



Loulan Holdings Limited

樓蘭控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 8039)

THIRD QUARTERLY RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2004

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RESULTS (UNAUDITED)

The board of Directors (the “Board”) of Loulan Holdings Limited (the “Company”) announces that the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2004 together with comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding periods in 2003 are as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

		For the three months ended 30 September		For the nine months ended 30 September	
		2004	2003	2004	2003
	Notes	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Turnover	3	9,084	72,109	39,594	96,650
Cost of sales		(5,594)	(66,699)	(29,850)	(88,151)
Gross profit		3,490	5,410	9,744	8,499
Other income		1,476	5,442	3,123	5,522
Selling and distribution costs		(2,197)	(2,302)	(5,698)	(3,525)
Administrative expenses		(4,087)	(3,363)	(12,802)	(7,843)
Other operating expenses		(149)	(3)	(572)	(65)
(LOSS)/PROFIT FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	5	(1,467)	5,184	(6,205)	2,588
Finance costs	6	(902)	(979)	(2,546)	(2,435)
(LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAX		(2,369)	4,205	(8,751)	153
Tax	7	–	(287)	(184)	(362)
(LOSS)/PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS		(2,369)	3,918	(8,935)	(209)
(Loss)/earnings per share – basic (RMB)	9	(0.006)	0.010	(0.022)	(0.001)

NOTES:

1. Group reorganisation

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 29 August 2001 as an exempted company with limited liability and its shares have been listed on the GEM of the Stock Exchange since 12 August 2002.

Pursuant to a group reorganisation (“the Reorganisation”) to rationale the structure of the Group in preparation for the listing of the Company’s shares on the GEM of the Stock Exchange, the Company became the holding company of the Group on 24 July 2002. Details of the Reorganisation are set out in the prospectus of the Company dated 31 July 2002 (the “Prospectus”).

2. Basis of preparation and principal accounting policies

The unaudited consolidated results have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Statements of Standard Accounting Practice and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong, the applicable disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and the applicable disclosure provisions of the GEM Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

With effect from 1 January 2003, in order to complying with SSAP 12 (revised) issued by Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Group adopted a new policy for deferred tax to the financial statements. The adoption of this accounting policy has been applied retrospectively, but has no material effect on the results for the current or prior accounting periods. Accordingly, no prior periods adjustment is necessary.

The accounting policies adopted in preparing the unaudited condensed consolidated results for the period ended 30 September 2004, except for the vineyard development as explained below, are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003.

Vineyard development represents the costs incurred in preparing agricultural land for the planting of grapes. Cost comprises the direct costs of development during the period of development. Vineyard development costs are amortised over the estimated economic life of the commercial harvesting of the grapes, which is 20 years, on a straight-line basis, as from the 6th years which the agricultural land preparation is generally completed.

3. Turnover

The Group is principally engaged in the production, sale and distribution of alcoholic drinks in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”). Turnover represents the net invoiced value of goods sold, after allowances for goods returns, trade discounts, consumption tax and value-added tax in the PRC.

4. Segment information

For management purposes, the Group is currently organizing turnover by operating division: (i) selling of self-manufacturing wines; and (ii) distribution of wine products. These divisions are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information. An analysis of the Group's turnover and results for the nine months ended 30 September 2004 with the corresponding period in 2003 by business segment is presented below:

	Selling of self – manufacturing wines for the nine months ended 30 September		Distribution of wine products for the nine months ended 30 September		Unallocated for the nine months ended 30 September		Total for the nine months ended 30 September	
	2004 RMB'000	2003 RMB'000	2004 RMB'000	2003 RMB'000	2004 RMB'000	2003 RMB'000	2004 RMB'000	2003 RMB'000
Turnover	<u>8,780</u>	<u>6,960</u>	<u>30,814</u>	<u>89,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,594</u>	<u>96,650</u>
Results								
Segment results	<u>741</u>	<u>4,936</u>	<u>(3,853)</u>	<u>1,518</u>	<u>(3,093)</u>	<u>(3,866)</u>	<u>(6,205)</u>	<u>2,588</u>
Finance costs							(2,546)	(2,435)
(Loss)/profit before tax							(8,751)	153
Tax							<u>(184)</u>	<u>(362)</u>
Loss for the period							<u>(8,935)</u>	<u>(209)</u>

The Group's turnover was 100% (2003: 100%) derived from the PRC during the period.

5. (Loss)/profit from operating activities

The Group's (loss)/profit from operating activities is arrived at after charging:

	For the three months ended 30 September		For the nine months ended 30 September	
	2004 <i>RMB'000</i>	2003 <i>RMB'000</i>	2004 <i>RMB'000</i>	2003 <i>RMB'000</i>
Cost of inventories sold	5,594	66,699	29,850	88,151
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	361	738	2,368	1,756
Amortisation of intangible assets	401	182	1,207	362
Operating lease rentals	151	137	453	412
Less: Amount capitalised	–	(137)	–	(412)
	151	–	453	–
Staff costs (including directors' remuneration):				
Wages and salaries	1,411	1,673	4,515	4,312
Retirement scheme contributions	335	247	1,026	515
	1,746	1,920	5,541	4,827
Less: Amount capitalised	–	(77)	–	(707)
	1,746	1,843	5,541	4,120

6. Finance costs

	For the three months ended 30 September		For the nine months ended 30 September	
	2004 <i>RMB'000</i>	2003 <i>RMB'000</i>	2004 <i>RMB'000</i>	2003 <i>RMB'000</i>
Interest on bank and other borrowings wholly repayable within five years	902	979	2,546	2,435

7. Tax

	For the three months ended 30 September		For the nine months ended 30 September	
	2004 RMB'000	2003 RMB'000	2004 RMB'000	2003 RMB'000
Provision for the period in respect of profits for the period				
– Hong Kong	–	–	–	–
– The PRC	–	287	–	362
Under-provision for last year				
– The PRC	–	–	184	–
	<u>–</u>	<u>287</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>362</u>

No provision for profits tax in the Cayman Islands or Hong Kong has been made as the Group had no income assessable for profits tax for the three months and the nine months respectively ended 30 September 2004 as well as the corresponding periods of last year in these jurisdictions.

Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere in the PRC have been calculated based on the existing legislation, interpretations and practices at the prevailing rates of tax.

8. Dividend

The Board does not recommend the payment of a dividend for the nine months ended 30 September 2004 (2003: Nil).

9. (Loss)/earnings per share

The calculation of the Group's basic loss per share for the three months ended 30 September 2004 was based on the unaudited net loss attributable to shareholders of approximately RMB2,369,000 (2003: profit for RMB3,918,000) and the weighted average of 400,000,000 (2003: 400,000,000) shares deemed to have been in issue during the period.

The calculation of the Group's basic loss per share for the nine months ended 30 September 2004 is based on the unaudited loss attributable to shareholders of RMB8,935,000 (2003: RMB209,000) and the weighted average of 400,000,000 (2003: 400,000,000) shares in issue during the period.

Diluted loss per share amounts for the three months and nine months respectively ended 30 September 2004 and 2003 have not been disclosed as there were no dilutive potential shares during the periods.

10. Share capital and reserves

	Issued capital RMB'000	Share premium account RMB'000	Contributed surplus RMB'000	Statutory reserve fund RMB'000	Accumulated losses RMB'000	Revaluation reserve RMB'000	Total RMB'000
2003							
At 1 January 2003 (Audited)	4,240	35,739	29,703	1,884	(23,762)	120	47,924
Loss for the nine months ended 30 September 2003	-	-	-	-	(209)	-	(209)
At 30 September 2003 (Unaudited)	<u>4,240</u>	<u>35,739</u>	<u>29,703</u>	<u>1,884</u>	<u>(23,971)</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>47,715</u>
2004							
At 1 January 2004 (Audited)	4,240	35,739	29,703	1,884	(30,615)	120	41,071
Loss for the nine months ended 30 September 2004	-	-	-	-	(8,935)	-	(8,935)
At 30 September 2004 (Unaudited)	<u>4,240</u>	<u>35,739</u>	<u>29,703</u>	<u>1,884</u>	<u>(39,550)</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>32,136</u>

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the nine months ended 30 September 2004, the Group's turnover and average gross profit margin amounted to approximately RMB39,594,000 (2003: RMB96,650,000) and 24% (2003: 9%) respectively. For the same period, the Group's selling and distribution costs and administrative expenses were approximately RMB5,698,000 (2003: RMB3,525,000) and RMB12,802,000 (2003: RMB7,843,000), respectively. The increases in selling and distribution costs and administrative expenses was because of the acquisition of the wholly owned subsidiary, Shanghai Shen Hong Food and Wine Logistics Company Limited (the "Shanghai Shen Hong") in May 2003.

Due to the change of marketing strategy of Shanghai Shen Hong to focus on better return products from mass selling of low gross profit products, the turnover of RMB10,858,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2004 is representing a percentage of approximately 54% to the turnover for the three months ended 31 March 2004, resulting from the decision made after 31 March 2004 that the Group was firmly stopping the selling of high cost and low profitable products to give way of products with high return. This decision is also made according to the original objective of acquisition of Shanghai Shen Hong, that the Group will benefit from the existing logistic and channel set up of Shanghai Shen Hong for promoting the Group's brand of Loulan products. As comparing the turnover for three months between periods ended of 30 September 2004 and 30 June 2004, an increase of 14% was recorded representing a starting of business growth from second-half of this year.

The average gross profit margin of the Group increases from approximately 9% (for the year ended 31 December 2003) to approximately 24% for the nine months ended 30 September 2004.

In comparing with period ended as at 30 June 2004, segment result of the selling of self manufacturing wines turned to a profitable amount for approximately RMB741,000 (30 June 2004: loss amounted to approximately RMB606,000 and 2003: segment profit for RMB4,936,000) for the nine months ended 30 September 2004. The result was mainly due to the increase of sales, as well as starting of the amortisation of capitalization expenses in relation to vineyard from 2003 onward. Result for the nine months ended 30 September 2004 includes depreciation expenses and rental expenses of approximately RMB544,000 and RMB453,000 which were immediately expenses off to the profit and loss account. The corresponding figures were capitalized for the same period in 2003.

The loss attributable to shareholders of the Company for the nine months ended 30 September 2004 was RMB8,935,000 (2003: RMB209,000).

PROSPECTS

In May 2003, the Group has acquired a wholly owned subsidiary, Shanghai Shen Hong which is a distributor of alcoholic drinks in Shanghai, the PRC. As such, the Group has consolidated the results of such subsidiary for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2004 respectively. The Directors believe the existing distribution network of Shanghai Shen Hong will assist the development of the Group, in particular, in market penetration of the Group's in Shanghai and Huadong area of the PRC. The market in Shanghai will be the foundation for the further development of the Group in the Huadong area of the PRC.

During the period under review and the transitional period needed for the change of marketing strategy, the Group has established its sales forces to explore new markets in the mainland China. Shanghai Shen Hong has established a domestic sales office in Nanjiang and is exploring the market in the city of Suzhou, Wuxi and Beijing within the year of 2004 with major emphasis of the Loulan brand of wine. Furthermore, Loulan brand of wine has been introduced into the existing marketing channel in Shanghai in middle of 2004. By the result of an increase in turnover during current period, the Directors believe by exploration of other markets in the Huadong area of the PRC and the introduction of the Loulan brand of wine into Shanghai will continuously improve the Group's turnover, and the enormous China market will certainly brought with the Group fruitful results.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES

As at 30 September 2004, the interests or 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 (“SFO”)) which were 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 are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein, or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

Interests in the Company:

Name of Director	Personal interests (number of shares)	Family interests (number of shares)	Corporate interests (number of shares)	Others interests (number of shares)	Total number of shares	%
Woo Hang Lung (<i>Note</i>)	163,125,000	–	–	–	163,125,000	40.78
Junichi Goto	6,000,000	–	–	–	6,000,000	1.5

Note: Mr. Woo Hang Lung pledged 163 million shares to REXCAPITAL Financial Holdings Limited (the “REXCAPITAL”) which is held by TKR Finance Limited (the “TKR”) as to 63.8%. TKR is facing winding-up petition by Global Tech (Holdings) Limited. This winding-up petition was passed by court on 21 July 2004.

Some Directors are holding shares in a subsidiary of the Company which is incorporated in Hong Kong in a non-beneficial interest to meet minimum shareholder requirement.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2004, none of the Directors or chief executives of the Company or their respective associates had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or 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 are taken or deemed to have under such provision of the SFO) or which were required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the minimum standards of dealing by directors of listed issuers as referred in Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESS

As at 30 September 2004, the following director of the Company (“Director”) is considered to have interest in a business which competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group, as defined in GEM Listing Rules, as set out below.

Mr. Woo Hang Lung owns controlling interest or investment interest in Golden Sun Winery (Turpan) Limited (“Gao Chang”). Gao Chang is principally engaged in the processing and bottling of non-premium grape wine and the sale and distribution of such grape wine products in the People’s Republic of China (the PRC). Currently, Gao Chang has several grape wine products for sale in the PRC market, some of which are sold under the brand name of “Gao Chang (高昌)”. Gao Chang’s products are principally of low price range and are primarily targeted at the low-end markets, particularly the rural cities in the northwestern provinces of the PRC. Gao Chang’s products have not participated in any wine competition so far.

Each of Mr. Woo Hang Lung and Gao Chang has given an undertaking in favour of the Group pursuant to which he/it has undertaken not to carry on or be engaged, concerned or interested, whether directly or indirectly, whether as a partner, agent or otherwise (other than as a shareholder and Director in the case of Mr. Woo Hang Lung) in the business of the Group as more particularly set out in the Company’s prospectus, or any business which may compete, whether directly or indirectly, with any business carried on by any member of the Group in Hong Kong and the PRC.

Details of the undertaking are set out in the sub-section headed “Non-competition undertaking” in the section headed “Business” to the Prospectus.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors had an interest in a business, which compete or may compete with the business of the Group.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES IN THE COMPANY

During the nine months ended 30 September 2004, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company or any of their spouse or children under 18 year of age had exercised or was granted or holding options to acquire shares in or debentures of the Company.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

So far as is known to any Directors or chief executives of the Company, as at 30 September 2004, shareholders of the Company (including Directors or chief executives of the Company) who have interest 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 were as follows:

Name	Number of shares held	%
Woo Hang Lung (<i>Note 5</i>)	163,125,000	40.78
New Dragon Investments Limited (<i>Notes 1 and 3</i>)	41,250,000	10.31
New Dragon (No. 7) Investments Limited (<i>Notes 2 and 4</i>)	41,250,000	10.31
Nomura China Venture Investment Fund Limited (<i>Notes 1 and 3</i>)	41,250,000	10.31
China Enterprise Investment Fund (<i>Notes 2 and 4</i>)	41,250,000	10.31
Nomura Holdings, Inc. (<i>Notes 1 and 3</i>)	41,250,000	10.31
JAFCO Co., Ltd. (<i>Notes 1 and 3</i>)	41,250,000	10.31
Global Funds Trust Company (<i>Notes 2 and 4</i>)	41,250,000	10.31
Chen Guoping	22,500,000	5.63

Notes:

- (1) So far as the Directors are aware, New Dragon Investments Limited is beneficially owned and controlled as to 100% by Nomura China Venture Investment Fund Limited.
- (2) So far as the Directors are aware, New Dragon (No. 7) Investments Limited is beneficially owned and controlled as to 100% by China Enterprise Investment Fund.
- (3) So far as the Directors are aware, Nomura China Venture Investment Fund Limited is beneficially owned as to 60% by Nomura Holdings, Inc. and as to 40% by JAFCO Co., Ltd.
- (4) So far as the Directors are aware, the 100% ownership in New Dragon (No. 7) Investments Limited as being beneficially held and controlled by China Enterprise Investment Fund is being held through Global Funds Trust Company, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands as a trustee.
- (5) Mr. Woo Hang Lung pledged 163 million shares to REXCAPITAL Financial Holdings Limited (the "REXCAPITAL") which is held by TKR Finance Limited (the "TKR") as to 63.8%. TKR is facing winding-up petition by Global Tech (Holdings) Limited. This winding-up petition was passed by court on 21 July 2004.

Save as disclosed, as at 30 September 2004, the Directors are not aware of any other person who has an interest or short position 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 who is interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meeting of any other member of the Group.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company has conditionally adopted a share option scheme for the benefit of the Directors, employees, suppliers, customers, advisors and shareholders of the Group and other persons who have contributed or may contribute to the success of the Group.

As at the date of this announcement, no option has been granted or agreed to be granted to any Directors or employees of the Company or its subsidiaries or any other persons under the share option scheme.

INTERESTS OF SPONSOR

Pursuant to the sponsor agreement dated 31 July 2002 between Kim Eng Capital (Hong Kong) Limited (the “Kim Eng”) and the Company, the Company had appointed Kim Eng to act as a sponsor to the Company.

With effective from 30 March 2004, as certain licensed persons of Kim Eng, who are eligible to act as principal and assistant supervisors (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) will be de-registered as license persons of Kim Eng, Kim Eng will no longer comply with the eligibility criteria as set out in Chapter 6 of the GEM Listing Rules with effect from 30 March 2004 and have to cease its role as continuing sponsor of the Company.

The Company had finalized its replacement sponsor agreement with South China Capital Limited (the “South China”) to comply with the requirements under Rule 6.63 of the GEM Listing Rules and South China has agreed to act as a replacement sponsor of the Company with effect from 24 May 2004 to 31 December 2004 for the remaining period of the minimum period as required under Rules 6.01 and 17.81 of the GEM Listing Rules in return for a sponsor fee.

As at 30 September 2004, neither the directors, employees nor their associates of South China, had any interests in any securities of the Company or any of its associated corporations.

APPOINTMENT TO INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Pursuant to Update No. 18 of the GEM Listing Rules which is effective from 31 March 2004, the Company is required to have three independent non-executive Directors in the Board. The Company has appointed Mr. Wang Desheng of the third independent non-executive director to fill the vacancy as required under the Rule 5.08 of the GEM Listing Rules.

BOARD PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

The Directors considered that the Company has complied with the requirement of “Board Practices and Procedures” as set out in Rules 5.34 to 5.45 of the GEM Listing Rules throughout the period.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has established an audit committee with written terms of reference in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules. The primary duties of the audit committee are to review and supervise the financial reporting process and internal control system of the Group. As required under Rule 5.28 of the GEM Listing Rules with effect from 31 March 2004, audit committee must comprise a minimum of three members of non-executive Directors, at least one of whom is an independent non-executive director with appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise as required under Rule 5.05(2) of the GEM Listing Rules. The audit committee of the Company comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Wang Desheng, Mr. Lau Chi Sun, Robbie and Mr. Yue Kwai Wa, Ken who is the Chairman of such committee as required under the Rule 5.28 of the GEM Listing Rules.

The audit committee has already reviewed the Group's unaudited consolidated results for the nine months ended 30 September 2004.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the nine months ended 30 September 2004.

By order of the Board
Loulan Holdings Limited
Woo Hang Lung
Chairman

The Board comprises of:

Woo Hang Lung (*Executive director*)
Zhu Zheng Ming (*Executive director*)
Junichi Goto (*Non-executive director*)
Yue Kwai Wa, Ken (*Independent non-executive director*)
Lau Chi Sun, Robbie (*Independent non-executive director*)
Wang Desheng (*Independent non-executive director*)

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