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# **INTERIM REPORT**

for the six months ended 30th September 2008

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#### CORPORATE INFORMATION

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Mr. Cheung Lin Wee

Mr. Cheung Ying Wai, Eric

## Non-executive Directors

Mr. John Ho

Mr. Ng Kwok Tung

## **Independent Non-executive Directors**

Mr. Lam Hon Keung, Keith

Mr. Chan Woon Kong

Mr. Soo Hung Leung, Lincoln

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Lam Hon Keung, Keith (Chairman)

Mr. John Ho

Mr. Ng Kwok Tung

Mr. Chan Woon Kong

Mr. Soo Hung Leung, Lincoln

## REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Soo Hung Leung, Lincoln

(Chairman)

Mr. Lam Hon Keung, Keith

Mr. John Ho

Mr. Ng Kwok Tung

Mr. Chan Woon Kong

#### COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Chu Wing Man, Raymond

#### **AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES**

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Mr. Chu Wing Man, Raymond

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The Board of Directors of Wah Ha Realty Company Limited (the "Company") announces that the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") and its associated companies for the six months ended 30th September 2008, with comparative figures of the previous period, are as follows:

## UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30th September 2008

		Six months 30th Sept	
	Note	2008 <i>HK</i> \$	2007 <i>HK</i> \$
Revenue	4	6,038,880	9,626,416
Direct costs	5	(286,699)	(207,500)
Gross profit		5,752,181	9,418,916
Other (losses)/gains – net	6	(24,574,633)	65,176
Changes in fair value of investment properties		6,620,000	3,750,000
Administrative expenses	5	(3,178,635)	(2,340,107)
Operating (loss)/profit		(15,381,087)	10,893,985
Share of profits less losses of associated companies (including share of revaluation surplus on investment properties net of related tax of HK\$24,225,904			
(2007: HK\$21,553,006))		35,509,321	29,238,701
Profit before income tax		20,128,234	40,132,686
Income tax credit/(expense)	7	1,729,156	(903,901)
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company		21,857,390	39,228,785
Earnings per share	8	18.1 cents	32.4 cents
Dividends	9	2,419,200	2,419,200

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 30th September 2008

		30th September	31st March
	Note	2008 <i>HK</i> \$	2008 <i>HK</i> \$
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Investment properties		50,800,000	44,180,000
Investments in associated companies		240,954,521	217,445,201
Amounts due from associated companies Available-for-sale financial assets		76,215,205	85,586,205
Deferred income tax assets		250,448 147,483	250,448 152,726
Deferred income tax assets		147,463	
		368,367,657	347,614,580
Current assets			
Properties held for sale		5,699,291	5,723,645
Amounts due from associated companies		53,577,187	44,041,193
Trade and other receivables	10	1,175,546	1,894,993
Tax recoverable		335,329	328,901
Short-term investments	11	126,379,880	152,014,334
Cash and cash equivalents		147,611,169	138,912,314
		334,778,402	342,915,380
Total assets		703,146,059	690,529,960
EQUITY			
Capital and reserves attributable to the Company's equity holders			
Share capital Retained profits	12 13	78,624,000	78,624,000
<ul><li>Proposed interim/final dividend</li></ul>		2,419,200	4,838,400
– Others		596,297,465	576,859,275
Total equity		677,340,665	660,321,675

	Note	30th September 2008 HK\$	31st March 2008 <i>HK</i> \$
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities  Deferred income tax liabilities		2,972,770	4,714,006
Current liabilities  Amounts due to associated companies Trade and other payables Derivative financial instrument Tax payable	14 15	9,162,710 2,421,109 11,193,047 55,758	
Total liabilities		25,805,394	30,208,285
Total equity and liabilities		703,146,059	690,529,960
Net current assets		311,945,778	317,421,101
Total assets less current liabilities		680,313,435	665,035,681

# **UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

For the six months ended 30th September 2008

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2008 <i>HK</i> \$	2007 <i>HK</i> \$
Total equity at beginning of period	660,321,675	596,578,817
Profit for the period	21,857,390	39,228,785
Dividends	(4,838,400)	(4,838,400)
Total equity at end of period	677,340,665	630,969,202

## UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30th September 2008

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2008 <i>HK</i> \$	2007 <i>HK</i> \$
Net cash generated from operating activities	3,010,170	7,857,547
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities	10,527,085	(12,630,655)
Net cash used in financing activities	(4,838,400)	(4,838,400)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	8,698,855	(9,611,508)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	138,912,314	140,324,752
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	147,611,169	130,713,244

### NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company is a limited liability company incorporated in Hong Kong. The address of its registered office is Room 2500, Dominion Centre, 43-59 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

The principal activities of the Company are investment holding and property investment.

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements ("interim financial statements") are presented in Hong Kong dollars (HK\$), unless otherwise stated. These interim financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 9th December 2008.

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2008.

## 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2008.

#### 4. REVENUE AND SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

The principal activities of the Group include those relating to investment holding, property development and investment, property management and building contractor. There is no other significant identifiable separate business. In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting, the Group has determined that business segments be presented as the primary reporting format. In respect of geographical segment reporting, as all of the Group's operations and assets are located in Hong Kong, no geographical segment is presented.

Segment assets consist primarily of investment properties, associated companies, short-term investments, receivables and properties held for sale and exclude items such as cash and cash equivalents, tax recoverable and deferred income tax assets. Segment liabilities comprise operating liabilities and exclude items such as tax payable and deferred income tax liabilities.

Revenue represents turnover recognised during the period and comprises the following:

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2008	2007
	нк\$	HK\$
Rental income	1,273,398	2,487,272
Management fee income	545,684	561,804
Interest income	2,014,090	6,324,349
Dividend income		
Listed investments	1,058,464	180,169
Unlisted investments	1,025,444	51,822
Construction supervision fee income	121,800	21,000
	6,038,880	9,626,416

# NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## 4. REVENUE AND SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (Continued)

# Primary reporting format – business segments

The segment results for the six months ended 30th September 2008 are as follows:

	Property investment, development and management and building contractor HK\$	Investments HK\$	Total <i>HK</i> \$
Revenue	1,940,882	4,097,998	6,038,880
Segment results Unallocated costs	7,618,022	(20,499,885)	(12,881,863) (2,499,224)
Operating loss Share of profits less losses of associated companies	35,509,321	-	(15,381,087) 35,509,321
Profit before income tax Income tax credit			20,128,234 1,729,156
Profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company			21,857,390
The segment assets and liabilities at	30th September 2	2008 are as follows:	
Segment assets Unallocated assets	428,558,790	126,493,288	555,052,078 148,093,981
Total assets			703,146,059
Segment liabilities Unallocated liabilities	11,460,713	11,193,047	22,653,760 3,151,634
Total liabilities			25,805,394

The segment results for the six months ended 30th September 2007 are as follows:

	Property investment, development and management and building contractor HK\$	Investments <i>HK</i> \$	Total <i>HK</i> \$
Revenue	3,070,076	6,556,340	9,626,416
Segment results Unallocated costs	5,959,575	6,532,923	12,492,498 (1,598,513)
Operating profit Share of profits less losses of			10,893,985
associated companies	29,238,701	_	29,238,701
Profit before income tax Income tax expense			40,132,686 (903,901)
Profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company			39,228,785
The segment assets and liabilities at	31st March 2008	are as follows:	
Segment assets Unallocated assets	398,917,596	152,218,423	551,136,019 139,393,941
Total assets			690,529,960
Segment liabilities Unallocated liabilities	11,197,609	14,127,000	25,324,609 4,883,676
Total liabilities			30,208,285

# NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 5. EXPENSES BY NATURE

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2008	2007
	HK\$	HK\$
Direct expenses arising from properties		
that generate income	286,699	207,500
Amortisation on leasehold land included		
in properties held for sale	24,354	24,354
Auditor's remuneration	385,523	267,725
Staff costs (including directors' remuneration)	1,926,321	1,723,130
Others	842,437	324,898
Total direct costs and administrative expenses	3,465,334	2,547,607

## 6. OTHER (LOSSES)/GAINS – NET

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2008	2007
	нк\$	HK\$
Net fair value (losses)/gains on financial assets		
at fair value through profit or loss	(27,427,976)	665,564
Impairment loss on financial assets		
at fair value through profit or loss	(426,899)	-
Change in fair value of derivative		
financial instrument	2,933,953	-
Net exchange gains/(losses)	147,651	(688,981)
Sundries	198,638	88,593
	(24,574,633)	65,176

## 7. INCOME TAX CREDIT/(EXPENSE)

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2007: 17.5%) on the Group's estimated assessable profit for the period.

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2008	2007
	HK\$	HK\$
Current income tax	(6 927)	(250 579)
Hong Kong profits tax	(6,837)	(250,578)
Deferred income tax	1,735,993	(653,323)
	1,729,156	(903,901)

## 8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company of HK\$21,857,390 (2007: HK\$39,228,785) and on 120,960,000 shares (2007: 120,960,000 shares) in issue during the year.

### 9. DIVIDENDS

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2008	2007
	HK\$	HK\$
Interim dividend declared of HK2 cents		
(2007: HK2 cents) per share	2,419,200	2,419,200

The Board of Directors has resolved to declare an interim dividend of HK2 cents per share (2007: HK2 cents) for the six months ended 30th September 2008 payable on Thursday, 22nd January 2009 to equity holders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on Friday, 16th January 2009.

# NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

30th September 2008 HK\$	31st March 2008 <i>HK</i> \$
139,797	215,311
40,245	47,729
546,517	947,482
726,559	1,210,522
236,029	273,592
-	150,000
212,958	260,879
1,175,546	1,894,993
	2008 HK\$  139,797 40,245 546,517  726,559 236,029 212,958

Trade receivables represent rental and management fee receivables which are normally due for payment upon presentation of debit note at the beginning of each rental period (normally on a monthly basis).

## 11. SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

	30th September 2008 HK\$	31st March 2008 <i>HK</i> \$
Unlisted held-to-maturity securities, at amortised cost Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	127,186,644
Listed shares – Hong Kong	33,851,900	10,562,800
Listed shares – Overseas	3,240,443	4,715,511
Unlisted money market fund	89,287,537	210,619
Unlisted bonds		9,338,760
	126,379,880	152,014,334

## 12. SHARE CAPITAL

	30th September 2008 <i>HK</i> \$	31st March 2008 <i>HK</i> \$
Authorised: 150,000,000 shares of HK\$0.65 each	97,500,000	97,500,000
Issued and fully paid: 120,960,000 shares of HK\$0.65 each	78,624,000	78,624,000
13. RETAINED PROFITS		
		HK\$
At 1st April 2007 Profit for the period Dividends		517,954,817 39,228,785 (4,838,400)
At 30th September 2007 Profit for the period Dividends		552,345,202 31,771,673 (2,419,200)
At 31st March 2008 Profit for the period Dividends		581,697,675 21,857,390 (4,838,400)
At 30th September 2008		598,716,665

## **NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** (Continued)

#### 14. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	30th September 2008 <i>HK</i> \$	31st March 2008 <i>HK</i> \$
Trade payables Within 90 days	1,062	241
Over 90 days	-	10
	1,062	251
Other payables	1,184,819	958,204
Amounts due to related companies	79,808	317,513
Rental and utility deposits received	414,498	674,098
Accrued expenses	740,922	1,124,510
	2,421,109	3,074,576

#### 15. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT

As at 30th September 2008, the Group and the Company had a share forward contract. Under the terms of the contract, the Group is obliged to acquire the designated share at a forward price on a weekly basis from 31st January 2008 to 22nd January 2009. The contract requires no initial cost. A pre-determined number of shares is to be acquired on a weekly basis. If the share price of the designated share falls below the forward price, the Group has to acquire twice of the pre-determined number of shares. The contract is closed out immediately when the share price of the designated share triggers the knock-out price.

As at 30th September 2008, the Group and the Company had a contractual commitment to acquire the designated share with a maximum obligation of HK\$30.0 million. All short-term investments and cash at a financial institution of HK\$15.6 million had been pledged as securities in respect of the obligation.

### 16. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following is a summary of the related party transactions carried out in the normal course of the Group's business activities during the period:

	Six months 30th Septe 2008 HK\$	
Related company Estate agency fee income (Note)	75,000	75,000
Key management compensation Directors' emoluments	120,000	120,000

Note: The Group provided estate agency services to a related company at a fixed annual fee.

### INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors has resolved to declare an interim dividend of HK2 cents per share for the six months ended 30th September 2008 (2007: HK2 cents) payable on Thursday, 22nd January 2009 to equity holders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on Friday, 16th January 2009.

## **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 8th January 2009 to Friday, 16th January 2009, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

To qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Registrars, Hongkong Managers and Secretaries Limited at Unit 3401-2, 34th Floor, AIA Tower, 183 Electric Road, North Point, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 7th January 2009.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### **Financial Results**

For the six months ended 30th September 2008, the Group's unaudited consolidated profit attributable to equity holders amounted to HK\$21.9 million, representing a decrease of about 44.3% from the corresponding period in 2007. During the period under review, rental income and interest income were lower than those of last year by HK\$1.2 million and HK\$4.3 million respectively. The substantial loss as a result of tremendous decrease in value of our investment portfolio had led to a decrease in net profit of the Group by HK\$23.1 million. On the other hand, a greater fair value gains on the Group's and its associated companies' investment properties net of related deferred taxation of HK\$5.1 million was recorded. Also, dividend income increased by HK\$1.9 million. Furthermore, previous provision for deferred taxation was written back by HK\$1.6 million as a result of the reduction of tax rate by 1%.

## **Business Review**

## Property Investment, Development and Management and Building Contractor

During the period under review, the Group's Rental Business performed well. However, casual vacancies occurred in the course of finding higher yield tenants. Consequently, the operating result of this Business was comparable to that of last year. Barring unforeseen circumstances, it is anticipated that the annual results of this segment will remain stable.

During the period under review, keen competition was still the challenge of the Group's Property Management Business. A slight reduction of 2.9% in turnover was recorded.

The performance of the Group's Building Contractor Business improved further after greater control was exercised on manpower. The loss of this segment reduced by HK\$0.09 million

## Investments

During the period under review, the performance of the Group's Investment Business was far below our expectation. The Group's benefit from its virtually debt-free position, on the back of global reduction of interest rate, was totally erased. In fact, for the period under review, the Group had reported a decrease of interest income for HK\$4.3 million (2007: an increase of HK\$0.8 million).

The performance of this segment was further hampered by the financial tsunami triggered by the subprime mortgage crisis in the US. A severe loss was resulted from the tremendous decrease in value on our investment portfolio. Although the Group could still achieve a satisfactory result from the sales of short-term investments, the aggregate of these two elements resulted in a decrease in profit of HK\$23.1 million.

The substantial loss was however mitigated by the weakening of HK\$/US\$. An exchange gain of HK\$0.1 million instead of exchange loss of HK\$0.7 million last year was recorded.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

## **Prospects**

For the period under review, Hong Kong saw a weakening economy. Year-on-year 2008 3rd Quarter GDP growth was 1.7%, dropping from the 1st Quarter growth of 7.3%. Simultaneously, the year-on-year private consumption expenditure growth dropped from the 1st Quarter of 7.9% to the current 3rd Quarter of 0.2%. In contrast, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose up from 3.2% which was the lowest since the Asian financial turmoil in late 1990s to the current rate of 3.5%.

Globally, the current financial crisis aroused by the subprime mortgage problem in the US, followed by the collapse of Lehman Brothers and the resulting credit crunch, had a dampening effect on market sentiment. It is expected that the growth rate of global economy will slow down and the US and Europe will be in recession. Almost all countries will adopt expansionary monetary policy and lower their respective interest rates so as to relieve the pressure of economic downturn and to encourage credit for business activities. Although the adverse impact on China would not be as big as that in other countries, the central government still announced a 4 trillion yuan stimulus package to counter any negative impact on economic growth. It is unlikely that the aforesaid measures will rescue the economy in a short period of time. The global economy will inevitably be in "winter" time in the foreseeable future.

Hong Kong is an open economy and hence vulnerable to unfavourable global economic environment. The Group shall continue to maintain financial strength by keeping adequate cash and avoiding debt financing in order to deliver better overall results to shareholders.

# **Liquidity and Financial Resources**

The Group is virtually debt-free and generally finances its operations with internally generated cash flows. The Group's cash and cash equivalents amounted to HK\$147.6 million at 30th September 2008. The Board believes that the Group has sufficient financial resources for its operations. The Group has no material exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuation and material contingent liabilities.

## **Employment and Remuneration Policies**

As at 30th September 2008, the Group had less than twenty employees and their remuneration is maintained at competitive levels. Total staff costs (including Directors' remuneration) amounted to HK\$1.9 million (2007: HK\$1.7 million). Remuneration policies are reviewed regularly by the Board and by the Remuneration Committee regarding Directors and senior management. Employees' salaries are determined on performance basis with reference to the market trend. In addition, discretionary bonuses are granted to eligible employees by reference to the Group's results and individual performance. Other benefits include education subsidies, medical and retirement benefits.

# DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 30th September 2008, 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 corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) which were notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (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 required to be kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required, pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers ("Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") as adopted by the Company, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

## Long Positions in Ordinary Shares of the Company

Name of Director	Personal Interests	Corporate Interests	Family Interests	Other Interests	Total	% of issued share capital
Cheung Kee Wee	-	1,705,360 (Note 1)	-	87,391,440 (Notes 2 and 5)	89,096,800	73.66
Cheung Lin Wee	572,000	-	238,000 (Note 3)	87,391,440 (Notes 2 and 5)	88,201,440	72.92
Cheung Ying Wai, Eric	228,000	-	-	13,444,837 (Notes 4 and 5)	13,672,837	11.30

# **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES** (Continued)

#### Notes:

- (1) These shares were held by a company of which Mr. Cheung Kee Wee ("CKW") and his spouse in aggregate owned 50% interest. Therefore, CKW was deemed to be interested in these shares under the SFO.
- (2) The 87,391,440 shares of CKW and Mr. Cheung Lin Wee ("CLW") related to the same block of shares in the Company. CKW and CLW are two of the three executors (the "Executors") under the Will of Mr. Cheung Kung Hai, deceased ("CKH") who held 87,391,440 shares ("the CKH's Shares") before his death. Under the Will of CKH in which CKW and CLW are also two of the beneficiaries, the assets are to be held on trust for sale. The Executors however have right of appropriation of the assets to the beneficiaries in specie and there is hence a possibility that the CKH's Shares will be distributed to beneficiaries. To avoid double counting, the numbers of shares that may contingently be allocated to CKW and CLW respectively have not been added to these numbers of shares.
- (3) The 238,000 shares were beneficially held by Ms. Wu Suet Yi, Rita, the wife of CLW.
- (4) Under the Will of CKH in which Mr. Cheung Ying Wai, Eric ("CYW") is one of the beneficiaries, there is a possibility that these 13,444,837 shares out of the CKH's Shares will be allocated to CYW.
- (5) Probate of the Estate of CKH was granted by the High Court of Hong Kong on 25 August 2008. However, the Executors did not register as holders of the CKH's Shares in their respective names as at 30 September 2008. On 9 October 2008, 13,444,800 shares were distributed to CKW, 13,444,800 shares were distributed to CLW and 13,444,800 shares were distributed to CYW as provided under the Will of CKH.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th September 2008, none of the Directors or Chief Executives of the Company or any of their associates had or were deemed to have any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which would have to be 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 under Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS

So far as is known to the Directors or Chief Executives of the Company, as at 30th September 2008, the following Shareholders (other than Directors or Chief Executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO as being directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company were as follows:

## Long Positions in Ordinary Shares of the Company

	Number of shares	% of issued share capital
Substantial Shareholders:		
Cheung Kung Hai, deceased	87,391,440	72.25
Chin Lan Hong	99,387,040 (Notes 1 and 6,	82.17
Kung So Ha, Anne	89,096,800 (Note 2)	73.66
Wu Suet Yi, Rita	88,201,440 (Note 3)	72.92
Hoh Kwok Hing, Corinne	13,672,837 (Note 4)	11.30
Person other than Substantial Shareholders:		
Megabest Securities Limited	11,295,600 <i>(Note 5)</i>	9.34

#### Notes:

(1) Out of the 99,387,040 shares, 11,295,600 shares were held by Megabest Securities Limited ("Megabest") of which Madam Chin Lan Hong ("CLH") was interested in the entire issued share capital, through the chain of ownership being described in Note (5) below; 700,000 shares were held under her personal interests; and 87,391,440 shares related to the same block of shares as described in "Other Interests" of CKW and CLW respectively under the heading of "Directors' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures", as CLH together with CKW and CLW are the Executors under the Will of CKH who held 87,391,440 shares before his death. Under the Will of CKH, CLH is also one of the beneficiaries. To avoid double counting, the number of shares which may contingently be allocated to CLH has not been added to this number of shares.

# **SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS** (Continued)

- (2) Ms. Kung So Ha, Anne is the wife of CKW and was taken to be interested in these shares in which her spouse was interested under the SFO.
- (3) Out of the 88,201,440 shares, 238,000 shares were beneficially held by Ms. Wu Suet Yi, Rita, and Ms. Wu was deemed to be interested in the remaining 87,963,440 shares in which her spouse CLW was interested under the SFO.
- (4) Ms. Hoh Kwok Hing, Corinne is the wife of CYW and was taken to be interested in these shares in which her spouse was interested under the SFO.
- (5) These 11,295,600 shares held by Megabest related to the same block of shares as described in Note (1). These shares were held by Megabest through its wholly owned subsidiary, Profit-taking Company Inc., which in turn held the entire issued share capital of Pullfield Company Limited, the registered owner of the said 11,295,600 shares of the Company.
- (6) Probate of the Estate of CKH was granted by the High Court of Hong Kong on 25 August 2008. However, the Executors did not register as holders of the CKH's Shares in their respective names as at 30 September 2008. On 9 October 2008, 20,167,200 shares were distributed to CLH as provided under the Will of CKH.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th September 2008, the Company has not been notified by any person (other than Directors or Chief Executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO as being directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company.

#### DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO RULE 13.22 OF THE LISTING RULES

As at 30th September 2008, the Group had provided financial assistance to its affiliated companies amounting to HK\$129,792,392 in aggregate which exceeded 8% under the assets ratio as defined under the Listing Rules.

In accordance with the requirements under Rule 13.22 of the Listing Rules, a combined balance sheet of and the Group's attributable interest in these affiliated companies as at 30th September 2008 are set forth below:

	Combined Balance Sheet HK\$	Group's Attributable Interests HK\$
Non-current assets	879,769,672	195,413,937
Current assets	220,892,752	68,955,239
Non-current liabilities	(477,523,019)	(98,610,518)
Current liabilities	(204,836,124)	(62,467,960)
Net current assets	16,056,628	6,487,279
Net assets	418,303,281	103,290,698

## **PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

The Company has not redeemed any of its shares during the period. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased or sold any of the Company's issued shares during the period.

### CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code Provision(s)") contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules throughout the six months ended 30th September 2008, except for the following deviations:—

1. Under the Code Provision A.2.1, the roles of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Cheung Kee Wee is the Chairman of the Board and there is not a post of CEO in the Company. The roles of the CEO are performed by all the Executive Directors with clear division of responsibilities under the leadership of the Chairman. The Board considers that this arrangement allows contributions from all Executive Directors with different expertise and can ensure the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Group. The Board therefore believes that this structure can enable the Group to make and implement decisions promptly and efficiently and is beneficial to the business prospect of the Group.

## **CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES** (Continued)

2. Under the Code Provision A.4.1, Non-executive Directors should be appointed for a specific term and subject to re-election. All the five Non-executive Directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term but are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company ("AGM") in accordance with Article 103(A) of the Company's Articles of Association. There are eight Directors including five Non-executive Directors of the Company for the time being. As one-third of them shall retire from office by rotation at each AGM, each of them shall retire at least once every three years.

#### MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its Code of Conduct for dealing in securities of the Company by the Directors. All Directors of the Company have confirmed, following specific enquiry by the Company, that they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30th September 2008.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee consists of the three Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Messrs Lam Hon Keung, Keith (Chairman), Chan Woon Kong and Soo Hung Leung, Lincoln and the two Non-executive Directors, namely Messrs John Ho and Ng Kwok Tung. The Group's interim results for the six months ended 30th September 2008 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company and by the Company's Auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers, in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The Audit Committee has no reservation on the accounting treatments adopted by the Group.

By Order of the Board **Raymond W M Chu** *Company Secretary* 

Hong Kong, 9th December 2008