovated retail stores of HK\$2,260,000 in administrative expenses. These expenses should be related to the selling activities of the Group and should be classified as distribution costs. As a result of the above, cost of sales should be increased by HK\$2,756,000, selling and distribution costs and administrative expenses should be reduced by HK\$496,000 and HK\$2,260,000, respectively, for the six months ended 30 September 2011.

(e) Capitalisation of freight-in charges

During the six months ended 30 September 2011, the Group expensed freight-in charges for inventories. However, in accordance with HKAS 2 — Inventories, such charges are included in the cost of inventories to the extent that they are incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. As a result, costs of sales for the six months ended 30 September 2011 should be increased by HK\$1,672,000 with corresponding adjustments on tax related accounts as detailed in note 1.2(f).

(f) Summary of the effects of restatements due to correction of prior year errors

The following is a summary of the effects of the restatements due to correction of prior year errors on the Group's condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the six months ended 30 September 2011.

	As previously						
	reported HK\$'000	Note 1.2(a) HK\$'000	Note 1.2(b) HK\$'000	Note 1.2(c) HK\$'000	Note 1.2(d) HK\$'000	Note 1.2(e) HK\$'000	As restated HK\$'000
Revenue	186,992	_	_	3,275	_	_	190,267
Cost of sales	(116,755)	3,440			(2,756)	(1,672)	(117,743)
Gross profit	70,237	3,440	-	3,275	(2,756)	(1,672)	72,524
Other income	76	_	_	_	-	_	76
Distribution costs	(35,146)	-		_	496	-	(34,650)
Administrative expenses	(27,498)		(1,023)		2,260		(26,261)
Operating profit	7,669	3,440	(1,023)	3,275	-	(1,672)	11,689
Finance costs, net	(332)						(332)
Profit before income tax	7,337	3,440	(1,023)	3,275	_	(1,672)	11,357
Income tax expense	(453)	(568)		(540)		276	(1,285)
Profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company	6,884	2,872	(1,023)	2,735		(1,396)	10,072
Other comprehensive income Exchange gain on translation of financial statements of foreign operations	784						784
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	7,668	2,872	(1,023)	2,735		(1,396)	10,856
Basic and diluted earnings per share	HK2.3 cents	HK1.0 cents	HK(0.3) cents	HK0.9 cents		HK(0.5) cents	HK3.4 cents

2. ESTIMATES

The preparation of interim financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing these condensed consolidated interim financial statements, the significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012.

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

3.1 Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate risk, cash flow interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all financial risk management information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements as at 31 March 2012.

There have been no changes in the risk management department since year end or in any risk management policies.

3.2 Liquidity risk

Compared to year end, there was no material change in the contractual undiscounted cash out flows for financial liabilities.

Certain executive directors and a Company's shareholder who is also a relative to those executive directors, have collectively advanced loans of HK\$29,667,000 to the Group in July 2012, and have confirmed their intention not to demand the repayment of these loans before 31 December 2013.

4. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group is principally engaged in the importing and sale of architectural builders hardware, bathroom, kitchen collections and furniture in Hong Kong and the provision of construction services for property developers in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). Revenue recognised is as follows:

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 September		
	2012 HK\$'000	2011 <i>HK</i> \$'000 (Restated)	
Revenue — sales of goods Revenue — sales of services	229,500 2,457	177,245 13,022	
	231,957	190,267	

Primary reporting format — business segments

The Group is primarily engaged in three main business segments:

Wholesale importing and wholesale of architectural builders hardware, bathroom and kitchen collections and furniture to dealers, traditional hardware stores,

contractors and property developers.

Retail sale of architectural builders hardware, bathroom and kitchen collections and

furniture through the Group's retail outlets.

Interior decoration revenue from the provision of interior decoration and construction services

primarily in the PRC.

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 September 2012 Interior			
	Wholesale <i>HK\$</i> '000	Retail <i>HK\$</i> '000	decoration HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$</i> '000
Revenue — From external customers	176,487	53,013	2,457	231,957
Reportable segment revenue	176,487	53,013	2,457	231,957
Reportable segment profit/(loss)	9,994	10,837	(639)	20,192
		Unaudi As at 30 Septe		
	Wholesale <i>HK\$'000</i>	Retail HK\$'000	decoration <i>HK\$</i> '000	Total <i>HK\$</i> '000
Reportable segment assets	251,764	71,829	14,582	338,175
Reportable segment liabilities	82,983	36,648	563	120,194
	Si: Wholesale	Unaudi x months ended 30 Retail		Total
	HK\$'000 (Restated)	HK\$'000 (Restated)	HK\$'000 (Restated)	HK\$'000 (Restated)
Revenue				
— From external customers	115,672	61,573	13,022	190,267
Reportable segment revenue	115,672	61,573	13,022	190,267
Reportable segment profit/(loss)	7,567	11,040	(1,382)	17,225

Audited As at 31 March 2012

	115 at 31 March 2012			
	Wholesale	Retail	decoration	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Reportable segment assets	245,913	70,607	15,982	332,502
Reportable segment liabilities	66,163	30,509	163	96,835

The totals represented for the Group's operating segments reconcile to the Group's key financial figures as presented in this condensed consolidated financial statements as follows:

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 September 2012 2011 HK\$'000 HK\$'000		
Total reportable segment profit Unallocated corporate income Unallocated corporate expenses Finance costs, net	20,192 2,505 (5,930) (662)	(Restated) 17,225 (5,536) (332)	
Profit before income tax	16,105	11,357	
	Unaudited As at 30 September 2012 HK\$'000	Audited As at 31 March 2012 HK\$'000	
Reportable segment assets Deferred income tax assets Other corporate assets	338,175 2,273 158,400	332,502 2,273 156,064	
Group assets	498,848	490,839	
	Unaudited As at 30 September 2012 HK\$'000	Audited As at 31 March 2012 HK\$'000	
Reportable segment liabilities Deferred income tax liabilities Borrowings Other corporate liabilities	120,194 13,861 61,013 6,359	96,835 13,868 89,719 5,005	
Group liabilities	201,427	205,427	

Geographic information

	Revenue from exter	nal customers	Non-current	tassets
	Unaudi	ted	Unaudited	Audited
	Six months	ended	As at	As at
	30 Septen	nber	30 September	31 March
	2012	2011	2012	2012
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(Restated)		
Hong Kong	219,606	175,280	148,366	145,144
Mainland China	12,351	14,987	15,022	13,827
Total	231,957	190,267	163,388	158,971

5. EXPENSES BY NATURE

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 September	
	2012	2011
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(Restated)
Cost of inventories	135,698	113,223
Auditors' remuneration	4,000	280
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	4,427	4,582
Operating lease payments in respect of premises	22,763	20,328
(Write back of)/provision for slow-moving inventories,		
included in cost of inventories	(348)	2,782
Staff costs, including directors' emoluments	25,066	19,322

6. INCOME TAX EXPENSES

Hong Kong Profits Tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2011: 16.5%) of the estimated assessable profits for the period. Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profit for the period at the rates of taxation prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

The charge comprises:

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 September		
	2012 HK\$'000	2011 <i>HK</i> \$'000 (Restated)	
Current tax Hong Kong Profits Tax PRC Corporate Income Tax	3,162 1,048	1,763 433	
Deferred tax	4,210 (7)	2,196 (911)	
Tax expenses for the period	4,203	1,285	

7. DIVIDENDS

The Board has resolved to recommend the payment of dividend of HK1.0 cent (2011: HK1.0 cent).

Unaudited
Six months ended
30 September
2012 2011
HK\$'000 HK\$'000

Interim dividend of HK1.0 cent (2011: HK1.0 cent) per share

At a Board meeting held on 17 December 2012, the Board of Directors proposed an interim dividend of HK1.0 cent (30 September 2011: HK1.0 cent) per ordinary share. Such proposed interim dividends are not reflected as dividend payables in the Group's financial statements for the period.

8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the Group's profit for the period of HK\$11,902,000 (six months ended 30 September 2011: HK\$10,072,000) and the 300,300,000 ordinary shares (30 September 2011: 300,300,000 ordinary shares) in issue during the period. Diluted earnings per share for the periods is the same as the basic earnings per share (six months ended 30 September 2011: same) as the conversion of potential dilutive shares in relation to the share option issued by the Company would have an anti-dilutive effect to the basic earnings per share.

9. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

During the period, the Group incurred capital expenditure of approximately HK\$6,132,000 for property, plant and equipment (six months ended 30 September 2011: HK\$4,353,000). No significant disposal of property, plant and equipment was made during the period (six months ended 30 September 2011: Nil).

10. TRADE RECEIVABLES

Included in the balance are trade receivables, net of provision, with the following ageing analysis:

	0–90 days <i>HK</i> \$'000	91–180 days HK\$'000	181–270 days HK\$'000	271–365 days HK\$'000	Over 365 days <i>HK</i> \$'000	Total <i>HK</i> \$'000
Balance at 30 September 2012	67,553	5,745	3,314	544	1,511	78,667
Balance at 31 March 2012	63,145	5,361	4,990	1,503	2,084	77,083

The majority of the Group's sales are with credit terms of 30 to 90 days. In some cases, customers may be granted extended credit period up to 120 days. Certain balances over 90 days are on letter of credit or document against payment.

11. TRADE PAYABLES

Included in the balance are trade payables with the following ageing analysis:

	0–90 days <i>HK</i> \$'000	91–180 days HK\$'000	181–270 days HK\$'000	271–365 days <i>HK</i> \$'000	Over 365 days <i>HK</i> \$'000	Total <i>HK</i> \$'000
Balance at 30 September 2012	37,469	1,733	8,139		898	48,239
Balance at 31 March 2012	36,570	1,627	843	151	28	39,219

12. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors has resolved to recommend the payment of an interim dividend of HK1.0 cent per share to be paid on Wednesday, 13 March 2013 for members whose names appear on the principal or branch register of the Company in Grand Cayman or Hong Kong respectively (collectively the "Register of Members") as at the close of business of Friday, 11 January 2013.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Company's Register of Members will be closed from Tuesday, 8 January 2013 to Friday, 11 January 2013, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrars in Hong Kong, Tricor Abacus Limited at 26/F., Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 7 January 2013.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

For the six months ended 30 September 2012, the Group's revenue was HK\$232.0 million (six months ended 30 September 2011: HK\$190.3 million) and profit after tax was HK\$11.9 million (six months ended 30 September 2011: HK\$10.1 million).

During the period, the property market has been turning moderate due to environmental uncertainties and the adoption of cooling-down measures taken by the Government, which is evidenced by a decrease in transaction cases in the secondary market. On the other hand, the completion rate of residential properties increased slightly. As mentioned in our Annual Results, we prepared for contracted supply by keeping sufficient inventories prior to deliveries. The wholesale operation recorded sales of HK\$176.5 million (2011: HK\$115.7 million), which increased by 52.6%.

The management has reviewed the finance function and carried out enhancement plans. In view of market turbulences and operating uncertainties, we achieved to maintain a smooth operation by utilising mainly our internal resources with support of external resources.

FINANCIAL POSITION

The Group records profit after taxation amounted to HK\$11.9 million during the period and its overall financial position is sound. Gross margin is at 39.8% (six months ended 30 September 2011: 38.1%) which is in line with the year ended 31 March 2012 of 40.3%. The profit before taxation for the period amounted to HK\$16.1 million, representing an increase of 41.8% over the corresponding period last year. The increase in expenditure reflected the increase in rents of our showrooms and retail outlets and general inflationary increases in the overhead expenditure.

The Group has maintained sufficient cash holdings to approximately HK\$31.8 million (31 March 2012: HK\$33.5 million) and borrowings totalling HK\$61.0 million (31 March 2012: HK\$89.7 million), in which HK\$11.6 million is the mortgage of office properties including HK\$10.2 million repayable after more than one year. Certain executive directors and a Company's shareholder who is also a relative to those executive directors, have collectively advanced loans of HK\$29,667,000 to the Group in July 2012, and have confirmed their intention not to demand the repayment of these loans before 31 December 2013.

The Group current ratio is 2.12 (31 March 2011: 1.73), which is calculated based on current assets over current liabilities. Such increase is mainly attributable to the shareholders' loans amounted to HK\$29.7 million, which are shown as non-current, and discussed above. Assets under charge are the mortgaged property acquired and the Group has no material capital commitment as at 30 September 2012.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

With encouraging policies such as increased land sale activities and regulatory policies on speculations, the property market is expected towards a balanced development despite the continuation of incoming funds may increase its demand. The inflationary pressure in rental expenses and other operating costs are expected to continue.

As discussed in our Annual Results, we have been capitalising our good relationship to work with property developers in projects across Hong Kong, Macau and the mainland China. We are pleased that we have been awarded for two projects in Singapore which are owned by a major developer in Hong Kong.

Our internal control will be regularly reviewed and reinforced to ensure good corporate governance practices and procedures. In view of climbing operating expenses, we shall monitor and take control measures. Relevant resource allocation and operation flow enhancement plans are made to maintain customers' satisfaction and cost control.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Group and the Company had no material litigation or contingent liabilities as at 30 September 2012 and up to the date of the approval of these interim financial statements.

PURCHASE, SALES OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's shares during the period.

COMPLIANCE OF CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company has complied with all the code provisions in the Code of Corporate Governance Practice (the "Code") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") throughout the six months ended 30 September 2012, with the exception of the following deviation:

Under the code provision A.1.8, the Company should arrange appropriate insurance cover in respect of legal action against its directors. Currently, no insurance cover has been arranged for directors since the directors take the view that the Company shall support Directors arising from corporate activities.

Under the code provision A.4.1, non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term. Currently, non-executive directors are not appointed for a specific term of service. This constitutes a deviation from code provision A.4.1. However, they are subject to retirement by rotation at each annual general meeting under the articles of association of the Company. As such, the Company considers that sufficient measures have been taken to ensure that the Company's corporate governance practices are no less exacting than those in the Code.

COMPLIANCE OF MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transaction by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by directors. Having made specific enquiry of the directors, all directors have confirmed compliance with the required standard as set out in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 September 2012.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, internal controls and financial reporting matters including a review of the unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2012.

PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This results announcement is published on the websites of the Company (<u>www.ebon.com.hk</u>) and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (<u>www.hkex.com.hk</u>). The Company's Interim Report 2012 will be despatched to the shareholders and available on the same websites in due course.

By order of the Board TSE Sun Fat, Henry Chairman

Hong Kong, 17 December 2012

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As at the date hereof, the Board of Directors comprises nine Directors, of which six are Executive Directors, namely Messrs. TSE Sun Fat, Henry, TSE Sun Wai, Albert, TSE Sun Po, Tony, TSE Hon Kit, Kevin, LAU Shiu Sun and YICK Kai Chung and three are Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Messrs. LEUNG Kwong Kin, J.P., WONG Wah, Dominic and WAN Sze Chung.