

Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited take no responsibility for the contents of this announcement, make no representation as to its accuracy or completeness and expressly disclaim any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the contents of this announcement.



**CECEP COSTIN NEW MATERIALS GROUP LIMITED
(IN PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATION)**

中國節能海東青新材料集團有限公司（臨時清盤中）

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 2228)

**INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of CECEP COSTIN New Materials Group Limited (In Provisional Liquidation) (the “**Company**”) announces the consolidated results (the “**Results Announcement**”) of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “**Group**”) for the six months ended 30 June 2020 (the “**Reporting Period**”) and consolidated financial position as at 30 June 2020 with comparative figures for the corresponding period of previous year as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2020

(Expressed in Renminbi)

	<i>Note</i>	Six months ended 30 June	
		2020	2019
		<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Income		32	17
Administrative expenses		<u>(3,580)</u>	<u>(3,542)</u>
Loss from operations		(3,548)	(3,525)
Finance costs	4	<u>(6,643)</u>	<u>(6,297)</u>
Loss before tax		(10,191)	(9,822)
Income tax	5	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
Loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company		(10,191)	(9,822)
Other comprehensive loss:			
<i>Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>			
Exchange differences on translation from functional currency to presentation currency, net of nil tax		<u>(4,198)</u>	<u>(338)</u>
Total comprehensive loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company		<u>(14,389)</u>	<u>(10,160)</u>
		<i>RMB cents</i>	<i>RMB cents</i>
Loss per share			
– Basic	6	<u><u>(0.44)</u></u>	<u><u>(0.42)</u></u>

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2020

(Expressed in Renminbi)

	<i>Note</i>	30 June 2020 RMB'000 (unaudited)	31 December 2019 RMB'000 (audited)
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Bank and cash balances		<u>7,077</u>	<u>8,435</u>
Total current assets		<u>7,077</u>	<u>8,435</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>7,077</u>	<u>8,435</u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	7	196,409	196,409
Reserves		<u>(421,812)</u>	<u>(407,423)</u>
Total deficit		<u>(225,403)</u>	<u>(211,014)</u>
Current liabilities			
Accruals and other payables		68,745	58,878
Due to former subsidiaries	8	1,548	1,517
Bank loans		<u>162,187</u>	<u>159,054</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>232,480</u>	<u>219,449</u>
TOTAL DEFICIT AND LIABILITIES		<u>7,077</u>	<u>8,435</u>

NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(Expressed in Renminbi)

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

CECEP COSTIN New Materials Group Limited (In Provisional Liquidation) (the “**Company**”) was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands. The address of the Company’s registered office is Grand Pavilion, Hibiscus Way, 802 West Bay Road, P.O. Box 31119, KY1-1205, Cayman Islands and its current principal place of business is situated at 22nd Floor, Prince’s Building, Central, Hong Kong.

Alleged misappropriation of funds

On 22 August 2016, the Company announced that it was alleged that certain funds of a subsidiary of the Company in the People’s Republic of China (the “**PRC**”) had been misappropriated by Mr. Chim Wai Kong (the “**Misappropriation**”). Mr. Chim Wai Kong was an executive director and co-chairman of the Company at that time and subsequently resigned as an executive director and co-chairman of the Company on 11 January 2017.

Following the allegation, a special investigation committee, comprising all three of the then independent non-executive directors of the Company, was established to conduct an inquiry into the alleged Misappropriation. On 30 September 2016, a forensic accounting firm was appointed to conduct a forensic investigation in respect of the alleged Misappropriation. On 3 November 2017, the forensic accounting firm issued a report and the key findings of the investigation as set out in the report are as follows:

- (a) There are discrepancies in bank balances, loan balances and external credit facilities between what had been disclosed in the annual reports of the Company and the statements and records received from the banks and credit agencies for the financial years ended 31 December 2014, 2015 and 2016 (up to 31 August 2016);
- (b) There are omissions in the Company’s annual reports for the financial years ended 31 December 2014 and 2015 in respect of external guarantees provided by the Company’s subsidiaries to third parties;
- (c) Since 2012, three subsidiaries of the Company have kept two sets of accounting records; and
- (d) Unauthorised payments were made from the bank accounts of a subsidiary of the Company to the bank accounts of Mr. Chim Wai Kong and his brother and the then director of the Company, Mr. Chim Wai Shing Jackson, and/or their connected entities between 2012 and 2016.

Listing status of the Company

The shares of the Company are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”). However, trading in shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange has been suspended since 15 August 2016 due to the alleged Misappropriation.

On 14 December 2016, the Stock Exchange placed the Company in the first delisting stage under Practice Note 17 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”). As no resumption proposal was submitted to the Stock Exchange before the expiry date of the first delisting stage, the Stock Exchange placed the Company into the second delisting stage commencing on 26 June 2017 and expiring on 25 December 2017. No resumption proposal was submitted to the Stock Exchange again before the expiry date of the second delisting stage, the Stock Exchange placed the Company into the third delisting stage commencing on 24 January 2018 and expiring on 23 July 2018.

On 16 May 2018, the Company and a third-party investor entered into a legally binding restructuring framework agreement for implementation of a restructuring proposal in connection with the restructuring of the Company (the “**Proposed Restructuring**”). The Proposed Restructuring shall include the proposed acquisition by the Company of the target companies which are engaged in property investment in Hong Kong and Taiwan, which will constitute a very substantial acquisition and a reverse takeover involving a new listing application of the Company under the Listing Rules. The Proposed Restructuring shall also include, but not be limited to, capital reorganisation, open offer and schemes of arrangement to be made between the Company and its creditors, to satisfy the resumption conditions as laid down by the Stock Exchange.

On 9 July 2018, the Company submitted a resumption proposal to the Stock Exchange which embraces the Proposed Restructuring and contemplates for the resumption of trading in the shares of the Company. On 21 September 2018, the Stock Exchange agreed to allow the Company to submit a new listing application relating to the resumption proposal (but not any other proposal) on or before 28 February 2019. The new listing application was submitted to the Stock Exchange on 28 February 2019 and the updated new listing application was submitted to the Stock Exchange on 26 November 2019.

On 11 June 2021, the Company received a letter from the Stock Exchange stating that the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange has decided to cancel the listing of the Company’s shares on the Stock Exchange under the Practice Note 17 to the Listing Rules. The reasons for the delisting decision were stated in the Company’s announcement of 25 June 2021. On 23 June 2021, the Company made a formal request to the Stock Exchange for a review of the delisting decision by the Listing Review Committee of the Stock Exchange pursuant to Chapter 2B of the Listing Rules. On 6 October 2021, the Stock Exchange notified the Company that the Listing Review Committee decided to uphold the Listing Committee’s decision to cancel the listing of the Company’s shares on the Stock Exchange. The Company is of the view that the Listing Review Committee’s decision does not have reasonable grounds, having regard the circumstances of the Company and the Company has made a formal request to the Stock Exchange for a review of the Listing Review Committee’s decision by the Listing Appeals Committee of the Stock Exchange on 12 October 2021. As at date of approval of this interim financial information, the hearing of the Listing Appeals Committee has not yet held.

Voluntary winding up of a subsidiary and winding up petition against the Company

On 22 February 2017, a wholly owned subsidiary, Gerfalcon Industrial (Nonwoven) Investment Company Limited (“**Gerfalcon Industrial**”), was put into creditors’ voluntary winding up after taking into consideration, amongst others, its insolvency and various defaults in repayments of borrowings and bank loans. Gerfalcon Industrial, together with its subsidiaries, accounted for a substantial portion of the Group’s operations.

On 2 November 2017, a creditor bank served a winding up petition against the Company (the “**Petition**”) as the Company failed to repay a loan of HK\$150 million and related interest of HK\$8 million. As a result, Mr. Man Chun So, Mr. Yat Kit Jong and Mr. Simon Conway were appointed by the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands as joint provisional liquidators of the Company on 14 November 2017. The hearing of the Petition was adjourned and re-listed for hearing on 16 February 2018 (Cayman Islands Time).

By virtue of the order dated 13 March 2018, the hearing of the Petition was adjourned and re-listed for hearing on 27 September 2018 (Cayman Islands Time), which was subsequently vacated and the hearing of the Petition against the Company has been adjourned without a return date.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The interim financial information for the six months ended 30 June 2020 has been prepared based on limited books of account and records available to the Company to the extent available to the directors to fulfil the Company's responsibilities for the preparation of interim financial information in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("IAS 34") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

This interim financial information should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019. The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019, as described in those audited consolidated financial statements.

The directors noted that the historical information in respect of the Company that is available to them may not be complete and sufficient to establish an accurate and reliable view of the historical transactions, trading and financial position of the Group and may contain significant errors. Given the findings of the forensic accounting firm in respect of the alleged Misappropriation as mentioned in note 1, and due to limited books of account and records available to the Company and that all the former key personnel responsible for finance and accounting matters of the Group had left, the directors believe that it is almost impossible, and not practicable, to verify the financial information as reported in the Group's unaudited interim financial information and audited consolidated financial statements in respect of the previous years. Accordingly, the comparative financial information shown in this interim financial information only represents such information as reported in the Group's published unaudited interim financial information for the six months ended 30 June 2019 and audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 and therefore may not be comparable with the figures for the current period.

Given the findings of the forensic accounting firm in respect of alleged Misappropriation as mentioned in note 1, and due to limited books of account and records available to the Company and that all the former key personnel responsible for finance and accounting matters of the Group had left, the directors believe that it is almost impossible, and not practical, to ascertain the transactions and balances in respect of the six months ended 30 June 2020 included in the interim financial information. In this connection, no representation is made by the directors as to the completeness, existence and accuracy of the transactions and balances in respect of the six months ended 30 June 2020 included in this interim financial information, and whether the interim financial information has been properly prepared in accordance with IAS 34 and in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Listing Rules.

Due to insufficient financial information, the interim financial information does not contain certain disclosures under IAS 34 and the Listing Rules.

The interim financial information has been prepared on a going concern basis, on the assumption that the Proposed Restructuring of the Company will be completed and the Group will be able to improve its financial position and business upon completion of the Proposed Restructuring. The interim financial information does not incorporate any adjustments for possible failure of the Proposed Restructuring and the continuance of the Group as a going concern. Should the Group be unable to continue as a going concern, adjustments would have to be made to restate the value of assets to their recoverable amounts and to provide for any further liabilities which might arise. The effects of these adjustments have not been reflected in this interim financial information.

3 ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("IFRSs")

The IASB has issued certain new and revised IFRSs that are first effective for the current period of the Group. The application of the new and revised IFRSs did not result in significant changes to the Group's accounting policies and the presentation of the financial statements amounts reported for both the current and prior periods.

The Group has not applied the new IFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective.

4 FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2020	2019
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Interest expense on bank loans	6,643	6,297

On the basis as set out in note 2, no representation is made by the directors as to the completeness, occurrence and accuracy of finance costs.

5 INCOME TAX

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax is required for the subsidiaries of the Company incorporated in Hong Kong since they have no assessable profits for the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 2019.

On the basis as set out in note 2, no representation is made by the directors as to the completeness, occurrence and accuracy of income tax.

6 LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic loss per share is based on the following:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2020	2019
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Loss		
Loss for the purpose of calculating basis loss per share		
– loss attributable to owners of the Company	(10,191)	(9,822)
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic earnings per share	2,329,266,000	2,329,266,000

No diluted earnings per share is presented as the Company did not have any dilutive potential ordinary share for the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 2019.

On the basis as set out in note 2, the loss attributable to owners of the Company may not be accurate, and no representation is made by the directors as to the accuracy of the loss per share of the Company.

7 SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	Amount <i>HK\$</i>	Amount as presented <i>RMB'000</i>
Authorised:			
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each			
At 1 January 2019 (audited),			
31 December 2019 (audited),			
1 January 2020 and 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	<u>4,000,000,000</u>	<u>400,000,000</u>	<u>340,744</u>
Ordinary shares, issued and fully paid:			
At 1 January 2019 (audited),			
31 December 2019 (audited),			
1 January 2020 and 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	<u>2,329,266,000</u>	<u>232,926,600</u>	<u>196,409</u>

8 DUE TO FORMER SUBSIDIARIES

The balances are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

On the basis as set out in note 2, no representation is made by the directors as to the completeness, existence and accuracy of the balances due to former subsidiaries.

9 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 30 June 2020, the Company had contingent liabilities in respect of corporate guarantees to the extent of RMB118,575,000 (31 December 2019: RMB116,285,000) given for the general banking facilities granted to a former subsidiary. The amount of drawdown by the former subsidiary as at 30 June 2020 is RMB44,945,000 (31 December 2019: RMB44,169,000).

On the basis as set out in note 2, no representation is made by the directors as to the completeness, existence and accuracy of contingent liabilities.

EXTRACT FROM REPORT ON REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Company's auditor has issued a disclaimer of conclusion on the Group's condensed consolidated interim financial information for the six months ended 30 June 2020, an extract of which is as follows:

Scope of review

We planned to conduct our review 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. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

However, because of the matters described in the "**Basis for disclaimer of conclusion**" section of our report, we were not able to carry out sufficient review procedures to provide a basis for a conclusion on the interim financial information.

BASIS FOR DISCLAIMER OF CONCLUSION

(a) Opening balances and comparative figures

As disclosed in note 2 to the interim financial information, the directors noted that the historical information in respect of the Company that is available to them may not be complete and sufficient to establish an accurate and reliable view of the historical transactions, trading and financial position of the Group and may contain significant errors. Given the findings of the forensic accounting firm in respect of the alleged misappropriation of funds of a subsidiary of the Company by a former executive director and co-chairman of the Company, and due to limited books of account and records available to the Company and that all the former key personnel responsible for finance and accounting matters of the Group had left, the directors believe that it is almost impossible, and not practicable, to verify the financial information as reported in the Group's unaudited interim financial information and audited consolidated financial statements in respect of the previous years.

Against this background, we were not able to satisfy ourselves as to whether the total deficit of the Group as at 1 January 2020 was free from material misstatement. Any adjustments to the opening total deficit of the Group as at 1 January 2020 would affect the Group's loss and cash flows for the six months ended 30 June 2020 and the related disclosures in the interim financial information. In addition, the comparative figures shown in the interim financial information may not be comparable with the figures for the current period ended 30 June 2020.

(b) *Limited books of account and records*

As disclosed in note 2 to the interim financial information, given the findings of the forensic accounting firm in respect of the alleged misappropriation of funds of a subsidiary of the Company by a former executive director and co-chairman of the Company, and due to limited books of account and records available to the Company and that all the former key personnel responsible for finance and accounting matters of the Group had left, the directors believe that it is almost impossible, and not practicable, to ascertain the transactions and balances in respect of the six months ended 30 June 2020 included in the interim financial information. In this connection, no representation is made by the directors as to the completeness, existence and accuracy of the transactions and balances in respect of the six months ended 30 June 2020 included in this interim financial information, and whether the interim financial information has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 and in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Listing Rules.

(c) *Non-compliance with IAS 34 and omission of disclosures*

As explained in note 2 to the interim financial information, the interim financial information has been prepared by the directors based on limited books of account and records available to the Company and the directors believe that it is almost impossible, and not practical, to ascertain the correct amounts. Consequently, the interim financial information does not contain certain disclosures required under IAS 34 and the Listing Rules. Given these circumstances, there were no practicable review procedures that we could perform to quantify the extent of adjustments that might be necessary in respect of the interim financial information.

(d) *Going concern basis of accounting*

As explained in note 2 to the interim financial information, the interim financial information has been prepared on a going concern basis on the assumption that the proposed restructuring of the Company will be completed and the Group will be able to improve its financial position and business upon completion of the proposed restructuring.

The completion of the proposed restructuring is, however, conditional upon, amongst other things, the schemes of arrangement for the restructuring of the Company's indebtedness being accepted by the Company's creditors and approved by the courts in Hong Kong and the Cayman Islands, the relevant approvals being obtained from the shareholders of the Company and other Hong Kong regulatory authorities including The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission, and the resumption of trading in the Company's shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The interim financial information does not incorporate any adjustments that would result from a failure to attain favourable results in respect of the above matters. If the outcome in respect of any of the above matters turns to be unfavourable, the going concern basis might not be appropriate and, in such event, adjustments would have to be made to the interim financial information to reduce the value of assets to their recoverable amounts and to provide for any further liabilities which might arise.

Disclaimer of conclusion

Because of the significance of the matters described in the “Basis for disclaimer of conclusion” section of our report, we were unable to carry out sufficient review procedures to provide a basis for a conclusion on the interim financial information. Accordingly, we do not express a conclusion on the interim financial information.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Directors note that the historical information in respect of the Company that is available to them may not be complete and sufficient to establish an accurate and reliable review of the historical transactions, trading and financial position and may contain significant errors. Given the findings of the forensic accounting firm in respect of the alleged misappropriation of funds of a subsidiary of the Company by a former executive director and co-chairman of the Company, and due to limited books of account and records available to the Company and that all the former key personnel responsible for finance and accounting matters of the Group had left, the Directors believe that it is almost impossible, and not practicable, to verify the financial information as reported in the Group's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2020.

Subject to the above, set out below are the management discussion and analysis of the Group's results of operations and financial conditions for the six months ended 30 June 2020. Such information is principally extracted from the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries to provide information relating to the financial conditions and results of operations of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2020.

BUSINESS REVIEW

The Group is principally engaged in the manufacture and sale of non-woven fabrics and other types of non-woven materials prior to the suspension of trading in shares. The Company operated its business through four segments. The non-woven materials segment was engaged in the manufacture and sale of non-woven fabrics and other types of non-woven materials. The recycled chemical fibers segment was engaged in the manufacture and sale of chemical fibers produced from recycled materials. The thermal resistant filtration materials segment was engaged in the manufacture and sale of thermal resistant filtration materials. The tapioca chips trading segment was engaged in the import and export of tapioca chips.

Suspension of trading in shares and the resumption status

Trading in the shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited has been suspended with effect from 3:17 p.m. on 15 August 2016.

On 22 August 2016, the Company announced the Misappropriation by Mr. Chim Wai Kong and Mr. Chim Wai Kong admitted that he had misappropriated certain funds of such PRC subsidiary but refused to disclose further details. As a result of the Misappropriation, the Board was unable to ascertain whether the Group would be able to meet its payment obligations, such as the repayment of bank loans or interest accrued when due.

On 14 December 2016, the Stock Exchange placed the Company in the first delisting stage under Practice Note 17 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “**Listing Rules**”) as the Stock Exchange considered, inter alia, that the Company was unable to maintain a sufficient level of operations or assets required under Rule 13.24 to support a continued listing.

As no resumption proposal was submitted before the expiry date of the first delisting stage, the Stock Exchange placed the Company into the second delisting stage commencing on 26 June 2017 and expiring on 25 December 2017.

On 2 November 2017, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited served a winding up petition and a summons for the appointment of joint provisional liquidators. The summons was heard on 14 November 2017 and the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands (the “**Grand Court**”) made an order appointing Mr. Man Chun So, Mr. Yat Kit Jong and Mr. Simon Conway, all of PricewaterhouseCoopers, as the joint provisional liquidators of the Company (the “**Provisional Liquidators**”) pursuant to Section 104(1) of the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands.

No resumption proposal was submitted before the expiry date of the second delisting stage. The Stock Exchange has placed the Company into the third delisting stage commencing on 24 January 2018 and expiring on 23 July 2018. According to the letter from the Stock Exchange dated 12 January 2018, the Company was required to submit a viable resumption proposal to address the following resumption conditions:

- (a) demonstrate sufficient operations or assets under Rule 13.24 of the Listing Rules;
- (b) conduct an appropriate investigation on the Misappropriation by Mr. Chim Wai Kong and disclose the findings of the investigation, assess the impact on the Company’s financial and operational positions, and take appropriate remedial actions;
- (c) have the winding up petitions against the Company (and its subsidiaries), where applicable, withdrawn or dismissed and the Provisional Liquidators discharged;
- (d) demonstrate that there is no reasonable regulatory concern about management integrity;
- (e) publish all outstanding financial results and address any audit qualifications; and
- (f) inform the market about all material information of the Company.

Proposed Restructuring

On 16 May 2018, the Company, Pyrrho Management Limited (“**Pyrrho**”) and the Provisional Liquidators (collectively the “**Parties**”) entered into a restructuring framework agreement (as supplemented by the supplemental agreements entered into on 26 February 2019, 15 May 2019, 15 May 2020 and 26 August 2021) in respect of, among other things, the proposed restructuring (the “**Restructuring Agreement**”). Pursuant to the Restructuring Agreement, the Company shall implement the proposed restructuring, which includes, among other things, (i) the capital reorganisation; (ii) the acquisition; (iii) the whitewash waiver; (iv) the open offer; and (v) the creditors schemes.

On 9 July 2018, the Company submitted a resumption proposal (the “**Resumption Proposal**”) to the Stock Exchange in support of the resumption of trading on the Stock Exchange (the “**Resumption**”). The foundation of the Resumption Proposal was a restructuring agreement which includes the proposed acquisition by the Company of a target group of companies with a focus on the leasing of the residential, commercial, retail and hotel properties in prime areas located in Hong Kong and Taiwan (the “**Target Group**”). The acquisition constitutes a very substantial acquisition and a reverse takeover involving a new listing application of the Company under the Listing Rules.

The Resumption Proposal also sets out detailed plans on satisfying the resumption conditions, including:

- (i) proposed acquisition of the Target Group which would satisfy Rule 13.24. Rule 13.24 requires an issuer to carry out directly or indirectly a sufficient level of operations or have tangible assets of sufficient value and/or intangible assets for which a sufficient potential value can be demonstrated to warrant the continued listing of the issuer’s securities. On Resumption, the Company will meet the requirements of Rule 13.24 as to operations (proven by the track record profits) and assets (proven by the net assets and their nature);
- (ii) the Company has submitted to the Stock Exchange an investigation report on 13 November 2017 and an announcement dated 24 July 2018 was published to disclose the key investigation findings about the Misappropriation. An internal control consultant will be appointed to review the internal control procedures of the Company and the Target Group, which will become the only operating subsidiaries of the Company upon Resumption;
- (iii) on approval from the creditors of the creditors schemes and completion of all the transactions contemplated in the Resumption Proposal, the Provisional Liquidators will apply to the courts in the Cayman Islands and Hong Kong for the winding up petitions against the Company and its subsidiaries to be discharged before resumption; and
- (iv) all existing Directors of the Company will resign prior to Resumption, and new Directors who are intended to meet the requirements under the Listing Rules will be appointed.

On 21 September 2018, the Stock Exchange agreed to allow the Company to submit a new listing application relating to the Resumption Proposal (but not any other proposal) on or before 28 February 2019. A new listing application relating to the Resumption Proposal was submitted to the Stock Exchange on 28 February 2019. On 26 November 2019, the Company submitted the updated new listing application to the Stock Exchange.

On 31 May 2021, the Listing Division of the Stock Exchange informed the Company that it intended to recommend the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange (the “**Listing Committee**”) to cancel the listing of the Company under Practice Note 17 to the Listing Rules. The Company made a request to be present at the Listing Committee hearing to make an effective representation to the Listing Committee members (the “**Company’s Request**”).

On 11 June 2021, the Listing Committee decided to reject the Company’s Request and cancel the Company’s listing (the “**Delisting Decision**”).

On 23 June 2021, the Company made a formal request to review the Delisting Decision by the Listing (Review) Committee (“**LRC**”) pursuant to Chapter 2B of the Listing Rules.

The hearing of the LRC was held on 28 September 2021. On 6 October 2021, the LRC decided to uphold Listing Committee’s decision to cancel the listing of the Company’s shares on the Stock Exchange (“**LRC Decision**”).

The Company is of the view that the LRC Decision does not have reasonable grounds, having regard to the circumstances, the Company has made a formal request to the Stock Exchange for a review of the LRC Decision by the Listing Appeals Committee (“**LAC**”) on 12 October 2021. As of the date of this Results Announcement, the LAC is still reviewing and processing the Company’s formal request.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overall results

On the basis of incomplete books and records and the books and records available to the Company and Directors, and other factors as disclosed above, for the six months ended 30 June 2020, the Group recorded no revenue but interest income of RMB32,000, which increased by 88.2% as compared to RMB17,000 for the six months ended 30 June 2019. The Group recorded net loss for the six months ended 30 June 2020 of approximately RMB10.2 million, which increased by 4.1% as compared to the Group’s net loss of approximately RMB9.8 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019.

Liquidity and financial resources

Financial Resources

As at 30 June 2020, the Group reported bank and cash balances of approximately RMB7.1 million, which decreased by 15.5% as compared to approximately RMB8.4 million as at 31 December 2019. As at 30 June 2020, the Group's current ratio (current assets to current liabilities) was approximately 0.030, which decreased by 21.1% as compared to 0.038 as at 31 December 2019.

Banking Facilities

As at 30 June 2020, the Group reported bank loans of approximately RMB162.2 million, which increased by 1.9% as compared to RMB159.1 million as at 31 December 2019.

As the gearing ratio was calculated based on the division of the total amount of bank borrowings and other loans by total equity attributable to owners of the Company, the Group's gearing ratio as at 30 June 2020 could not be determined due to deficit of equity attributable to owners of the Company.

Assets and Liabilities

As at 30 June 2020, the Group's total assets was approximately RMB7.1 million, which decreased by 15.5% as compared to approximately RMB8.4 million as at 31 December 2019.

As at 30 June 2020, the Group's total liabilities was approximately RMB232.5 million, which increased by 6.0% as compared to approximately RMB219.4 million as at 31 December 2019.

Capital Structure

As at 30 June 2020, there were 2,329,266,000 ordinary shares in issue. There was no movement in the issued share capital of the Company during the six months ended 30 June 2020.

Commitments

Based on the information to the extent available to the Company, as at 30 June 2020, the Group appeared to have no significant outstanding contracted capital commitments.

Charges on Group's Assets

There is insufficient information available to the Company to ascertain whether there were any charged assets at the Group level as at 30 June 2020.

Significant Investments and Acquisition

Based on the information to the extent available to the Directors, the Group did not have any significant investments nor did it make any material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries and associates throughout the six months ended 30 June 2020.

Reserves

As at 30 June 2020, the Group had a deficit in reserves of approximately RMB421.8 million, which increased by 3.5% as compared to a deficit in reserves of approximately RMB407.4 million as at 31 December 2019.

Contingent Liabilities

As at 30 June 2020, the Group had contingent liabilities in respect of corporate guarantees to the extent of RMB118.6 million given for the general banking facilities granted to an unconsolidated subsidiary, as compared to approximately RMB116.3 million as at 31 December 2019. The amount drawdown by the former subsidiary as at 30 June 2020 is approximately RMB44.9 million, as compared to approximately RMB44.2 million as at 31 December 2019.

Dividends

No dividend was declared for the six months ended 30 June 2020.

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of Listed Securities of the Company

Due to the limitation of the incomplete books and records and the information available to the Directors, the Directors were unable to ascertain whether the Company has any purchase, sale or redemption of listed securities for the six months ended 30 June 2020.

Remuneration policies and share option scheme

Based on the information to the extent available to the Directors, remuneration packages comprise salary, mandatory provident fund and year-end bonus based on individual merits. During the six months ended 30 June 2020, no share option was granted.

PROSPECTS AND OUTLOOK

The Board of the Company, with the assistance of their professional advisers, have submitted the Resumption Proposal and a new listing application to the Stock Exchange.

The Resumption Proposal when successfully implemented will achieve, among other things, the following:

- All the existing assets of the Group are transferred to a special purpose vehicle set up pursuant to the terms of the creditors schemes of arrangement, as agreed by the creditors of the Company, for realisation for the benefits of the creditors of the company;
- All the liabilities of the Company are fully discharged under the creditors schemes of arrangement;
- Upon the grant of the whitewash waiver by the SFC, Pyrrho or its nominee(s) will not be required to make a mandatory general offer for all the issued shares of the Company pursuant to Rule 26.1 of the Takeovers Code;
- The Company will wholly own the Target Group which is with a focus on the leasing of the residential, commercial, retail and hotel properties in prime areas located in Hong Kong and Taiwan with a successful track record that meets the new listing requirements of the Stock Exchange; and
- The Provisional Liquidators will be discharged; following the Stock Exchange approving resumption of trading of the shares of the Company and the new shares on the Stock Exchange.

For the benefit of the shareholders and the creditors as a whole, the Company will continue, with the assistance of their professional advisers, to work with the Target Group in order to obtain the necessary approvals from the relevant regulators for the implementation of the new listing application, such that trading in the shares can be resumed for the benefits of all the shareholders of the Company especially the minority shareholders.

CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICE

Compliance with the Code on Corporate Governance Practices

Given the findings of the forensic accounting firm in respect of the Misappropriation, and due to limited books of account and records available to the Company and that all the former key personnel responsible for finance and accounting matters of the Group had left, the Directors note that the historical information in respect of the Company that is available to them may not be complete and sufficient to establish an accurate and reliable review of the historical transactions, trading and financial position and may contain significant errors. The corporate governance report was prepared in accordance with the limited information available to the Directors.

The Company appeared to comply, based on the limited information available to the Directors, with the applicable code provisions under the Corporate Governance Code (the “**CG Code**”), as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules throughout the six months ended 30 June 2020, except for the following:

- Pursuant to the Listing Rules 3.10(1) and (2), and 3.10A, an issuer must include at least three independent non-executive directors, with at least one of the independent non-executive directors having appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise, and the number of independent non-executive directors representing at least one-third of the Board. Based on the information available to the Directors, following the resignation of Mr. Wong Siu Hong on 9 July 2018, Mr. Feng Xue Ben on 10 July 2018, Mr. Xu Qing Hua on 14 July 2018 and the subsequent appointment of Mr. Fan Tak Wah and Mr. Kelvin Kin-Cheong Ho as independent non-executive directors on 6 August 2018, the number of independent non-executive directors was below the minimum number required as at 30 June 2020 and the date of this announcement.

Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors

Due to the limitation of the incomplete books and records and the information available to the Directors, the Directors are unable to ascertain whether the Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions of Listed Issuers (the “**Model Code**”) as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules for securities transactions during the six months ended 30 June 2020.

Based on the information made available to the Directors, the current Directors are unable to confirm whether the then Directors had complied with, or whether there had been any non-compliance with, the required standards set out in the Model Code.

Audit Committee

The Group’s unaudited condensed consolidated results for the six months ended 30 June 2020 have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company.

PUBLICATION OF RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTERIM REPORT

This Results Announcement is available for viewing on the website of Stock Exchange at <http://www.hkex.com.hk>. The 2020 Interim Report will be available on the website of the Stock Exchange at the earliest practicable opportunity.

SUSPENSION OF TRADING

At the request of the Company, trading in the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange has been suspended with effect from 3:17 p.m. on 15 August 2016. Trading in the shares of the Company will continue to be suspended until further notice and full satisfaction of the resumption conditions and such other further conditions that may be imposed by the Stock Exchange.

Shareholders of the Company and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

On behalf of the Board
CECEP COSTIN New Materials Group Limited
(In Provisional Liquidation)
Yang Jian Hui
Director

Hong Kong, 14 December 2021

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises one executive Director, Ms. Yang Jian Hui and two independent non-executive Directors, Mr. Fan Tak Wah and Mr. Kelvin Kin-Cheong Ho.