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# INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

# HIGHLIGHTS

The Group's turnover for the period was HK\$1,551,440,000.

Net attributable profit for the period increased from HK\$4,868,000 in 2009 to HK\$10,103,000.

Cash and bank balances was approximately HK\$386,630,000.

Total net assets was approximately HK\$1,311,167,000.

Total indebtedness (including bank borrowings and obligations under finance leases) of the Group were approximately HK\$702,636,000, representing approximately 53.6% of the total shareholders' equity.

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Basic and diluted earnings per share was approximately HK2.44 cents.

## **INTERIM RESULTS**

The Board of Directors (the "Directors") of Yau Lee Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce that the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the six months ended 30 September 2010 were as follows:

## UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 September 2010

		Six months ended 30 September		
		2010	2009	
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Revenue	4	1,551,440	1,645,870	
Cost of sales	6	(1,482,392)	(1,545,344)	
Gross profit		69,048	100,526	
Other income and gains	5	36,002	28,777	
Distribution costs	6	(5,915)	(4,205)	
Administrative expenses	6	(89,135)	(106,168)	
Other operating expenses	6	(4,387)	(2,616)	
Operating profit		5,613	16,314	
Finance costs	7	(3,350)	(2,730)	
Share of profit/(loss) of jointly controlled entities		10,869	(1,552)	
Share of loss of an associate		(17)	(147)	
Profit before income tax		13,115	11,885	
Income tax expense	8	(3,012)	(7,017)	
Profit for the period		10,103	4,868	
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Company		10,697	4,868	
Non-controlling interests		(594)		
		10,103	4,868	
Interim dividend	9		_	
Earnings per share (basic and diluted)	10	2.44 cents	1.11 cents	

## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 September 2010

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2010 HK\$'000	2009 HK\$'000	
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income:	10,103	4,868	
Currency translation differences	3,221	2,158	
Total comprehensive income for the period	13,324	7,026	
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
– equity holders of the Company	13,918	7,026	
<ul> <li>non-controlling interests</li> </ul>	(594)		
	13,324	7,026	

## UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 September 2010

As at 50 September 2010	Note	30 September 2010 <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 March 2010 <i>HK\$'000</i>
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		173,012	128,666
Investment properties		334,033	299,370
Leasehold land and land use right		454,401	455,713
Intangible assets		19,375	19,902
Goodwill		15,905	15,905
Interests in associates		1,525	1,542
Interests in jointly controlled entities		7,674	1,132
Deferred income tax assets		17,911	9,011
Other non-current assets		37,640	41,423
		1,061,476	972,664
Current assets			
Cash and bank balances		386,630	566,630
Trade debtors, net	11	449,598	422,952
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		259,188	192,830
Inventories		31,884	33,797
Prepaid income tax		819	634
Due from customers on construction contracts		483,046	374,077
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		43,976	_
Derivative financial assets		716	499
Due from associates		8,703	8,653
Due from jointly controlled entities		36,167	59,740
		1,700,727	1,659,812
Total assets		2,762,203	2,632,476
EQUITY			
Share capital		87,611	87,611
Other reserves		423,262	420,041
Retained profits		423,202	420,041
Proposed final dividends		_	5,607
Others		800,294	789,597
Others			
Attributable to equity holders		1,311,167	1,302,856
Non-controlling interests			594
Total equity		1,311,167	1,303,450

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Continued)

As at 30 September 2010

	Note	30 September 2010 <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 March 2010 <i>HK\$'000</i>
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term borrowings		356,747	315,206
Deferred income tax liabilities		15,908	11,527
Retention payables		13,270	19,788
		385,925	346,521
Current liabilities			
Short-term bank loans		338,364	195,000
Current portion of long-term borrowings		7,525	6,743
Derivative financial liabilities		427	284
Payables to suppliers and subcontractors	12	213,326	258,940
Accruals, retention payables and other liabilities		191,812	172,937
Income tax payable		19,564	19,052
Obligation in respect of jointly controlled entities		6,779	9,066
Due to customers on construction contracts		277,314	310,483
Due to a jointly controlled entity		10,000	10,000
		1,065,111	982,505
Total liabilities		1,451,036	1,329,026
Total equity and liabilities		2,762,203	2,632,476
Net current assets		635,616	677,307
Total assets less current liabilities		1,697,092	1,649,971

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 September 2010

		Attribut	able to equity h	olders of the Co	mpany			
-	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000	Currency translation reserve HK\$'000	<b>Retained</b> <b>profits</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000	Sub-total HK\$'000	Non- controlling interests HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> <i>HK\$'000</i>
As at 1 April 2010 Profit/(loss) for	87,611	413,776	359	5,906	795,204	1,302,856	594	1,303,450
the period	-	-	-	-	10,697	10,697	(594)	10,103
Currency translation differences Dividend	-	-	-	3,221	- (5,607)	3,221 (5,607)	-	3,221 (5,607)
As at 30 September 2010	87,611	413,776	359	9,127	800,294	1,311,167		1,311,167
As at 1 April 2009 Profit for the period	87,611	413,776	359	2,689	743,116 4,868	1,247,551 4,868	596	1,248,147 4,868
Currency translation differences Dividend	_	-		2,158	(4,249)	2,158 (4,249)	-	2,158 (4,249)
As at 30 September 2009	87,611	413,776	359	4,847	743,735	1,250,328	596	1,250,924

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Yau Lee Holdings Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") are principally engaged in the contracting of building construction, plumbing, renovation, maintenance and fitting-out projects, electrical and mechanical installation, building materials trading and property investment and development. The Group is also engaged in other activities which mainly include computer software development and architectural and engineering services.

The Company is a limited liability company incorporated in Bermuda on 25 June 1991. The address of its registered office is Clarendon House, Church Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda. The Company is listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("SEHK").

Condensed consolidated interim financial statements are presented in thousands of Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$'000"), unless otherwise stated. Condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 29 November 2010.

This condensed consolidated interim financial information has not been audited.

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

This condensed consolidated interim financial information for the six months ended 30 September 2010 has been prepared in accordance with HKAS 34, "Interim financial reporting". The condensed consolidated interim financial information should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010, which have been prepared in accordance with HKFRSs.

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Except as described below, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010, as described in those annual financial statements.

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

The following new or revised standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been published that are effective for the accounting period of the Group beginning on 1 April 2010:

- HKFRS 3 (Revised), 'Business Combinations'
- HKAS 27 (Revised), 'Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements'
- HKAS 32 (Amendment), 'Classification of Rights Issues'
- HKAS 39 (Amendment), 'Eligible Hedged Items'
- HK(IFRIC) Int 17, 'Distribution of Non-cash Assets to Owners'
- Improvements to HKFRSs 2008
- Improvements to HKFRSs 2009

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The adoption of these new or revised standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards has no significant impact on the Group's financial statements.

The following new or revised standards, amendments and interpretations have been issued but are not effective for the financial year beginning 1 April 2010 and have not been early adopted:

- HKFRS 9, 'Financial Instruments'
- HKAS 24 (Revised), 'Related Party Disclosures'
- HK(IFRIC) Int 14 (Amendment), 'Prepayments of a Minimum Funding Requirement'
- HK(IFRIC) Int 19, 'Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments'
- Improvements to HKFRSs 2010

The Group will adopt the above new or revised standards, amendments and interpretations as and when they become effective. The Group has already commenced the assessment of the impact to the Group and is not yet in a position to state whether these would have a significant impact on its results of operations and financial position.

#### 4. **REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The Group is principally engaged in contracting of building construction, plumbing, renovation, maintenance and fitting-out projects, electrical and mechanical installation, building materials trading and property investment and development.

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2010	2009	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Revenue			
Contracting of building construction, plumbing,			
renovation, maintenance and fitting-out projects	834,343	1,106,250	
Electrical and mechanical installation	693,002	519,626	
Building materials trading	19,270	13,892	
Property investment and development	755	1,325	
Others	4,070	4,777	
	1,551,440	1,645,870	

#### 4. **REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION** (Continued)

The chief operating decision makers have been identified as the Executive Directors. In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting provided to the Executive Directors, who are responsible for allocating resources, assessing performance of the operating segments and making strategic decisions, the reportable operating segments are as follows:

- Construction Contracting of building construction, plumbing, renovation, maintenance and fitting-out projects
- Electrical and mechanical installation Provision of electrical, mechanical, ventilation and air conditioning, fire, plumbing and environmental engineering services
- Building materials trading Trading of construction and building materials
- Property investment and development

Other operations of the Group mainly comprise computer software development and architectural and engineering services which are not of a sufficient size to be reported separately.

# 4. **REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION** (*Continued*)

	Construction HK\$'000	Electrical and mechanical installation <i>HK</i> \$'000	Building materials trading HK\$'000	Property investment and development <i>HK\$`000</i>	Others HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
For the six months ended 30 September 2010						
Total sales Inter-segment sales	834,343	731,223 (38,221)	125,363 (106,093)	755	12,749 (8,679)	1,704,433 (152,993)
External sales	834,343	693,002	19,270	755	4,070	1,551,440
Segment results	(30,158)	12,700	1,651	22,902	(2,349)	4,746
Unallocated income						867
Operating profit Finance costs Share of profit of jointly	(1,298)	(252)	(995)	(260)	(545)	5,613 (3,350)
controlled entities Share of loss of an associate	10,831	_ (17)	38 -		-	10,869 (17)
Profit before income tax Income tax expense						13,115 (3,012)
Profit for the period						10,103
Capital expenditure	7,899	876	25,479	35,914	275	70,443
Depreciation Amortisation of leasehold land	6,762	1,500	11,022	-	508	19,792
and land use right	87	-	633	-	592	1,312
Amortisation of intangible asset Fair value gain on	s –	528	-	-	-	528
investment properties, net	-	-	-	(25,526)	-	(25,526)
Other non-cash (income)/expenses, net	378	-	(285)	-	545	638
As at 30 September 2010						
Segment assets	1,126,884	423,420	366,196	742,795	44,068	2,703,363
Interests in associates	-	1,500	-	-	25	1,525
Interests in jointly						
controlled entity Unallocated assets	7,674	_	-	-	-	7,674 49,641
Total assets						2,762,203

## 4. **REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION** (*Continued*)

	Construction HK\$'000	Electrical and mechanical installation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Building materials trading HK\$'000	Property investment and development <i>HK\$'000</i>	Others <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
For the six months ended 30 September 2009						
Total sales Inter-segment sales	1,111,399 (5,149)	550,296 (30,670)	95,806 (81,914)	1,325	13,021 (8,244)	1,771,847 (125,977)
External sales	1,106,250	519,626	13,892	1,325	4,777	1,645,870
Segment results	1,820	12,386	(3,697)	16,946	(10,973)	16,482
Unallocated expenses						(168)
Operating profit Finance costs Share of (loss)/profit of jointly	(2,095)	(9)	(344)	(282)	_	16,314 (2,730)
controlled entities Share of loss of an associate	(1,914)	362 (147)	-	-		(1,552) (147)
Profit before income tax Income tax expense						11,885 (7,017)
Profit for the period						4,868
Capital expenditure Depreciation Amortisation of leasehold land	7,016 5,746	534 1,006	1,617 8,007	468,939 _	- 395	478,106 15,154
and land use right Amortisation of intangible assets Fair value gain on investment	86 -	_ 528	-		357	443 528
properties Other non-cash expenses, net	1,795	-	302	(21,706)	-	(21,706) 2,097
As at 31 March 2010						
Segment assets Interests in associates	1,034,067	452,405 1,517	366,233	680,619 –	56,375 25	2,589,699 1,542
Interests in jointly controlled entities Unallocated assets	_	_	1,132	_	_	1,132 40,103
Total assets						2,632,476

# 5. OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2010	2009
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Other income		
Dividend income from investments	-	78
Bank interest income	861	2,358
Interest income from subcontractors	2,810	996
Management service income from a jointly controlled entity	758	_
Sundry income	2,513	2,534
	6,942	5,966
Other gains		
Realised gain on derivative financial assets/liabilities	-	839
Fair value gain on investment properties	26,176	21,706
Unrealised gain on financial assets at fair value		
through profit or loss	13	71
Realised gain on financial assets at fair value		
through profit or loss	-	150
Unrealised gain on derivative financial assets	964	45
Gain on disposal of subsidiary companies	1,907	
	29,060	22,811
	36,002	28,777

## 6. EXPENSES BY NATURE

Expenses by nature are arrived at after charging the following:

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2010 HK\$'000	2009 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Cost of construction	1,183,111	1,275,596
Cost of inventories sold	92,665	77,999
Staff cost (including directors' emoluments)	218,385	205,722
Depreciation		
- Owned property, plant and equipment	18,380	13,824
- Leased property, plant and equipment	1,412	1,330
	19,792	15,154
Operating lease rentals		
– Land and buildings	5,403	4,733
– Other equipment	23,267	32,040
	28,670	36,773
Amortisation of leasehold land and land use right	1,312	443
Less: Capitalised under property, plant and equipment	(852)	
	460	443
Amortisation of intangible assets	528	528
Auditor's remuneration	1,509	1,414
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	41	165
Fair value loss on investment property	650	_
Exchange loss, net	2,763	793
Direct operating expenses arising from investment properties		
- Generate rental income	139	206
- Not generate rental income	130	50
Distribution costs	5,915	4,205
Others	27,071	39,285
Total cost of sales, distribution costs, administrative		
and other operating expenses	1,581,829	1,658,333

#### 7. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2010	2009
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest on overdrafts and short-term bank loans	2,242	459
Interest on long-term bank loans repayable		
within five years	1,938	457
Interest on long-term bank loans		
repayable after five years	636	194
Interest element of finance lease payments	217	133
Total borrowing costs incurred	5,033	1,243
Less: Classified under cost of construction	(984)	(477)
Capitalised under property, plant and		
equipment and investment properties	(2,314)	(367)
	1,735	399
Unrealised loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	936	_
Realised loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	118
Unrealised loss on derivative financial liabilities	679	2,213
	3,350	2,730

#### 8. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

No taxation on Hong Kong profits tax for the year has been provided as there were no estimated assessable profits in Hong Kong.

Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profits for the period at the rates of taxation prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

The amount of income tax charged to the unaudited condensed consolidated income statement represents:

	Six months ended		
	30 September		
	2010	2009	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Overseas tax provision for the period	7,623	7,104	
Under-provision of tax in prior years	52	_	
Deferred income tax relating to the origination			
and reversal of temporary differences	(4,663)	(87)	
	3,012	7,017	

#### 9. DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors does not recommend an interim dividend for the period (2009: Nil).

#### 10. EARNINGS PER SHARE (BASIC AND DILUTED)

The calculation of earnings per share is based on:

	Six months ended	
	<b>30 September</b>	
	2010	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Net profit attributable to		
the equity holders of the Company	10,697	4,868
	Six months ended	
	<b>30 September</b>	
	2010	2009
Weighted average number of shares		
in issue during the period	438,053,600	438,053,600

Diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30 September 2010 and 2009 are not presented as there are no potential dilutive shares during the periods.

#### 11. TRADE DEBTORS, NET

Trade debtors, net included trade debtors and retention receivables less provision for impairment.

The trade debtors are due 30 days to 150 days after invoicing depending on the nature of services or products. As at 30 September 2010, trade debtors of HK\$70,540,000 (31 March 2010: HK\$27,107,000) were past due but not impaired. These relate to a number of customers for whom there is no recent history of default. The aging analysis of these trade debtors is as follows:

	30 September 2010 <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 March 2010 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Overdue by:		11110 000
1-30 days	46,629	5,550
31-90 days	9,960	6,182
91-180 days	1,351	1,870
Over 180 days	12,600	13,505
	70,540	27,107

#### 12. PAYABLES TO SUPPLIERS AND SUBCONTRACTORS

The aging analysis of the payables to suppliers and subcontractors is as follows:

	30 September 2010 <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 March 2010 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Current	185,583	218,026
1-30 days	24,255	24,907
31-90 days	2,344	13,870
91-180 days	305	1,564
Over 180 days	839	573
	213,326	258,940

#### 13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Group had the following outstanding commitments and contingent liabilities:

- (a) In the normal course of its business, the Group is subject to various claims under its construction contracts. As at 30 September 2010, the Group had various liquidated damages claims on certain contracts for which the Group has filed extension of time claims with the customers. The amount of the ultimate liquidated damages, if any, cannot be ascertained but the Directors are of the opinion that any resulting liabilities would not materially affect the financial position of the Group.
- (b) In 2006, the Group received a statement of claims for an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$4,200,000 for alleged breach of contract and uncertified workdone in connection with a design work contract. The Group has raised a counterclaim of approximately HK\$2,800,000 to the subcontractor for expenses and payments made on behalf. The Directors do not consider that any significant adverse financial impact will crystallise in respect of the claims and accordingly, no provision was made as at 30 September 2010.
- (c) In 2007, the Group received a statement of claims for an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$23,900,000 for uncertified workdone, variation works and prolongation costs incurred by a subcontractor in connection with a steelwork subcontract. The Group has raised a counterclaim of approximately HK\$26,700,000 to the subcontractor for expenses and payments made on behalf. The Directors do not consider that any significant adverse financial impact will crystallise in respect of the claims and accordingly, no provision was made as at 30 September 2010.
- (d) The Group has incurred guarantees in respect of performance bonds that amount to approximately HK\$397,468,000 (31 March 2010: HK\$369,382,000) in favour of the Group's customers.
- (e) As at 30 September 2010, the Group has capital expenditure contracted for but not yet incurred in relation to the acquisition of plant and equipment and construction of a hotel in Hong Kong and a factory in Mainland China of approximately HK\$159,434,000 (31 March 2010: HK\$52,082,000).
- (f) The future aggregate minimum lease rental payable under non-cancellable operating leases is as follows:

	30 September 2010 <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 March 2010 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Land and buildings		
– Within one year	7,081	6,428
– One year to five years	12,411	12,312
– More than five years	39,598	40,895
	59,090	59,635

## 14. RELATED PARTY BALANCES

#### Key management compensation

Key management includes the Directors (executive and independent non-executive directors) of the Group. The compensation paid or payable to key management for employee services is shown below:

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2010	2009
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Salaries and fees	7,286	5,741
Discretionary bonuses	104	_
Pension costs – defined contribution scheme	293	256
	7,683	5,997

#### 15. FUTURE MINIMUM RENTAL RECEIVABLE

The Group had future aggregate minimum lease receipts under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of its investment properties as follows:

	30 September 2010	31 March 2010
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	1,611	1,223
One year to five years	1,662	999
	3,273	2,222

## **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

The Board of Directors of the Company ("the Directors") does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2010 (2009: Nil).

### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### **Results and operation**

The Group's turnover for the six months ended 30 September 2010 was approximately HK\$1,551,440,000 (2009: HK\$1,645,870,000). In late 2009, the Group has commenced a major public construction contract in Hong Kong which contributed its turnover to a jointly controlled entity, instead of the Group's turnover. Had the Group's share of turnover of this contract been reported in the Group's turnover, the Group's turnover during the period would have increased compared with last period.

The Group recorded a gross profit of approximately HK\$69,048,000 for the period (2009: HK\$100,526,000) as a result of loss incurred from certain construction contract completed during this period. However, the Group has benefited from the fair value gain on investment properties, the tight control on administrative expenses and the share of profit of jointly controlled entities. The Group achieved an improvement in the net attributable profit from HK\$4,868,000 in 2009 to HK\$10,103,000 in the current period.

As at 30 September 2010, the total contract sum of the Group's contracts in hand (excluding joint venture contract) is approximately HK\$9,373 million, including construction contracts and electrical and mechanical installation contracts. The estimated remaining works (excluding joint venture contract) as at 30 September 2010 was approximately HK\$4,942 million. In the building construction, renovation and maintenance business, six contracts with total contract sum of approximately HK\$767 million were secured during the period including two construction contracts, two renovation and fitting-out contracts in Hong Kong and two contracts in Macau after resumption of Parcel 5 & 6 of Venetian projects. Three contracts with contract sum of approximately HK\$1,935 million and a contract with contract sum of approximately HK\$1,654 million held under a jointly controlled entity were completed during the period. In the electrical and mechanical installation business, contracts secured included a contract of approximately HK\$423 million in China and that of approximately HK\$86 million regarding Venetian projects in Macau.

Subsequent to 30 September 2010, two construction contracts in Singapore with total contract sum of approximately S\$139 million (approximately HK\$819 million) and a construction contract in Hong Kong with contract sum of approximately HK\$317 million were awarded to the Group.

#### **Movement of contracts**

For the six months ended 30 September 2010 (excluding joint venture contract)

	31 March 2010 HK\$ million	Contracts secured HK\$ million	Contracts completed HK\$ million	30 September 2010 HK\$ million
Building Construction, Renovation and Maintenance	6,910	767	(1,935)	5,742
Electrical and Mechanical Installation	3,460	1,187	(1,016)	3,631
	10,370	1,954	(2,951)	9,373

The above contract value as at 30 September 2010 did not include a contract of HK\$2,896 million under a jointly controlled entity. Such contract was awarded for Construction of Public Rental Housing Development at Kai Tak Site 1B by Yau Lee – Hsin Chong Joint Venture (the "Joint Venture"). 60% of the Joint Venture is owned by Yau Lee Construction Company Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company.

## **Financial Position**

At 30 September 2010, the Group's total cash in hand was approximately HK\$386,630,000 (31 March 2010: HK\$566,630,000) while total borrowings have increased to approximately HK\$702,636,000 (31 March 2010: HK\$516,949,000) during this period. The reduction in net cash is a result of the timing of construction revenue receipts during the period, the payments of equipment for producing environmental friendly materials and construction costs of our development projects which were partly satisfied by the Group's cash and partly from bank borrowings. The current ratio (total current assets: total current liabilities) has changed from 1.7 as at 31 March 2010 to 1.6 as at 30 September 2010.

The short-term and long-term borrowings are secured by the Group's properties, certain time deposits and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Interest on bank loans are charged at floating rates and the Group monitors interest rate risks continuously and considers hedging any excessive risk when necessary. The Group has been granted banking facilities of approximately HK\$1,282,566,000 (31 March 2010: HK\$948,067,000) relating to bank loans and overdrafts and approximately HK\$681,432,000 (31 March 2010: HK\$608,802,000) relating to guarantees and trade financing as at 30 September 2010, in which an amount of approximately HK\$702,636,000 (31 March 2010: HK\$516,949,000) and approximately HK\$324,000,000 (31 March 2010: HK\$516,949,000) and approximately HK\$324,000,000 (31 March 2010: HK\$290,728,000) were utilised respectively. The Group's banking facilities increased mainly because of business expansion and the financing of property development projects.

## Human Resources

As at 30 September 2010, the Group had approximately 2,650 (31 March 2010: 2,600) employees. There are approximately 1,800 (31 March 2010: 1,900) employees in Hong Kong, Macau and Singapore and 850 (31 March 2010: 700) in Mainland China. The Group's remuneration policies are primarily based on prevailing market salary levels and the performance of the respective companies and individuals concerned.

# Outlook

As a total solution contractor in the market, the Group will capture the opportunities arising from the improved economy of the region. The Group has developed strong expertise and excellent reputation in the building construction and renovation sector and will continue to actively explore both public and private projects in Hong Kong. The Group has also gained strong reputation in the region from its recent work in Macau and Singapore and has secured new contracts in these new markets and will continue the momentum. Together with the strong contract base of the electrical and mechanical engineering business in Hong Kong, Mainland China and Macau, the Group has greatly diversified its businesses geographically and built up a solid foundation for future business growth.

The Group is currently building up its new factory in Huizhou, Mainland China to enhance its production capabilities and develop environmental friendly building materials under Starfon trademark. The enhanced capacity and capabilities will allow the Group to secure more materials supply contracts with better pricing to support the future expansion in our trading business especially in green business.

The Group's property redevelopment projects are all moving ahead in good progress. The Holiday Inn Express Hong Kong SoHo in Sheung Wan is targeted to be launched in 2012 and the Group is aiming at building an environmental friendly hotel to fulfill our corporate social responsibility. The other properties in Tokwawan and Kwun Tong are planned to be redeveloped into residential and commercial premises respectively and the statutory procedures are being gone through. The Group has enjoyed the asset inflation from these properties and upon completion of redevelopment, the Group will maintain a balanced property investment portfolio with stable income source. Overall, the Group's solid foundation and diversified businesses will be a strong driver for business growth in future to enhance shareholders' return.

## PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

The Company has not redeemed, and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased or sold, the Company's listed securities for the six months ended 30 September 2010.

## **REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, internal control and financial reporting matters including the review of the Group's unaudited interim results.

## CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS UNDER CHAPTER 13 OF THE RULES GOVERNING THE LISTING OF SECURITIES ON THE SEHK ("LISTING RULES") – BANKING FACILITY WITH COVENANT RELATING TO SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDER

In accordance with the requirements under Rule 13.21 of the Listing Rules, the Directors of the Company reported the following loan facility which exists during the period and includes a condition relating to specific performance of the controlling shareholder of the Company.

On 14 May 2010, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company was granted a term loan facility of up to HK\$475,000,000 to be repaid in one lump sum 36 months after the date of the loan agreement or 31 December 2012, whichever shall be the earlier. The facility is for the purpose of refinancing the subsidiary's existing indebtedness and financing or refinancing its property development project.

Pursuant to the loan agreement, it shall be an event of default if Mr. Wong Ip Kuen, the controlling shareholder of the Company, and his family, hold directly or indirectly less than 40% of the equity interest and voting shares of the Company. The occurrence of the aforesaid event of default would render all outstanding liabilities and indebtedness of the subsidiary under the loan agreement to become immediately due and payable. As at 30 September 2010 and up to the date of this announcement, there is no breach of this covenant.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company is committed to attaining good standard of corporate governance practices with an emphasis on a quality board, better transparency, and effective accountability system in order to enhance shareholders' value. Detailed disclosure of the Company's corporate governance practices is available in the 2010 Annual Report.

## **COMPLIANCE WITH LISTING RULES**

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company has complied with the requirements of the Code as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules for the period ended 30 September 2010 except for the Code provision A.2.1 which requires the roles of chairman and chief executive officer be separated and not be performed by the same individual. The division of responsibilities between the chairman and chief executive officer should be clearly established and set out in writing. However, the roles of the chairman and the chief executive officer of the Company are not separated and are performed by the same individual, Mr. Wong Ip Kuen. The current structure will enable the Company to make and facilitate the implementation of decisions promptly and efficiently.

## MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the requirements of the Model Code as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding the securities transactions of the Directors of the Company. Having made specific enquiries to all Directors of the Company, they have confirmed that they complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code during the accounting period covered by this interim announcement.

## INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE OF SEHK

Information required by paragraphs 45(1) to 45(3) of Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules will be published on SEHK website in due course.

By order of the Board Wong Ip Kuen Chairman

Hong Kong, 29 November 2010

As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Directors of the Company are Mr. Wong Ip Kuen, Mr. Wong Tin Cheung, Ms. Wong Wai Man, Mr. So Yau Chi, Mr. Sun Chun Wai, and Mr. Tsang Chiu Kwan. The Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company are Dr. Yeung Tsun Man, Eric, Mr. Wu King Cheong and Mr. Chan, Bernard Charnwut.

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