



WLS Holdings Limited
滙隆控股有限公司*

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 8021)

ANNUAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2008

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The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of WLS Holdings Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (together the “Group”) for the year ended 30 April 2008 as follows:

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2008

	<i>NOTES</i>	2008 <i>HK\$’000</i>	2007 <i>HK\$’000</i>
Turnover	2	184,315	220,006
Cost of sales		(148,485)	(183,308)
Gross profit		35,830	36,698
Other income	4	675	851
Administrative expenses		(29,880)	(26,945)
Increase in fair value of investment properties		3,800	1,517
Surplus on revaluation of buildings		244	167
Finance costs	5	(4,576)	(4,686)
Share of results of associates		–	(66)
Share of results of jointly controlled entities		(171)	(3)
Profit before taxation		5,922	7,533
Taxation	6	(1,115)	(1,171)
Profit for the year	7	4,807	6,362
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		5,731	6,646
Minority interest		(924)	(284)
		4,807	6,362
Dividend paid	8	1,354	508
Earnings per share-Basic	9	HK1.01 cent	HK1.44 cent

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT 30 APRIL 2008

	<i>NOTES</i>	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Non-current assets			
Investment properties		18,400	14,600
Property, plant and equipment		29,301	30,947
Prepaid lease payments		4,671	4,795
Goodwill		3,138	3,138
Interests in associates		—	—
Interests in jointly controlled entities		620	591
		56,130	54,071
Current assets			
Prepaid lease payments		124	124
Inventories		2,361	1,261
Bills receivable		—	534
Trade receivables	<i>10</i>	77,165	70,793
Amount due from customers for contract work		45,993	20,875
Retention money receivables		13,816	14,517
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		6,405	5,478
Amounts due from associates		2,261	—
Amount due from jointly controlled entities		4,532	795
Bank balances and cash		13,025	11,548
		165,682	125,925
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	<i>11</i>	17,402	22,556
Amount due to customers for contract work		19,363	15,666
Retention money payables		4,403	4,986
Tax payable		1,716	1,456
Obligations under finance leases		452	194
Bank borrowings		31,376	39,618
Bank overdrafts		27,361	27,543
		102,073	112,019
Net current assets			
		63,609	13,906
Total assets less current liabilities			
		119,739	67,977

	<i>NOTES</i>	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Non-current liabilities			
Obligations under finance leases		1,063	67
Bank borrowings		10,734	12,006
Deferred tax		2,690	2,690
		14,487	14,763
		105,252	53,214
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		7,353	4,762
Reserves		99,310	48,939
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		106,663	53,701
Minority interest		(1,411)	(487)
		105,252	53,214

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company						Total	Minority interests	Total
	Share capital	Share premium	Merger reserve	Revaluation reserve	Share option reserve	Retained profits			
	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000
At 1 May 2006	4,575	17,463	2,222	–	–	20,056	44,316	(203)	44,113
Profit for the year	–	–	–	–	–	6,646	6,646	(284)	6,362
Dividend paid	–	–	–	–	–	(508)	(508)	–	(508)
Issue of scrip dividend	61	1,261	–	–	–	(1,322)	–	–	–
Exercise of share option	126	1,915	–	–	–	–	2,041	–	2,041
Revaluation surplus	–	–	–	1,206	–	–	1,206	–	1,206
At 31 May 2007	4,762	20,639	2,222	1,206	–	24,872	53,701	(487)	53,214
Profit for the year	–	–	–	–	–	5,731	5,731	(924)	4,807
Dividend paid	–	–	–	–	–	(1,354)	(1,354)	–	(1,354)
Issue of scrip dividend	33	1,445	–	–	–	(1,478)	–	–	–
Exercise of share options	203	7,420	–	–	–	–	7,623	–	7,623
Placing of shares	900	16,376	–	–	–	–	17,276	–	17,276
Open offer of shares	1,455	15,055	–	–	–	–	16,510	–	16,510
Revaluation surplus	–	–	–	340	–	–	340	–	340
Grant of share options	–	–	–	–	6,836	–	6,836	–	6,836
At 30 April 2008	<u>7,353</u>	<u>60,935</u>	<u>2,222</u>	<u>1,546</u>	<u>6,836</u>	<u>27,771</u>	<u>106,663</u>	<u>(1,411)</u>	<u>105,252</u>

Notes:

- (1) At 30 April 2008, the retained profits of the Group included accumulated losses of HK\$143,000 (2007: accumulated losses of HK\$143,000) attributable to associates of the Group.
- (2) At 30 April 2008, the retained profits of the Group included retained profits of HK\$317,000 (2007: retained profits of HK\$488,000) attributable to jointly controlled entities of the Group.
- (3) The merger reserve of the Group represents the difference between the nominal amount of the share capital issued by the Company in exchange for the nominal value for the issued share capital of the subsidiaries acquired pursuant to the Group's reorganisation on 23 November 2001.
- (4) The share option reserve of the Group represents the fair value of share options granted to employees of the Company at the grant date during the year.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”), which include all applicable individual HKFRSs, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“HKASs”) and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. These financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

(b) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis except for certain properties which are measured at fair values.

The principal accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2008 are consistent with those adopted in the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2007, except for the adoption of the new and revised HKFRSs as explained in (c) below.

(c) Adoption of new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards

In the current year, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following new HKFRSs, amendments and Interpretations:

HKFRS 7	Financial Instruments: Disclosures
HK(IFRIC)-Int 9	Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives
HK(IFRIC)-Int 10	Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment
HK(IFRIC)-Int 11	HKFRS 2 – Group and Treasury Share Transactions

The adoption of the above new HKFRSs, amendments and interpretations does not result in substantial changes to the Group’s accounting policies and has no significant effect on the results for the current or prior accounting periods. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been required.

2. TURNOVER

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Contract revenue in respect of construction and building works for the provision of		
– scaffolding service	88,591	85,313
– fitting out service	30,719	40,190
Management contracting service	60,722	79,544
Gondolas, parapet railings and access equipment installation and maintenance services	4,283	14,959
	<u>184,315</u>	<u>220,006</u>

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

A Business segments

For management purposes, the Group is currently organised into three operating divisions: (i) scaffolding and fitting out service for the construction and building works, (ii) management contracting service for the construction and building works, and (iii) gondolas, parapet railings and access equipment installation and maintenance services.

Segment information about these businesses is presented below.

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INCOME STATEMENT

	Scaffolding and fitting out service for the construction and building works HK\$'000	Management contracting service for the construction and building works HK\$'000	Gondolas, parapet railing and access equipment installation and maintenance services HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
REVENUE				
Total external sales	<u>119,310</u>	<u>60,722</u>	<u>4,283</u>	<u>184,315</u>
RESULT				
Segment result	<u>3,368</u>	<u>8,944</u>	<u>(2,804)</u>	9,508
Other income				675
Increase in fair value of investment properties				3,800
Surplus on revaluation of buildings				244
Unallocated corporate expenses				(3,558)
Finance costs				(4,576)
Share of results of jointly controlled entities				<u>(171)</u>
Profit before taxation				5,922
Taxation				<u>(1,115)</u>
Profit for the year				<u><u>4,807</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET

	Scaffolding and fitting out service for the construction and building works <i>HK\$'000</i>	Management contracting service for the construction and building works <i>HK\$'000</i>	Gondolas, parapet railing and access equipment installation and maintenance services <i>HK\$'000</i>	Consolidated <i>HK\$'000</i>
ASSETS				
Segment assets	95,598	57,497	11,098	164,193
Interests in jointly controlled entities				620
Amount due from a jointly controlled entity				4,532
Amount due from an associated company				2,261
Unallocated corporate assets				50,206
Consolidated total assets				<u>221,812</u>
LIABILITIES				
Segment liabilities	34,932	3,267	1,379	39,578
Unallocated corporate liabilities				76,982
Consolidated total liabilities				<u>116,560</u>

OTHER INFORMATION

	Scaffolding and fitting out service for the construction and building works <i>HK\$'000</i>	Management contracting service for the construction and building works <i>HK\$'000</i>	Gondolas, parapet railing and access equipment installation and maintenance services <i>HK\$'000</i>	Unallocated <i>HK\$'000</i>	Consolidated <i>HK\$'000</i>
Capital expenditure	1,655	—	—	363	2,018
Depreciation	2,845	9	302	1,092	4,248
Release of prepaid lease payments	—	—	—	124	124
Allowance for bad and doubtful debts	1,036	—	—	—	1,036
Increase in fair value of investment properties	—	—	—	3,800	3,800
Surplus on revaluation of buildings	—	—	—	244	244
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	3	—	—	—	3

2007

INCOME STATEMENT

	Scaffolding and fitting out service for the construction and building works <i>HK\$'000</i>	Management contracting service for the construction and building works <i>HK\$'000</i>	Gondolas, parapet railing and access equipment installation and maintenance services <i>HK\$'000</i>	Consolidated <i>HK\$'000</i>
REVENUE				
Total external sales	125,503	79,544	14,959	220,006
RESULT				
Segment result	7,688	8,563	(641)	15,610
Other income				851
Increase in fair value of investment properties				1,517
Surplus on revaluation of buildings				167
Unallocated corporate expenses				(5,857)
Finance costs				(4,686)
Share of results of associates				(66)
Share of results of jointly controlled entities				(3)
Profit before taxation				7,533
Taxation				(1,171)
Profit for the year				6,362

BALANCE SHEET

	Scaffolding and fitting out service for the construction and building works <i>HK\$'000</i>	Management contracting service for the construction and building works <i>HK\$'000</i>	Gondolas, parapet railing and access equipment installation and maintenance services <i>HK\$'000</i>	Consolidated <i>HK\$'000</i>
ASSETS				
Segment assets	90,230	26,312	18,749	135,291
Interests in jointly controlled entities				591
Amount due from a jointly controlled entity				795
Unallocated corporate assets				43,319
Consolidated total assets				179,996
LIABILITIES				
Segment liabilities	32,058	8,129	2,467	42,654
Unallocated corporate liabilities				84,128
Consolidated total liabilities				126,782

OTHER INFORMATION

	Scaffolding and fitting out service for the construction and building works <i>HK\$'000</i>	Management contracting service for the construction and building works <i>HK\$'000</i>	Gondolas, parapet railing and access equipment installation and maintenance services <i>HK\$'000</i>	Unallocated <i>HK\$'000</i>	Consolidated <i>HK\$'000</i>
Capital expenditure	4,596	21	70	7,781	12,468
Depreciation	3,557	6	422	117	4,102
Release of prepaid lease payments	–	–	–	66	66
Allowance for bad and doubtful debts	195	417	–	–	612
Increase in fair value of investment properties	–	–	–	1,517	1,517
Surplus on revaluation of buildings	–	–	–	167	167
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	60	–	–	–	60
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B Geographical segments

	Revenue		Carrying amount of segment assets		Capital expenditure incurred during the year	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Hong Kong	121,830	122,798	160,777	141,011	1,988	11,992
Macau	60,029	78,441	59,115	35,331	30	476
Other jurisdiction	2,456	18,767	1,920	3,654	–	–
	<u>184,315</u>	<u>220,006</u>	<u>221,812</u>	<u>179,996</u>	<u>2,018</u>	<u>12,468</u>

4. OTHER INCOME

	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	3	60
Interest income	21	28
Rental income, net of outgoings of nil (2007: Nil)	536	266
Sundry income	115	497
	<u>675</u>	<u>851</u>

5. FINANCE COSTS

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Interest on bank borrowings		
– wholly repayable within five years	4,009	4,511
– wholly repayable beyond five years	539	153
Interest on obligations under finance leases	28	22
	<u>4,576</u>	<u>4,686</u>

6. TAXATION

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
The charge comprises:		
Hong Kong Profits Tax		
Current year	675	266
Underprovision in prior years	–	38
	<u>675</u>	<u>304</u>
Other jurisdiction – current year	440	711
	<u>440</u>	<u>711</u>
Deferred tax		
Current year	–	136
Underprovision in prior years	–	20
	<u>–</u>	<u>156</u>
	<u>1,115</u>	<u>1,171</u>

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 17.5% of the estimated assessable profit for the year.

Taxation arising on other jurisdiction is calculated at the rate in the relevant jurisdiction.

7. PROFIT FOR THE YEAR

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Profit for the year has been arrived at after charging (crediting):		
Allowance for bad and doubtful debts	1,036	612
Auditors' remuneration	572	530
Cost of inventories recognised as expenses	424	646
Depreciation		
Owned assets	3,924	3,942
Assets held under finance leases	324	160
	<u>4,248</u>	<u>4,102</u>
Less: Amount capitalised to construction contracts	(572)	(703)
	<u>3,676</u>	<u>3,399</u>
Release of prepaid lease payments	124	66
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(3)	(60)
Minimum lease payments for operating leases in respect of land and buildings	1,908	1,959
Less: Amount capitalised to construction contracts	(1,637)	(1,310)
	<u>271</u>	<u>649</u>
Staff costs including directors' emoluments		
– Equity-settled share option expenses	6,836	–
– Settled by other means	44,632	47,350
	<u>51,468</u>	<u>47,350</u>
Less: Amount capitalised to construction contracts	(33,283)	(33,753)
	<u>18,185</u>	<u>13,597</u>

8. DIVIDEND

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Final dividend paid in respect of 2007 of HK0.5 cent (2006: HK0.4 cent) per share	2,832	1,830
Scrip dividend issued in lieu of cash	(1,478)	(1,322)
	<u>1,354</u>	<u>508</u>
Final dividend in respect of 2008 (2008: Nil) (2007: HK0.5 cent per share)	–	2,832

Of the dividend paid during the year, approximately HK\$1,478,000 (2006: 1,322,000) were settled in shares under the Company's scrip dividend scheme announced by the Company on 6 September 2007 in respect of the final dividend for the year ended 30 April 2007.

No final dividend (2007: HK0.5 cent per share) has been proposed by the directors.

9. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company for the year and on the weighted average number of 570,038,677 (2007: 461,769,855) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

No diluted earnings per share has been presented because the Company's outstanding share options as at 30 April 2008 and 2007 were anti-dilutive.

10. TRADE RECEIVABLES

The credit terms given to each individual customer were in accordance with the payment terms stipulated in the relevant tenders or contracts. The aged analysis of trade receivables is as follows:

	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i>
0 – 90 days	30,528	47,176
91 – 180 days	23,566	6,846
181 – 270 days	6,130	5,295
Over 270 days	16,941	11,476
	<u>77,165</u>	<u>70,793</u>

The directors consider the fair values of the trade receivables at 30 April 2008 approximate to the corresponding carrying amounts.

11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Included in trade and other payables are trade payables of HK\$10,881,000 (2007: HK\$14,047,000) with an aged analysis as follow:

	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i>
0 – 90 days	4,494	13,381
91 – 180 days	2,103	315
181 – 270 days	2,280	117
Over 270 days	2,004	234
	<u>10,881</u>	<u>14,047</u>

The directors consider the fair values of the trade and other payables at 30 April 2008 approximate to the corresponding carrying amounts.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Business Review

For the year ended 30 April 2008, the turnover of the Group amounted to approximately HK\$184 million, representing a decrease of about 16% as compared with a turnover of approximately HK\$220 million of the preceding year. Profit attributable to shareholders for the year ended 30 April 2008 amounted to HK\$5.7 million approximately, representing a decrease of about 14% as compared to about HK\$6.6 million of last year.

During the past year, the Hong Kong economy remained robust throughout the period. The investment climate continued to be buoyant and positive for most part of the year, as demonstrated by the bullish property market and the retail sector. The full impact of the benefit to the local economy resulting from the implementation of the QDII represented additional liquidity to the Hong Kong equity market.

Moreover, the gradual transformation of Macau from a small Asian city into an international hub with world-class entertainment facilities like casinos, resorts and convention venues presented many market opportunities for the diversification of the business of the Group to Macau. Concurrently, the enormous increase in demand for natural resources like metals and petroleum becomes a common phenomenon in the face of the falling value of the US dollar and mounting inflation. The management of the Group is keen to utilise its global business connections and expertise to explore and develop the market of mining of natural resources through joint-ventures with its overseas partners in developing countries.

The management of the Group is confident that the diversification of the Group in geographical segments to Macau and the developing countries can achieve optimal return on our investment thus enhancing shareholders' value.

With regard to the scaffolding division, the Group maintained its position as the market leader of the scaffolding industry during the year ended 30 April 2008. In addition, the recent trend of an increase in large-scale renovation works of shopping arcades by property holding companies in a bid to benefit from the prevailing boom in retail markets presents ample opportunities for the Group to further diversify to the provision of scaffolding for arcade renovation. During the year ended 30 April 2008, the Group secured scaffolding works contracts for the renovation of World Trade Centre, Uptown Plaza, Tsuen Wan Plaza, and the renovation of UA Cinemas in Shatin and Tuen Mun. Besides, works contracts for the provision of scaffolding services for the renovation of several large residential buildings were secured such as Tierra Verde, the Parkvale and 129 Repulse Bay Road. Furthermore, the provision of climbing scaffold to Airport Express Kowloon Station (Phase 6) was completed and received favourable feedback from the main contractor. At the same time, the management of the Group devoted great efforts to streamline the operations and minimise costs of the scaffolding division in a bid to enhance the efficiency of the Group and to deliver total satisfaction to the clients.

At the same time, the Group continued its business strategy of constantly introducing innovative products to the market. The second generation metal H-Frame scaffolding was adopted by the main contractors at the Manhattan Hills site and the renovation of the exterior part of World Trade Centre. The application of this metal H-Frame scaffolding is very successful as it facilitates savings in labour cost, enhances safety and improves the outlook of buildings under construction or renovation. The management of the Group is very positive of the future contribution to the Group from the anticipated wider adoption of this ingenious product.

During the past year, the Group consolidated its position as a prominent service provider in the market of Glass Reinforced Cement/Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRC/GRP) themed cladding services, design and supply of themed artefacts and signages. The Group was awarded works contracts for the provision of GRC/GRP themed cladding services to Noah's Ark in Ma Wan, the provision of GRC animal sculptures and GRC covered walkway in Ma Wan Park, the supply and installation of GRC external façade to the Venetian Macau. In addition, the Group succeeded in securing contracts for the supply of signages and artefacts to the theme parks in India. The management of the Group is extremely upbeat about the future of the market for the supply of GRC/GRP products, themed artefacts and signages as an alternative source of revenue contributor to the Group.

In respect of the access equipment division, the contract for the design, supply, installation and maintenance of access equipment for the Stonecutters Bridge proceeded according to plan. In addition, two new contracts of significant value were awarded for the provision of access equipment to the Venetian in Macau and a works contract for the design, supply and installation of access equipment for a landmark commercial building complex in the Chaoyang district of Beijing, China was secured. This signifies an important step in the Group's expansion of business operations to China. The Group's successful development and penetration of the construction market in China by the provision of an assortment of products and services will definitely promote the Group's image as a provider of sophisticated access equipment products to reap the benefits and utilise the business opportunities provided by the vast development in infrastructure, real estate development and booming tourist industry in Beijing in 2008 due to the hosting of the Olympics in August 2008. Regarding the parapet railing business, the on-going projects at Route 8 Ngong Shuen Chau Viaduct, Deep Bay Link South also progressed according to schedule. At the same time, the Group's fleet of temporary gondolas enjoyed a satisfactory rate of utilisation during most part of last year.

With regard to the fitting out division, the Group was awarded a total of 6 new works contracts during the year ended 30 April 2008. Among the new contracts, the significant ones include the provision of fitting out services to the shopping arcade in East Point City and the refurbishment of the clubhouse and main lobby of the residential tower at 17 MacDonnell Road. The successful diversification of the Group into the fitting out market and the goodwill it acquired from project references contributed to the Group in becoming one of the prominent players in the fitting out industry.

During the year ended 30 April 2008, the international division achieved marked results in developing and penetrating the scaffolding and GRC/theme park businesses in Macau and India. As the tourist and gaming industries continued to flourish in Macau, the resulting vast increase in large-scale construction activities present ample business opportunities to the Group. Significant new contracts awarded in Macau

included the supply of scaffolding services to the Venetian, the Sands Hotel and the Arch Tower Project in Macau. The business strategy of the Group is to target and focus on the supply of a full range of construction-related products and services to further penetrate the Macau market thus contributing to the overall profitability of the Group.

Furthermore, considerable efforts were made to develop the natural resources business of the African continent in conjunction with our overseas partner in Malaysia. During the period under review, WLS (Oversea Projects) Limited, a joint-venture company owned equally between the Group and its Malaysian business partner, MKP Capital Berhad, was formed to explore granite mines in Angola and to exploit and extract copper ores from Zambia.

With regard to the research and development division, following the success in obtaining the grant of the patent covering China in respect of our Metal-Bamboo Matrix Scaffolding, the Group continued to develop and market our patented metal one-lock device coupler. During the period under review, the patented Metal Bamboo Matrix System Scaffolding achieved wide usage, both in Hong Kong and Macau. All in all, research and development efforts and resources would continue to be deployed with the objective of constantly introducing innovative and ingenious products to the market to maintain the Group's position as a market leader of the industry.

Business Outlook

At present, the Hong Kong economy is experiencing a considerable boom. Strong consumer spending, on the back of positive investor sentiment, coupled with a buoyant tourism sector supported by the Mainland Individual Visit Scheme and the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangements (the "CEPA") and QDII all contribute to bolster consumer confidence and retail boom.

In line with the current bullish market sentiment, the Group has received considerable increase in the number of invitations to tender for works contracts in all its various lines of business.

Furthermore, the construction of numerous large-scale hotel and resort developments in Macau with casinos and an array of entertainment and convention facilities is under way. This will certainly present much business opportunities to the various lines of business of the Group. Concurrently, considerable efforts and resources were deployed for the development of natural resources business in the African continent. Among these business lines, the exploration of granite in Angola will spearhead the operations in this direction and several large-scale exhibitions had been planned and venues reserved for promoting Angolan granite as building material.

In conclusion, the Group's business strategy will continue to concentrate on developing the emerging markets with relentless construction activities such as Macau, India and the Middle East. At the same time, the management of the Group will remain constantly vigilant of reducing the costs whilst maintaining optimal efficiency of the Group in a bid to increase profitability and enhance shareholders' value.

Project Portfolio (As at 30 April 2008)

Hong Kong

- Residential Development at Kwu Tung, Sheung Shui
- Residential Development at Lung Tin Village
- Residential Development at Sa Po Road, Kowloon City
- Island Lodge
- The Vineyard
- 102 Hau Ming Street, Kwun Tong
- Commercial Building at 33 Cameron Road
- T.W.T.L. 367 Yau Kom Tau, Tsuen Wan
- Tao Fung Shan Residential Development
- Severn Road Residential Development
- World Trade Centre
- Metroplaza in Kwai Fong
- Tsuen Wan Plaza
- Uptown Plaza in Tai Po
- Atrium Hotel at Pacific Place
- Noah's Ark in Ma Wan
- East Point City
- Stonecutters Bridge
- Route 8 Ngong Shuen Chau Viaduct
- Deep Bay Link South

Macau

- Venetian Macau in Cotai
- The Arch Tower

China

- Commercial Building Complex Site in Chaoyang District of Beijing

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND ANALYSIS

During the period under review, the Group recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$184 million, representing a decrease of 16% compared with that of the preceding year. Nevertheless, the management of the Group continued to diversify by businesses line and geographic market of the Company. The lack of large-scale commercial and residential projects in Hong Kong led to a reduction of turnover in Hong Kong. However, the scaffolding division and management contracting division in Macau benefited from the prevailing boom in the Macau construction sector. Moreover, the profit margin posted an increase thus partially offsetting the negative effect of a decrease in turnover.

Gross profit of the Company decreased by 2% compared with last year whilst gross profit margin increased from 17% to 19% during the period. The profit margins generated from the projects of the management contracting division including those in Macau and India and also the Macau scaffolding division are satisfactory, thus compensating the reduction of gross profit from the Hong Kong scaffolding division resulting from severe competition.

To cope with our business expansion and diversification, administrative expenses had increased by 11% compared with the preceding year. Increase of administrative expense was mainly attributable to the employment of more experienced management staff whose effort not only serves current business but also for future development. In addition, the Company has increased spending on looking for new business opportunities and corporate development.

Since the financing of our current businesses is mainly by bank borrowing, the diversified businesses increased the need for working capital but the two successful placements of shares and open offers for new shares contributed to the decrease in finance cost.

LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES, CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND GEARING RATIO

During the year under review, the Group financed its operations by internally generated cash flow, banking facilities and finance leases provided by banks and finance companies. As at 30 April 2008, the Group's consolidated shareholders' funds, current assets, net current assets and total assets were HK\$106,663,000 (2007: HK\$53,701,000), HK\$165,682,000 (2007: HK\$125,925,000), HK\$63,609,000 (2007: HK\$13,906,000) and HK\$221,812,000 (2007: HK\$179,996,000) respectively.

As at 30 April 2008, the Group's consolidated bank overdrafts and bank loans were HK\$27,361,000 (2007: HK\$27,543,000) and HK\$42,110,000 (2007: HK\$51,624,000) respectively. As at 30 April 2008, the Group's bank loans had an amount of HK\$31,376,000 maturing in 2009 and HK\$10,734,000 maturing in and after 2009. As at 30 April 2008, obligations under finance leases amounted to HK\$1,515,000 (2007: HK\$261,000), of which HK\$452,000 is due for repayment in 2009 and HK\$1,063,000 is due for repayment after 2009.

As at 30 April 2008, the Group's bank and cash balances amounted to HK\$13,025,000 (2007: HK\$11,548,000). As at 30 April 2008, the Group's gearing ratio (total bank borrowings and obligations under finance leases divided by shareholders' fund) was about 67% (2007: 148%).

Most of the Group's bank and cash balances, short-term and long-term bank borrowings and obligations under finance leases were denominated in Hong Kong dollars. Most of the bank borrowings bear interest at market rates and are repayable by instalments over a period of 3 months to 2 years. Obligations under finance leases have an average lease term of 1 year. All such leases have interest rates fixed at the contract date and fixed repayment bases.

The Directors believe that the Group is in a healthy financial position and has sufficient resources to discharge its debts and to satisfy its commitments and working capital requirements.

FINAL DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of a final dividend for the year ended 30 April 2008 (year ended 30 April 2007: HK0.50 cent).

SEGMENT INFORMATION

Business segments

The Group is currently organised into 3 operating divisions – (i) scaffolding and fitting out service for construction and building works, and (ii) management contracting service for construction and building works and (iii) gondolas, parapet railings and access equipment installation and maintenance services. Details of result by business segments are shown in note 3A above.

Geographical segments

The customers of the three divisions of the Group are situated in Hong Kong, Macau and other jurisdiction. Note 3B above provides analysis of the turnover, carrying amounts of segment assets and capital expenditure by geographical markets.

DETAILS OF FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS OR CAPITAL ASSETS

The Directors do not have any future plans for material investments or capital assets.

PLEDGE ON ASSETS

At the balance sheet date, the Group has pledged the following assets as against general banking facilities granted to the Group:

	2008	2007
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Investment properties	18,400	14,600
Prepaid lease payments	4,795	4,919
Buildings	12,300	12,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

Most of the assets and liabilities of the Group were denominated in Hong Kong dollars. The Directors consider that the potential foreign exchange exposure of the Group is limited.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 30 April 2008, the Group provided counter indemnities amounting to HK\$7,313,000 (2007: HK\$8,598,000) to banks for surety bonds issued by the banks in respect of construction contracts.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES

As at 30 April 2008, the total number of full-time employees of the Group was 116 (2007: 128). The total remuneration paid to employees (including directors' emoluments) amounted to HK\$51,468,000 in 2008 (2007: HK\$47,350,000). Employees are remunerated according to their performance and working experience. In addition to basic salaries and participation in the mandatory provident fund scheme, staff benefits include performance bonus, medical scheme, share options and training.

REVIEW OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Audit Committee of the Company has reviewed the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 30 April 2008.

REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The figures in respect of the preliminary announcement of the Group's results for the year ended 30 April 2008 have been agreed by the Group's auditors, Moore Stephens, to the amounts set out in the Group's draft consolidated financial statements for the year. The work performed by Moore Stephens in this respect did not constitute an assurance engagement in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and consequently no assurance has been expressed by Moore Stephens on the preliminary announcement.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

For the year ended 30 April 2008, there was no purchase, sale or redemption by the Company, or any of its subsidiaries, of the Company's listed securities.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Code on Corporate Governance Practice set out in Appendix 15 to the GEM Listing Rules ("Code on Corporate Governance Practices") which is effective for the accounting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2005 has replaced the minimum standard of good practices for issuers and their directors stated in Rules 5.35 to 5.45 of the GEM Listing Rules. In the opinion of the Board, the Company has complied with the Code on Corporate Governance Practices. A Corporate Governance Report will be despatched with the annual report of the Company.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company established an audit committee on 9 November 2001 with written terms of reference that clearly establish the audit committee's authority and duties. The audit committee currently comprises 3 independent non-executive directors of the Company, Mr. Lam Kwok Wing, Mr. Yeung Po Chin and Dr. Fung Ka Shuen.

The primary duties of the audit committee are to review the Company's annual report and accounts, half-year report and quarterly reports and provide advice and comments thereon to the Board. The audit committee will also be responsible for reviewing and supervising the financial reporting process and internal control procedures of the Group.

Five audit committee meetings were held since 1 May 2007 up to the date of this announcement.

By order of the Board
WLS HOLDINGS LIMITED
So Yu Shing
Chairman

Hong Kong, 22 July 2008

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. So Yu Shing (Chairman and Executive Director), Mr. Ip Ping Hong Antony (Vice Chairman and Executive Director), Mr. Kong Kam Wang (Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer), Ms. Lai Yuen Mei Rebecca (Executive Director), Mr. Woo Siu Lun (Executive Director), Mr. Lam Kwok Wing (Independent Non-executive Director), Mr. Yeung Po Chin (Independent Non-executive Director), Dr. Fung Ka Shuen (Independent Non-executive Director) and Mr. Hui Tung Wah (Non-executive Director).

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