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LUEN WONG GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

聯旺集團控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 8217)

FIRST QUARTERLY RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the three months ended 30 June 2019, the operating results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) were as follows:

- Revenue amounted to approximately HK\$121.6 million for the three months ended 30 June 2019, representing an increase of approximately HK\$0.7 million as compared with the corresponding period in 2018;
- Gross profit for the three months ended 30 June 2019 amounted to approximately HK\$9.9 million, representing an increase of approximately HK\$5.7 million as compared with the corresponding period in 2018;
- Profit and total comprehensive income for the three months ended 30 June 2019 attributable to equity holders of the Company amounted to approximately HK\$0.3 million, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$21.4 million as compared with the corresponding period in 2018;
- Basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended 30 June 2019 amounted to approximately HK cent 0.03, representing a decrease of approximately HK cent 1.71 as compared with the corresponding period in 2018; and
- The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the three months ended 30 June 2019.

FIRST QUARTERLY RESULTS

The board (the “Board”) of directors (the “Directors”) is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Group for the three months ended 30 June 2019 together with the unaudited comparative figures for the corresponding period of 2018.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

For the three months ended 30 June 2019

		Three months ended 30 June	
		2019	2018
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	<i>Note</i>	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Revenue	3	121,642	120,900
Cost of sales		(111,780)	(116,729)
Gross profit		9,862	4,171
Other gain or loss		(5,560)	23,784
Administrative and other operating expenses		(3,385)	(2,343)
Profit from operations		917	25,612
Finance costs		(9)	(1)
Profit before income tax		908	25,611
Income tax expense	4	(565)	(3,887)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company		343	21,724
		HK cents	HK cents
Earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the Company			
Basic and diluted	6	0.03	1.74

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

For the three months ended 30 June 2019

	Total equity attributable to equity holders of the Company						
	Share capital <i>HK\$'000</i>	Share premium <i>HK\$'000</i>	Available- for-sale financial assets revaluation reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Other reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Capital reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Retained earnings <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total equity <i>HK\$'000</i>
Balance as at 1 April 2018	12,480	36,672	(426)	10,400	3,820	40,532	103,478
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	—	—	—	—	—	21,724	21,724
Balance as at 30 June 2018 (unaudited)	<u>12,480</u>	<u>36,672</u>	<u>(426)</u>	<u>10,400</u>	<u>3,820</u>	<u>62,256</u>	<u>125,202</u>
Balance as at 1 April 2019	12,480	36,672	—	10,400	3,820	19,087	82,459
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	—	—	—	—	—	343	343
Balance as at 30 June 2019 (unaudited)	<u>12,480</u>	<u>36,672</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>10,400</u>	<u>3,820</u>	<u>19,430</u>	<u>84,802</u>

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the three months ended 30 June 2019

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability on 16 October 2015. The addresses of the Company's registered office and principal place of business are P.O. Box 1350, Clifton House, 75 Fort Street, Grand Cayman KY1-1108, Cayman Islands and Unit 703A, 7/F, Gee Tuck Building, 16-20 Bonham Strand, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong respectively.

The Company is an investment holding company, and the Group is principally engaged in the provision of civil engineering works and investment holding.

As at 30 June 2019, the Company's immediate and ultimate holding company is Blooming Union Investments Limited ("Blooming Union"), a company incorporated and domiciled in the British Virgin Islands ("BVI"). As at 30 June 2019, the directors consider the ultimate controlling shareholders of the Company to be Mr. Wong Che Kwo and Mr. Wong Wing Wah (collectively referred to as the "Controlling Shareholders").

The Company's shares are listed on the GEM of the Stock Exchange on 12 April 2016.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the three months ended 30 June 2019 have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and the applicable disclosure requirements of the GEM Listing Rules.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2019. The accounting policies used in the preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those adopted in the annual consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2019.

As at the date of authorisation of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, HKICPA has issued a number of new and amended HKFRSs. For those which are effective for accounting period beginning on 1 April 2019, the adoption of these new and amended HKFRSs had no material impact on how the results and financial position of the Group for the current or prior accounting periods have been prepared and presented. The Group has not early adopted any new and amended HKFRSs that are relevant to the Group have been issued but are not yet effective for the current accounting period.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for available-for-sale financial assets and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss which are stated at fair value.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong Dollars ("HK\$"), which is the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousands ("HK\$'000"), except when otherwise indicated.

The preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires the management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the accounting policies of the Group.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have not been audited by the Company's auditors, but have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

3. REVENUE

Revenue represents the consideration received and receivable from the provision of civil engineering works.

4. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 8.25% and 16.5% on the estimated assessable profit for the three months ended 30 June 2019 and 2018 respectively.

	Three months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Current tax		
– Hong Kong profits tax	565	235
– Deferred tax	–	3,652
Income tax expense	565	3,887

5. DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the three months ended 30 June 2019 and 2018.

6. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the Company is based on the following:

	Three months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Earnings		
Profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company	343	21,724
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares (in thousands)	1,248,000	1,248,000

The weighted average number of ordinary shares used to calculate the basic earnings per share for the three months ended 30 June 2019 and 2018 represents 1,248,000,000 shares in issue throughout the period.

There were no dilutive potential ordinary shares during the periods ended 30 June 2019 and 2018 and therefore, diluted earnings per share equals to the basic earnings per share.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

The Group has over 19 years of experience in providing civil engineering works as a subcontractor in Hong Kong. The civil engineering works undertaken by the Group are mainly related to (i) roads and drainage works (including construction and improvement of local road, carriageway with junction improvement and the associated footpaths, planting areas, drains, sewers, water mains and utilities diversion); (ii) structural works (including construction of reinforced concrete structures for bridges and retaining walls); and (iii) site formation works (including excavation and/or filling works for forming a new site or achieving designed formation level for later development).

The Group experienced an increase in revenue and gross profit margin for the three months ended 30 June 2019 compared with the corresponding period in 2018. Such increase was mainly due to certain new projects commenced during the period.

In the 2019-20 Budget Speech, the Government reiterated its commitment to infrastructure and announced to spend an estimated HK\$6 billion on public infrastructure enhancement. It is expected construction projects is about to remain at a stable level in the next few years. However, challenges like delaying in budget approval due to filibustering and shortage of manpower will continue to strike the civil engineering industry.

As to the Group, we are confident with the prospects of the Group for the next few years as we have recently secured few projects which estimated to be completed in end-2019. These projects could ensure sustainability of the Group and increase employees' loyalty towards the Group.

Looking forward, the Group will continue to strengthen the competitive edge of the Group over the competitors in the civil engineering industry and at the same time carefully evaluate each projects and control the Group's overall costs to a reasonable level; which in turn is expected to increase shareholders' return. Besides, in order to increase shareholders' return, the Group will put efforts to evaluate the feasibility of obtaining necessary licenses to carry out civil engineering works and related operations in other countries, such as Japan and Thailand.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

All of the Group's revenue was generated from the provision of civil engineering works. The total revenue of the Group increased by approximately HK\$742,000 from approximately HK\$120,900,000 for the three months ended 30 June 2018 to approximately HK\$121,642,000 for the three months ended 30 June 2019. Such increase was mainly due to certain new projects commenced during the period. As at 30 June 2018, the Group had 33 contracts on hand with a total contract sum of approximately HK\$2,010,474,000 whilst as at 30 June 2019, the Group had 33 contracts on hand with a total contract sum of approximately HK\$1,933,359,000.

Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin

The Group's gross profit increased by approximately HK\$5,691,000 from approximately HK\$4,171,000 for the three months ended 30 June 2018 to approximately HK\$9,862,000 for the three months ended 30 June 2019. The Group's gross profit margin increased from 3.4% for the three months ended 30 June 2018 to 8.1% for the three months ended 30 June 2019, representing an increase of approximately 4.7 percentage points.

The gross profit margin varied substantially from project to project and is mainly attributable to its pricing strategy, which is determined based on a cost-plus pricing model in general with markup determined on a project-by-project basis. Details are set out in the paragraph headed "Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin" in the section headed "Management Discussion and Analysis" in the Company's 2019 annual report dated 21 June 2019.

Other Gain or Loss

Other gain or loss of the Group decreased from gain of approximately HK\$23,784,000 for the three months ended 30 June 2018 to loss of approximately HK\$5,560,000 for the three months ended 30 June 2019. It mainly comprised of the net fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss recognised of approximately HK\$5,729,000 during the three months ended 30 June 2019.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses of the Group increased by approximately HK\$1,042,000 from approximately HK\$2,343,000 for the three months ended 30 June 2018 to approximately HK\$3,385,000 for the three months ended 30 June 2019. Administrative expenses consist primarily of staff costs, professional fees, depreciation, rental expenses and other administrative expenses. Such increase was primarily attributable to the increase in consultancy and staff related expenses.

Finance Costs

Finance costs for the Group increased by approximately HK\$8,000 from approximately HK\$1,000 for the three months ended 30 June 2018 to approximately HK\$9,000 for the three months ended 30 June 2019. Such increase was mainly due to the increase of finance lease liabilities.

Income Tax Expense

Income tax expense for the Group had decreased by approximately HK\$3,322,000 from approximately HK\$3,887,000 for the three months ended 30 June 2018 to approximately HK\$565,000 for the three months ended 30 June 2019. Such decrease was mainly due to the deferred taxation and taxation has been generated from the gain on disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and the net fair value gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss for the six months ended 30 June 2018.

Profit and total comprehensive income for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company

Profit and total comprehensive income for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company decreased by approximately HK\$21,381,000 from approximately HK\$21,724,000 for the three months ended 30 June 2018 to approximately HK\$343,000 for the three months ended 30 June 2019. Such decrease was primarily attributable to the net effect of (i) the increase in revenue and gross profit, (ii) decrease in other gain or loss and (iii) increase in administrative expenses for the three months ended 30 June 2019 as discussed above. If consider the results excluding other gain or loss, the profit before income tax of the Group would improve from approximately HK\$1,827,000 for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to approximately HK\$6,468,000 for the six months ended 30 June 2019.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

A. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY

As at 30 June 2019, none of the Directors nor chief executive of the Company has registered an interest 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) (i) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (ii) which were required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or (iii) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules.

B. SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTEREST AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 30 June 2019, so far as is known to the Directors, the following persons (not being a Director or chief executive of the Company), had interest or short position in Shares or underlying Shares which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provision of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or which would be required, pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein:

Name of Shareholder	Capacity/ Nature	Number of Shares held/ interested	Percentage of shareholding
Blooming Union Investment Limited ("Blooming Union")	Beneficial owner	327,030,000	26.20%
Wong Che Kwo	Interest in a controlled corporation (<i>Note 1</i>)	327,030,000	26.20%
Law Oi Ling	Interest of spouse (<i>Note 2</i>)	327,030,000	26.20%
Wong Wing Wah	Interest in a controlled corporation (<i>Note 1</i>)	327,030,000	26.20%
Lai Siu Kuen	Interest of spouse (<i>Note 3</i>)	327,030,000	26.20%

Note:

1. Blooming Union is owed as to 50% and 50% by each of Mr. Wong Che Kwo and Mr. Wong Wing Wah respectively. Mr. Wong Che Kwo and Mr. Wong Wing Wah is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Blooming Union pursuant to the SFO.
2. Ms. Law Oi Ling, the spouse of Mr. Wong Che Kwo, is deemed, or taken to be, interested in all Shares in which Mr. Wong Che Kwo is interested for the purpose of the SFO.
3. Ms. Lai Siu Kuen, the spouse of Mr. Wong Wing Wah, is deemed, or taken to be, interested in all Shares in which Mr. Wong Wing Wah is interested for the purpose of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2019 and so far as is known to the Directors, no person, other than the Directors and chief executive of the Company whose interests are set out in the section headed "Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures of the Company" above, had notified the Company of an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company that was required to be recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

COMPETING INTERESTS

The Directors confirm that none of the then Controlling Shareholders or the Directors and their respective close associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) is interested in any business apart from the business operated by the Group which competes or is likely to compete, directly or indirectly, with the Group's business during the three months ended 30 June 2019 and up to the date of this announcement.

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of Company's listed securities during the three months ended 30 June 2019.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Company's corporate governance practices are based on the principles and code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report (the "Code") in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Directors consider that during the three months ended 30 June 2019 and up to the date of this announcement, the Company has complied with all the applicable code provisions set out in the Code.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the required standard set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors in respect of the Shares (the "Code of Conduct"). The Company has made specific enquiry to all Directors, and all Directors have confirmed that they have fully complied with the required standard of dealings set out in the Code of Conduct during the three months ended 30 June 2019 and up to the date of this announcement.

DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the three months ended 30 June 2019.

DISCLOSURE REQUIRED UNDER RULE 17.50(2) OF THE GEM LISTING RULES

To the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Directors having made all reasonable enquiries, there are no other matters with respect to the appointment of the Directors that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there was no information in relation to the Directors that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rules 17.50(2) of the GEM Listing Rules as at the date of this announcement.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The share option scheme of the Company (the “Share Option Scheme”) has been adopted by way of shareholder’s written resolution passed on 24 March 2016. The terms of the Share Option Scheme are in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 23 of the GEM Listing Rules.

As at 30 June 2019, no share option has been granted since the adoption of the Share Option Scheme and there was no share option outstanding as at 30 June 2019.

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 11 July 2019, (i) 124,800,000 share options were granted to the eligible participants under the Share Option Scheme; and (ii) no share options were exercised or lapsed or cancelled.

Category of participants	Date of grant	Number of share options outstanding as at the Latest Practicable Date	Exercisable period	Exercise price per share (HK\$)
Executive Directors				
– Mr. So Kwok Hung	11 July 2019	12,480,000	5 years	0.101
– Ms. Yu Xiao	11 July 2019	12,480,000	5 years	0.101
Employees	11 July 2019	62,400,000	5 years	0.101
Consultants	11 July 2019	37,440,000	5 years	0.101

For details, please refer to the Company’s announcement dated 11 July 2019.

Save as disclosed in this announcement, the Board is not aware of any significant event requiring disclosure that has been taken place subsequent to 30 June 2019 and up to the date of this announcement.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

An audit committee has been established with its terms of reference in compliance with Rules 5.28 to 5.33 of the GEM Listing Rules, and paragraphs C.3.3 and C.3.7 of the Code. The audit committee consists of three members, namely Mr. Liao Honghao, Mr. Wong Chi Kan and Mr. Tai Hin Henry, all being independent non-executive Directors. Mr. Wong Chi Kan currently serves as the chairman of the audit committee.

The committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities by providing an independent review and supervision of financial reporting, by satisfying themselves as to the effectiveness of the internal controls of the Group, and as to the adequacy of the external and internal audits.

The audit committee has reviewed the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the three months ended 30 June 2019 and is of the view that such results complied with the applicable accounting standards, principles and policies, the requirements under the GEM Listing Rules and other applicable legal requirements, and that adequate disclosures have been made.

By order of the Board
Luen Wong Group Holdings Limited
So Kwok Hung
Executive Director

Hong Kong, 13 August 2019

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. So Kwok Hung and Ms. Yu Xiao and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Wong Chi Kan, Mr. Tai Hin Henry and Mr. Liao Honghao.

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