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NICHE-TECH GROUP LIMITED

駿碼科技集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 8490)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FIRST QUARTERLY RESULTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of Niche-Tech Group Limited (the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce the unaudited results of the Company and its subsidiaries (together as the “**Group**”) for the three months ended 31 March 2020. This announcement, containing the full text of the 2020 first quarterly report of the Group, complies with the relevant requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**GEM Listing Rules**”) in relation to information to accompany preliminary announcements of quarterly results. Printed version of the 2020 first quarterly report of the Company containing the information required by the GEM Listing Rules will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Company in due course.

By Order of the Board
Niche-Tech Group Limited
Chow Bok Hin Felix

Executive Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 11 May 2020

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Chow Bok Hin Felix, Professor Chow Chun Kay Stephen and Mr. Shi Yiwu, non-executive Director is Mr. Ma Yung King Leo, and the independent non-executive Directors are Professor Ng Wang Wai Charles, Mr. Tai Chun Kit and Mr. Poon Lai Yin Michael.

This announcement, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this announcement misleading.

This announcement will remain on the GEM’s website at <http://www.hkgem.com> on the “Latest Listed Company Information” page for a minimum period of seven days from the date of its publication. This announcement will also be published on the Company’s website at <http://www.nichetech.com.hk>.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The Board is pleased to present the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Group for the three months ended 31 March 2020 together with the comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding period in 2019 as follows:

		Three months ended	
	<i>NOTES</i>	31.3.2020	31.3.2019
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Revenue	4	35,681	45,924
Cost of sales		(28,810)	(37,114)
Gross profit		6,871	8,810
Other income, other gains and losses	5	2,259	781
Impairment losses under expected credit loss model, net of reversal		(490)	–
Selling and distribution expenses		(2,613)	(2,846)
Administrative expenses		(5,665)	(5,493)
Finance costs	6	(290)	(410)
Profit before taxation		72	842
Income tax expense	7	(572)	(239)
(Loss) profit for the period	8	(500)	603

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		Three months ended	
	NOTES	31.3.2020	31.3.2019
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Other comprehensive (expense) income			
Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences on translation from functional currency to presentation currency		(4,540)	4,765
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations		554	(393)
Other comprehensive (expense) income for the period		(3,986)	4,372
Total comprehensive (expense) income for the period		(4,486)	4,975
(Loss) earnings per share			
– basic (HK cents)	9	(0.07)	0.09

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the three months ended 31 March 2020

	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Other reserve HK\$'000	Capital reserve HK\$'000	Exchange reserve HK\$'000	Statutory reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total equity HK\$'000
At 1 January 2019 (audited)	7,055	128,115	100,000	1	(14,041)	5,776	10,222	237,128
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	603	603
Exchange differences arising on translation from functional currency to presentation currency	-	-	-	-	4,765	-	-	4,765
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	(393)	-	-	(393)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	4,372	-	603	4,975
At 31 March 2019 (unaudited)	7,055	128,115	100,000	1	(9,669)	5,776	10,825	242,103
At 1 January 2020 (audited)	7,055	128,115	100,000	1	(19,058)	7,248	8,066	231,427
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(500)	(500)
Exchange differences arising on translation from functional currency to presentation currency	-	-	-	-	(4,540)	-	-	(4,540)
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	554	-	-	554
Total comprehensive expense for the period	-	-	-	-	(3,986)	-	(500)	(4,486)
At 31 March 2020 (unaudited)	7,055	128,115	100,000	1	(23,044)	7,248	7,566	226,941

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the three months ended 31 March 2020

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability on 21 February 2017 under the Companies Law, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands. The shares (the “**Shares**”) of the Company have been listed on the GEM of the Stock Exchange since 30 May 2018.

The Company is an investment holding company. The Group is principally engaged in the development, manufacture and sales of semiconductor packaging materials.

The functional currency of the Company is Renminbi (“**RMB**”). The condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars (“**HK\$**”) as the Group’s management believes HK\$ is the appropriate presentation currency for the users of the condensed consolidated financial statements.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“**HKFRSs**”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“**HKICPA**”). In addition, the condensed consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by Chapter 18 of the GEM Listing Rules.

The condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited, but have been reviewed by the audit committee (“**Audit Committee**”) of the Company and were approved for issue by the Board.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the three months ended 31 March 2020

3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

Other than changes in accounting policies resulting from application of new and amendments to HKFRSs, the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months ended 31 March 2020 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2019.

The HKICPA has issued certain new and revised HKFRSs. For those which are effective for accounting periods beginning on 1 January 2020, the adoption has no material impact on how the results and financial positions of the Group for the current and prior periods have been prepared and presented. For those which are not yet effective and have not been early adopted in prior accounting periods, the Group is in the process of assessing their impact on the Group's results and financial positions.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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4. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

An analysis of revenue by major products is as follows:

	Three months ended	
	31.3.2020	31.3.2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Bonding wire	28,963	38,320
Encapsulant	4,891	5,249
Others	1,827	2,355
	35,681	45,924

Geographical information

The Group's revenue is mainly derived from customers located in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") and Hong Kong. Information about the Group's revenue by the geographical location in which the customers operate is detailed below:

	Three months ended	
	31.3.2020	31.3.2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
PRC excluding Hong Kong	35,427	45,556
Hong Kong	254	368
	35,681	45,924

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5. OTHER INCOME, OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES

	Three months ended	
	31.3.2020	31.3.2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Bank interest income	202	233
Government subsidy income	2,296	351
Net foreign exchange (losses) gains	(254)	187
Others	15	10
	2,259	781

6. FINANCE COSTS

	Three months ended	
	31.3.2020	31.3.2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Interests on bank borrowings	94	200
Interests on lease liabilities	159	210
Interests on discounted bills with recourse	37	–
	290	410

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7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Three months ended	
	31.3.2020	31.3.2019
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)

The income tax expense comprises:

PRC Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT")	572	239
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Under the Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT Law") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the standard tax rate of PRC entities is 25% for both periods. Pursuant to the relevant laws and regulations in the PRC, 汕頭市駿碼凱撒有限公司 is granted tax incentives as a High and New Technology Enterprise and is entitled to a concessionary tax rate of 15% for 3 years from 2018 to 2020.

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profits for both periods. No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax is made since the relevant group entities had no assessable profits for both periods.

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For the three months ended 31 March 2020

8. (LOSS) PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD

	Three months ended	
	31.3.2020	31.3.2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
(Loss) profit for the period has been arrived at after charging:		
Directors' remuneration		
Fees	110	120
Other emoluments, salaries and other benefits	824	885
Retirement benefit scheme contributions	12	19
	946	1,024
Other staff costs:		
Staff salaries and allowances	5,728	6,006
Retirement benefit scheme contributions	485	845
	6,213	6,851
Total staff costs	7,159	7,875
Capitalised in intangible assets	(891)	(1,116)
Capitalised in inventories	(1,509)	(2,151)
	4,759	4,608

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For the three months ended 31 March 2020

	Three months ended	
	31.3.2020	31.3.2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Depreciation of plant and equipment	1,981	2,064
Capitalised in intangible assets	(379)	(385)
Capitalised in inventories	(723)	(609)
	879	1,070
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,485	1,091
Capitalised in inventories	(1,435)	(1,038)
	50	53
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	683	611
Capitalised in intangible assets	(64)	(69)
Capitalised in inventories	(117)	(122)
	502	420
Auditor's remuneration	300	150
Cost of inventories recognised as cost of sales	28,810	37,114
Research and development costs (excluding staff costs and depreciation of plant and equipment) recognised as expenses (included in administrative expenses)	141	78
Minimum operating lease rentals in respect of rented premises	36	34

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the three months ended 31 March 2020

9. (LOSS) EARNINGS PER SHARE

	Three months ended	
	31.3.2020	31.3.2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
(Loss) earnings:		
(Loss) earnings for the purpose of basic (loss) earnings per share:		
(Loss) profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company	(500)	603
Number of shares:		
Weighted average number of ordinary Shares for the purpose of basic (loss) earnings per share	705,500,000	705,500,000

No diluted (loss) earnings per share is presented for periods ended 31 March 2020 and 2019 as there is no potential ordinary shares in issue during both periods.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW

The Group is an established semiconductor packaging materials manufacturer specializing in the development, manufacture and sales of bonding wire and encapsulant with headquarters in Hong Kong and production facilities in Shantou, the PRC. During the three months ended 31 March 2020 (the “**Period**”), the Group continued to sell its products directly to more than 400 customers, including renowned manufacturers of LEDs, camera modules and ICs primarily in the PRC.

During the Period, due to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) epidemic, unprecedented restrictions were imposed on business and transportation arrangement in the People’s Republic of China (the “**PRC**”). The Group’s customers, as a result, had delayed in purchase from the Group, which caused the Group’s revenue and gross profit to decrease by approximately 22.3% and approximately 22.0% respectively compared with the same period in 2019.

As the impact of the outbreak diminishes, the Group will continue to focus on innovation of materials for advanced semiconductors which could be applied to artificial intelligence and 5G industries.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

REVENUE

The Group’s revenue principally represents income derived from its main products, namely bonding wire and encapsulant. During the Period, the Group recorded a revenue of approximately HK\$35.7 million, decreased by approximately 22.3% from approximately HK\$45.9 million recorded in the three months ended 31 March 2019. The revenue of bonding wire products recorded a decrease of approximately 24.4% to approximately HK\$29.0 million during the Period (three months ended 31 March 2019: approximately HK\$38.3 million). The revenue of encapsulant products recorded a decrease of approximately 6.8% to approximately HK\$4.9 million during the Period (three months ended 31 March 2019: approximately HK\$5.2 million). The decrease in the revenue of both bonding wire and encapsulant products was due to the customer’s delay in purchase of our products due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in early 2020.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

COST OF SALES AND GROSS PROFIT

The Group's cost of sales mainly comprised direct material costs, direct labour costs and manufacturing overhead. During the Period, the Group's cost of sales decreased by approximately 22.4% to approximately HK\$28.8 million (three months ended 31 March 2019: approximately HK\$37.1 million). The gross profit of the Group decreased by approximately 22.0% to approximately HK\$6.9 million for the Period (three months ended 31 March 2019: approximately HK\$8.8 million). Both cost of sales and gross profit were decreased in line with the decrease of revenue. Gross profit margin maintained approximately 19.3% for the Period (three months ended 31 March 2019: 19.2%).

OTHER INCOME, OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES

Other income, other gains and losses of approximately HK\$2.3 million were recorded during the Period (Three months ended 31 March 2019: approximately HK\$0.8 million). The increase was mainly due to a one-off government subsidy income of approximately HK\$2.0 million was received by a PRC subsidiary as a granting support in respect of unemployment insurance to enterprises for stabilizing employment during the Period.

EXPENSES

Selling and distribution expenses amounted to approximately HK\$2.6 million for the Period (three months ended 31 March 2019: approximately HK\$2.8 million). Administrative expenses for the Period slightly increased by approximately HK\$0.2 million to approximately HK\$5.7 million (three months ended 31 March 2019: approximately HK\$5.5 million).

(LOSS) PROFIT AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (EXPENSE) INCOME FOR THE PERIOD

Summing up the combined effects of the foregoing, loss attributable to owners of the Company for the Period was approximately HK\$0.5 million (three months ended 31 March 2019: profit of approximately HK\$0.6 million).

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FUTURE STRATEGIES AND PROSPECTS

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and macroeconomic uncertainties aroused by the continuous Sino-U.S. trade tensions, 2020 would be a challenging year for the industry and the Group. However, the Directors also see opportunities in the market. According to SEMI, the global semiconductor equipment sales is expected to recover in 2020 and reach a new record of US\$66.8 billion in 2021. Besides, the fast-growing 5G industry is expected to drive the demand for semiconductor packaging related encapsulants. Thus, the Directors remain confident about the industry and the Group's future development.

In the first quarter of 2020, due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the export orders of semiconductor packaging materials of the Group's customers have dropped notably, which has affected the Group's sales orders inevitably. However, in view of the effective control of COVID-19 in China, the Directors expected that the orders will resume to normal level gradually.

In the first quarter of 2020, the Group's pioneer product, Liquid Molding Epoxy for mini-LED has successfully conducted trial-run and has commenced mass production for several famous RGB display LED packaging companies. It is expected that this product will make great contribution to the Group's revenue. As a reputable technology-focused manufacturer, the Group is always well equipped with the capabilities of pursuing more opportunities in the market and facilitate its long-term growth through continuous R&D capabilities despite the challenging market environment. In view of the growing 5G networks, the Group will put more resources on developing upstream packaging materials for 5G industry to satisfy the demand from the emerging markets of 5G network, automotive electrification, industrial automation, internet of things and artificial intelligence.

Three series of new products of Die Attach Adhesive, namely Non-conductive Epoxy Based Adhesive, Non-conductive Silicon Based Adhesive and Electrical Conductive Silver Adhesive are being launched for LED applications, and will be extended to other semiconductors and 5G industries after formula adjustment. The Directors believe these new products will become another growth momentum for the Group in the future.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Looking ahead, the Group will continue to develop advanced semiconductor packaging materials and enrich its product mix to catch the opportunities arising from the expected market recovery. To cope with the macroeconomic uncertainties and the impact of pandemic, the Group is taking effective cost control measures, including streamlining the sales process and improving production efficiency to raise the economic efficiency of the Group and sustain its long-term business growth.

The Directors believe that the Group's established position in the bonding wire industry, competitive strengths and flexible business strategies, will allow it to facilitate its long-term growth.

DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of any dividend for the Period (three months ended 31 March 2019: Nil).

SEGMENT INFORMATION

Segment information for the Group is presented as disclosed on note 4 to the condensed consolidated financial information.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS/MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSAL

During the Period, the Group has not made any significant investments or material acquisitions and disposal of subsidiaries.

OTHER INFORMATION

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

(a) Director's and chief executives' interests and short positions in the Shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations

As at 31 March 2020, the interests or short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company in the Shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong) (the "**SFO**")), which are required (a) 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 provisions of the SFO); or (b) pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be recorded in the register referred to therein; or (c) to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standards of dealing by directors as referred to in Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules were as follows:

(i) Long positions in the Shares

Name of Directors	Nature of interest/ holding capacity	Number of Shares held	Percentage of issued share capital of the Company <i>(Note 1)</i>
Mr. Chow Bok Hin Felix ("Mr. Chow") <i>(Note 2)</i>	Interest in a controlled corporation	357,000,000	50.60%
Professor Chow Chun Kay Stephen ("Professor Chow") <i>(Note 2)</i>	Interest in a controlled corporation	357,000,000	50.60%
	Beneficial owner	510,000	0.07%

OTHER INFORMATION

Notes:

- (1) As at 31 March 2020, the Company's issued share capital was HK\$7,055,000 divided into 705,500,000 Shares of HK\$0.01 each.
- (2) Niche-Tech Investment Holdings Limited is beneficially owned as to 40% by Mr. Chow and 60% by Professor Chow. By virtue of SFO, Mr. Chow and Professor Chow are deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Niche-Tech Investment Holdings Limited.

(ii) Interests in shares of the associated corporations of the Company

Name	Name of associated corporation	Nature of interest/holding capacity	Number of shares held/interested in the associated corporations	Percentage of shareholding
Professor Chow (Notes 1 and 2)	Chows Investment Group Limited	Beneficial owner	6	60.00%
Mr. Chow (Notes 1 and 2)	Chows Investment Group Limited	Beneficial owner	4	40.00%
Professor Chow (Notes 1 and 2)	Niche-Tech Investment Holdings Limited	Interest in a controlled corporation	10,000,000	100.00%
Mr. Chow (Notes 1 and 2)	Niche-Tech Investment Holdings Limited	Interest in a controlled corporation	10,000,000	100.00%

OTHER INFORMATION

Notes:

1. Chows Investment Group Limited holds 100% interest in Niche-Tech Investment Holdings Limited. Niche-Tech Investment Holdings Limited in turn holds 50.60% interest in the Company. Therefore, Chows Investment Group Limited and Niche-Tech Investment Holdings Limited are the associated corporations of the Company for the purpose of the SFO.
2. Mr. Chow and Professor Chow are interested in as to 40% and 60% of the issued share capital of Chows Investment Group Limited. Chows Investment Group Limited holds 100% interest in Niche-Tech Investment Holdings Limited. Mr. Chow and Professor Chow are therefore deemed to be interested in 100% of Niche-Tech Investment Holdings Limited for the purpose of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 March 2020, none of the Directors nor chief executives of the Company had or was deemed to have any other interests or short positions in the Shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which are required (a) 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 provisions of the SFO); or (b) pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be recorded in the register referred to therein; or (c) to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standards of dealing by directors as referred to in Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules.

OTHER INFORMATION

(b) Substantial Shareholders and other persons' interests and short positions in the Shares or underlying shares of the Company

So far as is known to the Directors, as at 31 March 2020, the following entities (not being Directors or chief executive of the Company) had, or were deemed to have, interests or short positions (directly or indirectly) in the Shares or underlying shares of the Company that 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 for being recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

Long positions in the Shares

Name of Shareholder	Nature of interest/ holding capacity	Number of Shares held	Percentage of issued share capital of the Company (Note 1)
Niche-Tech Investment Holdings Limited	Beneficial owner	357,000,000	50.60%
Chows Investment Group Limited (Note 2)	Interest in a controlled corporation	357,000,000	50.60%
Mrs. Chow Fung Wai Lan Rita ("Mrs. Chow") (Note 3)	Interest of spouse	357,510,000	50.67%
Mrs. Chow Kuo Li Jen (Note 4)	Interest of spouse	357,000,000	50.60%
Mr. Ma Ah Muk ("Mr. Ma")	Beneficial owner	152,490,000	21.61%
Ms. Cheng Pak Ching (Note 5)	Interest of spouse	152,490,000	21.61%

OTHER INFORMATION

Notes:

- (1) As at 31 March 2020, the Company's issued ordinary share capital was HK\$7,055,000 divided into 705,500,000 Shares of HK\$0.01 each.
- (2) Chows Investment Group Limited holds 100% interest in Niche-Tech Investment Holdings Limited and is therefore deemed to be interested in the 357,000,000 Shares held by Niche-Tech Investment Holdings Limited for the purpose of the SFO.
- (3) Mrs. Chow is the spouse of Professor Chow. Mrs. Chow is deemed to be interested in all the Shares in which Professor Chow is interested in for the purpose of the SFO.
- (4) Mrs. Chow Kuo Li Jen is the spouse of Mr. Chow. Mrs. Chow Kuo Li Jen is deemed to be interested in all the Shares in which Mr. Chow is interested in for the purpose of the SFO.
- (5) Ms. Cheng Pak Ching is the spouse of Mr. Ma. Ms. Cheng Pak Ching is deemed to be interested in all the Shares in which Mr. Ma is interested in for the purpose of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 March 2020, the Directors were not aware of any other persons (other than the Directors or the chief executive of the Company) who had, or was deemed to have, interest or short positions in the Shares or underlying shares of the Company would fall to be required to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO for being recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Pursuant to the Company's share option scheme (the "**Scheme**") adopted on 8 May 2018 for the primary purpose of providing incentives to eligible persons including directors, eligible employees, consultant or adviser of the Group. The directors, employees, consultant or adviser of the Group may, at the discretion of the directors, be granted options (the "**Options**") to subscribe for shares in the Company at a price determined by its directors, but shall not be less than the highest of (i) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheet on the date of the offer of grant, which must be a trading day; (ii) the average closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheet for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of the offer of grant; and (iii) the nominal value of the Shares on the date of grant of the option.

OTHER INFORMATION

Without prior approval from the Company's shareholders, the total maximum number of Shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Scheme is not permitted to exceed 10% of the Shares in issue at the time dealing in the Shares first commenced on the Stock Exchange which amounted to 68,000,000 Shares, representing approximately 9.6% of the Shares in issue as at the date of this report. The maximum number of Shares in respect of which options may be granted to any individual in any one year is not permitted to exceed 1% of the Shares in issue at any point in time.

Unless terminated by resolution in general meeting, the Scheme will remain in force for a period of ten years from the date of the listing of the Shares on the Stock Exchange. Options granted must be taken up not later than 30 days after the date of grant. A consideration of HK\$1 is payable on acceptance of the offer of grant of an option.

The exercisable period of an option, which shall not exceed 10 years from the date of grant, is determined by the Board of Directors of the Company at their discretion.

No options have been granted by the Company under the scheme since its adoption date and up to the date of this report. Therefore, no share options lapsed or were exercised or cancelled during the Year and there were no outstanding share options as at 31 March 2020.

COMPETING INTERESTS

None of the Directors or the controlling shareholder of the Company or any of their respective close associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) had any business or interest in a business that compete or may compete with the business of the Group and any other conflicts of interest which any such person has or may have with the Group during the Period.

INTEREST OF THE COMPLIANCE ADVISER

As notified by Titan Financial Services Limited ("**Titan Financial**"), the Company's compliance adviser, save for the compliance agreement entered into between the Company and Titan Financial dated 1 September 2017 in connection with the Listing, none of Titan Financial or its directors, employees or close associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) had any interest in the Group as at 31 March 2020, which is required to be notified to the Company pursuant to Rule 6A.32 of the GEM Listing Rules.

OTHER INFORMATION

CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company complied with Code of Corporate Governance Practices (the “**Code**”) as set out in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules for the Period.

A.2 and A.2.1 of the Code stipulates that there should be a clear division of the management of the Board and the day-to-day management of the business. The Group has not appointed the chief executive officer. Day-to-day management of the business of the Group are carried out by the senior management and monitored by the executive Directors, while prior approvals by all executive Directors are required for all strategic decisions which are also considered and confirmed in formal Board meeting. The balance of power and authority of the Company is ensured by the operations of the Board which comprises experienced and competent individuals, with three of them being independent non-executive Directors. The Group believes that the existing management structure and decision making procedures are adequate and in the best interest of the Group to cope with the ever-changing economic environment.

The Company regularly reviews its corporate governance practices to ensure that the Company continues to meet the requirements of the Code.

DIRECTORS’ SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors (the “**Code of Conduct**”) on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules (the “**Required Standard Dealings**”). The Company had also made specific enquiry of all the Directors and each of them was in compliance with the Code of Conduct and Required Standard Dealings during the Period. Further, the Company was not aware of any non-compliance with the Required Standard Dealings regarding securities transactions by the Directors for the Period.

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 Period.

OTHER INFORMATION

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 systems of the Group. The members of the audit committee include three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Poon Lai Yin Michael, Professor Ng Wang Wai Charles and Mr. Tai Chun Kit. Mr. Poon Lai Yin Michael is the chairman of the audit committee.

The audit committee has reviewed the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company for the Period and is of the opinion that such results complied with the applicable accounting standards and the requirements under the GEM Listing Rules, and that adequate disclosures have been made.

By Order of the Board
Niche-Tech Group Limited
Chow Bok Hin Felix
Executive Chairman and
Executive Director

Hong Kong, 11 May 2020

As at the date of this report, the executive Directors are Mr. Chow Bok Hin Felix, Professor Chow Chun Kay Stephen and Mr. Shi Yiwu, the non-executive Director is Mr. Ma Yung King Leo, and the independent non-executive Directors are Professor Ng Wang Wai Charles, Mr. Poon Lai Yin Michael and Mr. Tai Chun Kit.

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