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ST INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS COMPANY LIMITED

智紡國際控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 8521)

2020 FIRST QUARTERLY RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

The board (“**Board**”) of directors (“**Directors**”) of ST International Holdings Company Limited (“**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) is pleased to announce the unaudited quarterly results of the Group for the three months ended 31 March 2020. This announcement, containing the full text of the 2020 first quarterly report of the Company, complies with the relevant requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited in relation to information to accompany preliminary announcements of quarterly results.

On behalf of the Board
ST International Holdings Company Limited
Wong Kai Hung Kelvin
Chairman

Hong Kong, 14 May 2020

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises two executive Directors, namely, Mr. Wong Kai Hung Kelvin and Mr. Xi Bin; one non-executive Director, Mr. Hung Yuk Miu; and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Sze Irons BBS JP, Mr. Ng Wing Heng Henry and Mr. Fong Kin Tat.

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.

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Mr. Fong Kin Tat (*Chairman*)
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Mr. Ng Wing Heng Henry

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Group recorded revenue and gross profit of approximately HK\$9,705,000 and HK\$1,891,000 for the three months ended 31 March 2020, representing a significant decrease of approximately 57.7% and 74.2% respectively compared with revenue and gross profit of approximately HK\$22,933,000 and HK\$7,321,000, respectively, for the three months ended 31 March 2019. The Directors mainly attribute such significant decrease in revenue to the global outbreak of the novel coronavirus pandemic ("**COVID-19**") in early 2020 and the implementation of various aggressive and preventive control measures by the government of the People's Republic of China, resulting in a temporary suspension of operation of the Group and the business operations of the Group's customers in late January and February 2020 and thus a decrease in purchase orders received from customers of the Group during the three months ended 31 March 2020; and decrease in gross profit margin was attributable to the continuous incurrence of the research and development expenses and other overhead costs while experiencing a decline in revenue during the period.

As a result of the foregoing, the Group suffered a net loss after tax of HK\$4,376,000 for the three months ended 31 March 2020 when compared with a net profit after tax of HK\$1,446,000 for the three months ended 31 March 2019.

The board of Directors (the "**Board**") does not recommend the payment of a dividend for the three months ended 31 March 2020 (three months ended 31 March 2019: Nil).

The Board of ST International Holdings Company Limited is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “**Group**”) for the three months ended 31 March 2020 together with comparative figures for the last corresponding period as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the three months ended 31 March 2020

		Three months ended 31 March 2020 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
	<i>Notes</i>		
Revenue	4	9,705	22,933
Cost of sales		(7,814)	(15,612)
Gross profit		1,891	7,321
Other income		721	276
Selling and distribution expenses		(1,099)	(1,360)
Administrative and other expenses		(5,866)	(4,393)
Finance costs	6	(23)	(117)
(Loss) profit before tax		(4,376)	1,727
Income tax expenses	7	–	(281)
(Loss) profit for the period	8	(4,376)	1,446
Other comprehensive (expense)/income for the period			
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>			
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations		(2,094)	2,151
Total comprehensive (expenses) income for the period		(6,470)	3,597

		Three months ended 31 March	
		2020	2019
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
(Loss) profit for the period attributable to:			
Equity shareholders of the Company		(4,376)	1,446
Non-controlling interests		–	–
		(4,376)	1,446
Total comprehensive (expense) income for the period attributable to:			
Equity shareholders of the Company		(6,470)	3,597
Non-controlling interests		–	–
		(6,470)	3,597
(Loss) earnings per share			
– basic and diluted (HK\$ cents)	9	(0.91)	0.30

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the three months ended 31 March 2020

	Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company						Non-controlling interests	Total
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Capital reserve HK\$'000	Statutory reserve HK\$'000 (Note a)	Retained earnings HK\$'000	Exchange reserve HK\$'000 (Note b)	Total HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2019 (audited)	4,800	53,389	2,235	5,797	74,551	(3,466)	137,306	(411) 136,895
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	1,446	-	1,446	- 1,446
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	-	2,151	2,151	- 2,151
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	1,446	2,151	3,597	- 3,597
Acquisition of non-controlling interest	-	-	(411)	-	-	-	(411)	411 -
At 31 March 2019 (unaudited)	4,800	53,389	1,824	5,797	75,997	(1,315)	140,492	- 140,492
At 1 January 2020 (audited)	4,800	53,389	1,824	5,797	109,543	(8,049)	167,304	- 167,304
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(4,376)	-	(4,376)	- (4,376)
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	-	(2,094)	(2,094)	- (2,094)
Total comprehensive expense for the period	-	-	-	-	(4,376)	(2,094)	(6,470)	- (6,470)
At 31 March 2020 (unaudited)	4,800	53,389	1,824	5,797	105,167	(10,143)	160,834	- 160,834

Notes:

(a) Statutory reserve

According to The People's Republic of China (the "PRC") Company Law, companies in the PRC are required to transfer 10% of their respective after-tax profits, calculated in accordance with the relevant accounting principles and financial regulations applicable to entities established in the PRC, to the statutory reserve until the reserve balance reaches 50% of the registered capital. The statutory reserve can be utilised, upon approval of the relevant authorities, to offset accumulated losses or to increase registered capital of these companies, provided that such fund is maintained at a minimum of 25% of the registered capital. The statutory reserve is not distributable as cash dividends and must be made before distribution of dividend to equity owners. The reserve balance has reached 50% of the registered capital and some entities of the Group in the PRC are in accumulated loss position, therefore, no transfer to the PRC statutory reserve for the period ended 31 March 2020.

(b) Exchange reserve

Exchange differences relating to the translation of the results and net assets of the Group's foreign operations from their functional currencies to the Group's presentation currency (i.e. Hong Kong dollars) are recognised directly in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the exchange reserve. Such exchange differences accumulated in the exchange reserve are reclassified to profit or loss on the disposal of the foreign operations.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the three months ended 31 March 2020

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

ST International Holdings Company Limited was incorporated in the Cayman Islands, under the Companies Law, Chapter 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability on 21 February 2017 and its shares were listed on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited on 16 May 2018.

The parent and ultimate holding company of the Company is Cosmic Bliss Investments Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands (the **"BVI"**). The ultimate controlling party is Mr. Wong Kai Hung, Kelvin (**"Mr. Wong"**).

The address of the registered office of the Company is Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands. The address of the principal place of business of the Company in Hong Kong is Room 1006, Centre Point, 181-185 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

The Company is an investment holding company and its principal subsidiaries are principally engaged in sales of functional knitted fabrics and apparel.

The condensed consolidated financial information are presented in thousands of units of Hong Kong dollars (**"HK\$"**), which is also the functional currency of the Company and its Hong Kong subsidiary. Renminbi (**"RMB"**) is the functional currency of the PRC subsidiaries of the Company.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months ended 31 March 2020 have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (**"HKFRSs"**) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the **"HKICPA"**) and the disclosure requirements of the GEM Listing Rules. The accounting policies and basis of preparation adopted in the preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months ended 31 March 2020 are consistent with those adopted in the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2019 except for the adoption of new or revised HKFRSs which include HKFRSs, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (**"HKASs"**), amendments and interpretations issued by the HKICPA effective for the Group's financial year beginning on 1 January 2020.

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements is the historical cost basis.

3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In the current period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA which are effective for the Group's financial year beginning on 1 January 2020:

Amendments to HKFRS 3	Definition of a business
Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8	Definition of material
Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7	Interest Rate Benchmark Reform
Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting 2018	Revised Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting

The application of amendments to HKFRSs in the current period has had no material effect on the Group's financial performance and positions for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these condensed consolidated financial information.

4. REVENUE

Revenue represents the amounts received and receivable from sales of goods in the normal course of business, net of sales related tax.

Set out below is the disaggregation of the Group's revenue from contracts with customers:

	Three months ended	
	31 March	
	2020	2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of HKFRS 15		
Disaggregated by major products		
– Sales of functional knitted fabrics	3,160	19,985
– Sales of apparel	2,011	2,948
– Sales of yarns	4,534	–
	9,705	22,933

5. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Operating segments and the amounts of each segment item reported in the condensed consolidated financial information are identified from the financial information provided regularly to the Group's chief operating decision maker for the purposes of allocating resources to, and assessing the performance of the Group's various lines of business and geographical locations.

The Group is organised into a single operating segment as sales of functional knitted fabrics and apparel primarily in the PRC and all revenue, expenses, results, assets and liabilities and capital expenditures are predominantly attributable to this single segment. Accordingly, no segment analysis by business and geographical information is presented.

Information about major customers

Revenue from customers of the corresponding periods contributing over 10% of the total revenue of the Group is as follows:

	Three months ended	
	31 March	
	2020	2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Customer A	1,712	1,956
Customer B ¹	1,461	N/A

¹ The corresponding revenue did not contribute over 10% of the total revenue of the Group during the relevant period.

6. FINANCE COSTS

	Three months ended	
	31 March	
	2020	2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interests on bank borrowing and overdrafts	–	88
Interest on lease liabilities	23	29
	23	117

7. INCOME TAX EXPENSES

	Three months ended 31 March	
	2020	2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Current tax:		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT")	–	281
	–	281

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% on the estimated assessable profits for the three months ended 31 March 2019 and 2020.

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the group company in Hong Kong has no assessable profits for the three months ended 31 March 2019 and 2020.

Under the Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax (the "EIT Law") and implementation regulation of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the subsidiaries of the Company established in the PRC is 25% for the three months ended 31 March 2019 and 2020.

One of the Group's subsidiaries established in the PRC is recognised as a High and New-Technology Enterprise which has been granted tax concessions by the local tax bureau and is entitled to PRC EIT at concessionary rate of 15%.

No provision for PRC Enterprise Income Tax has been made as the group companies in PRC has no assessable profits for the three months ended 31 March 2020 (for the three months ended 31 March 2019: HK\$281,000).

Pursuant to the rules and regulation of the BVI and the Cayman Islands, the Group is not subject to any income tax in these jurisdictions.

8. PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD

Profit for the period has been arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Three months ended	
	31 March	
	2020	2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Staff costs, excluding directors' emoluments:		
Salaries, allowances and other benefits	4,349	2,802
Contributions to retirement benefits scheme	87	232
	4,436	3,034
Cost of inventories recognised as an expense	5,707	14,663
Depreciation of plant and equipment	463	431
Interest income	(210)	(43)
Depreciation charge on right-of-use assets	219	272
Expenses relating to short-term leases	50	23
Research and development expenses (<i>note</i>)	935	1,055

Note:

The research and development expenses disclosed herein excluded salaries, allowances and other benefits of approximately HK\$691,000 and HK\$838,000 and contributions to retirement benefits scheme of approximately HK\$36,000 and HK\$38,000 for the period ended 31 March 2019 and 2020 respectively which had been included in salaries, allowances and other benefits and contributions to retirement benefits scheme disclosed above.

9. (LOSS) EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	Three months ended	
	31 March	
	2020	2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
(Loss) Profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	(4,376)	1,446

	Three months ended	
	31 March	
	2020	2019
	'000	'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	480,000	480,000

Diluted (loss) earnings per share were the same as basic earnings per share as there were no potential dilutive ordinary shares outstanding for the three months ended 31 March 2019 and 2020.

10. DIVIDENDS

No dividend was paid or proposed during the three months ended 31 March 2019 and 2020, nor has any dividend been proposed since the end of the reporting period.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Save as disclosed in elsewhere in the condensed consolidated financial information, the Group has the following transactions with related parties:

(a) Transactions with related parties

Related parties	Nature of transactions	Three months ended 31 March	
		2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Zhongshan Da Chong Elastic Thread Factory Ltd. * (Note 1)	Purchase of yarns	179	685
Proudy Limited (Note 2)	Consultancy services	477	—

Note:

- (1) Purchases of materials from 中山市大涌線廠有限公司 (Zhongshan Da Chong Elastic Thread Factory Ltd.*), a related company owned as to 15% by Mr. Wong and as to 85% collectively by the close family members of Mr. Wong, for the three months ended 31 March 2020 were made on terms mutually agreed by the Group and the related party and with reference to the prevailing market prices of the materials under the purchase agreement.
- (2) The consultancy agreement was entered into by the Group and Proudy Limited, a company wholly owned by Mr. Hung Yuk Miu, a non-executive director of the Company, for the provision of certain consultancy services ("**Consultancy Services**"). Such consultancy agreement was negotiated on arm's length basis and the terms thereof are on normal commercial terms.

* *The English translation of the name is for reference only. The official name of this entity is in Chinese.*

(b) Balance with related company

Related party	Nature of transaction	Three months ended 31 March	
		2020	2019
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Prepayment			
Proudly Limited	Consultancy services	286	—

Note:

The balance represented prepayment for the Consultancy Services. The above transaction was conducted at terms determined on arm's length basis mutually agreed with the Group and the related party and on normal commercial terms.

(c) Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel representing the directors of the Company, during the periods was as follows:

	Three months ended 31 March	
	2020	2019
	HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Short-term benefits	934	873
Post-employment benefits	10	18
	944	891

The remuneration of the key management personnel is determined by the board of directors having regards to the performance of individuals and market norm.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Board is pleased to present the unaudited condensed consolidated financial information of the Group for the three months ended 31 March 2020, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2019.

Business Review and Outlook

The Group is a functional knitted fabrics provider in the PRC. Our products are primarily sold directly to (i) lingerie and apparel brand owners; (ii) sourcing agents; and (iii) garment manufacturers. We design functional knitted fabrics through our product innovation capabilities, source our raw materials comprising primarily synthetic fibres and yarns and engage third party factories to carry out production processes comprising yarn spinning, knitting and dyeing for our direct sales of functional knitted fabrics to our customers. With a view to diversifying our source of revenue and creating cross-selling opportunity, we also engage in the sales of apparel made of our functional knitted fabrics for our customers which are lingerie and apparel brand owners.

During the three months ended 31 March 2020, the Group's business and operation has been affected by the outbreak of the novel coronavirus pandemic ("**COVID-19**") since January 2020. The implementation of various aggressive and preventive control measures by the government of the People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**"), resulting in a temporary suspension of operation of the Group and the business operations of the Group's customers in late January and February 2020 and thus a slowdown in purchase orders received from customers of the Group during the three months ended 31 March 2020. Management has been closely monitoring the market conditions and the pandemic development and tightened cost control; and other cautious approaches have been adopted by management with an aim to cope with the challenging business environment.

Looking ahead, despite the current challenging market and environment caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, which the Directors consider will not be permanent in nature, the Group will continue to devote resources towards the research and development of functional knitted fabrics as well as the dyeing methodology. The Group will also focus on the following business strategies: (i) to strengthen the Group's market position in the PRC by improving its product offering; and (ii) to strengthen the Group's marketing efforts.

Financial Review

Revenue

The following table set forth an analysis of our revenue by products during the three months ended 31 March 2020 and 2019.

	Three months ended	
	31 March	
	2020	2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Sales of functional knitted fabrics	3,160	19,985
Sales of apparel	2,011	2,948
Sales of yarns	4,534	—
	9,705	22,933

The Group's revenue decreased by approximately HK\$13,228,000 or 57.7%, from approximately HK\$22,933,000 for the three months ended 31 March 2019 to approximately HK\$9,705,000 for the three months ended 31 March 2020. The decrease was mainly due to the significant decrease in revenue from sales of functional knitted fabrics which was resulted from the decrease in sales orders from customers as their business operations were suspended in January and February 2020 primarily due to global outbreak of COVID-19.

Gross profit and gross profit margin

The Group's gross profit decreased by approximately HK\$5,430,000 or 74.2%, from approximately HK\$7,321,000 for the three months ended 31 March 2019 to approximately HK\$1,891,000 for the three months ended 31 March 2020 which was mainly caused by the decrease in sales orders. The gross profit margin decreased by approximately 12.4% from approximately 31.9% for the three months ended 31 March 2019 to approximately 19.5% for the three months ended 31 March 2020. The decrease in gross profit margin was mainly due to the continuous incurrence of the research and development expenses and other overhead costs notwithstanding a significant decrease in revenue as well as depreciation of Renminbi during the three months ended 31 March 2020 compared with the corresponding period in 2019.

Selling and distribution expenses

The Group's selling and distribution expenses decreased by approximately HK\$261,000, or 19.2%, from approximately HK\$1,360,000 for the three months ended 31 March 2019 to approximately HK\$1,099,000 for the three months ended 31 March 2020 which was mainly due to decrease in marketing and exhibition, travelling and entertainment expenses compared with the three months ended 31 March 2019.

Administrative and other expenses

The Group's administrative and other expenses increased by approximately HK\$1,473,000, or 33.5%, from approximately HK\$4,393,000 for the three months ended 31 March 2019 to approximately HK\$5,866,000 for the three months ended 31 March 2020. The increase was mainly due to the discretionary bonus approved and paid to all staff in the first quarter of 2020 compared with that approved and paid in the second quarter of 2019.

Income tax expenses

For the three months ended 31 March 2020 and 2019, the income tax expenses were nil and approximately HK\$281,000, respectively, and our effective tax rate for the same period was approximately 0% and 16.3%, respectively. The income tax expenses were nil since there were no assessable profit for the three months ended 31 March 2020.

Loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company

As a result of the foregoing, the loss attributable to owners of the Company was approximately HK\$4,376,000 for the three months ended 31 March 2020 compared with the profit of approximately HK\$1,446,000 for the three months ended 31 March 2019.

Dividend

The Board does not recommend the payment of any dividend for the three months ended 31 March 2020 (three months ended 31 March 2019: Nil).

Future Plans for Material Investments and Capital Assets

Save as disclosed in the prospectus of the Company dated 30 April 2018, the Group does not have other plans for material investments and capital assets.

Material Acquisitions and Disposals of Subsidiaries and Affiliated Companies

For the three months ended 31 March 2020, the Group did not have any material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries or affiliated companies.

Significant Investment Held

The Group did not hold any significant investments during the three months ended 31 March 2020.

Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As at 31 March 2020, the Group had no material capital commitments and contingent liabilities.

Employees and Remuneration Policies

As at 31 March 2020, the Group had 74 employees (31 March 2019: 83) and most of them were working in our Dongguan office. We incurred staff costs inclusive of salaries, allowances and other benefits, contributions to retirement benefits scheme, performance related bonus, discretionary bonus and Directors' remuneration in the aggregate amount of approximately HK\$3,925,000 and HK\$5,606,000 for the three months ended 31 March 2019 and 2020, respectively. We regularly review the performance of our employees and make reference to such performance reviews in our salary review and promotional appraisal in order to attract and retain talented employees.

Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures of the Company and its Associated Corporations

As at 31 March 2020, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company in the Shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company and 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 (a) 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/or short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); (b) required to be recorded in the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO; or (c) as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standard dealings by directors of listed issuer as referred to in Rule 5.47 of the GEM Listing Rules were as follows:

Long Positions in the Shares or the ordinary shares of the associated corporations of the Company

Name of Director	Name of Group member/associated corporation	Capacity/nature of Interest	Total number of shares	Percentage of interest
Mr. Wong Kai Hung Kelvin (" Mr. Wong ")	The Company	Interest in a controlled corporation	360,000,000 Shares (<i>Note 1</i>)	75.00%
Mr. Wong	Cosmic Bliss Investments Limited (" Cosmic Bliss ") (<i>Note 2</i>)	Beneficial owner	1 share of US\$1.00	100.00%

Notes:

- These Shares are registered in the name of Cosmic Bliss, a company wholly owned by Mr. Wong. By virtue of the provisions in Part XV of the SFO, Mr. Wong is deemed to be interested in all the Shares held by Cosmic Bliss. Mr. Wong is the sole director of Cosmic Bliss.
- Cosmic Bliss is an associated corporation of our Company by virtue of its being the holding company of the Company. Cosmic Bliss is wholly owned by Mr. Wong.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 March 2020, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company nor their associates had registered an interest or short position in any Shares or underlying Shares and/or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which would have to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions in which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or that was required to be recorded in the register kept by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, or which are required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules.

Directors' Rights to Acquire Shares and Debentures

At no time during the three months ended 31 March 2020 and up to the date of this report was the Company, its subsidiaries, its fellow subsidiaries or its holding companies a party to any arrangement which would enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

Substantial Shareholders' and Other Persons' Interests and Short Positions in Shares and Underlying Shares of the Company

So far as is known to any Directors or chief executive of the Company, as at 31 March 2020, the following persons (other than Directors or chief executive of the Company whose interests are disclosed under the paragraph headed "Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures of the Company and its Associated Corporations" above) have interests or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Division 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or as required to be recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO:

Long positions in the Shares of the Company

Name of person	Name of Group member	Capacity/nature of Interest	Number and class of securities	Percentage of interest
Cosmic Bliss (Note 1)	The Company	Beneficial owner	360,000,000 Shares	75.00%
Ms. Kwan, Vivian Wun-kwan (Note 2)	The Company	Interest of spouse	360,000,000 Shares	75.00%

Notes:

- 1 The entire issued share capital of Cosmic Bliss is wholly owned by Mr. Wong, an executive Director.
- 2 These Shares are registered in the name of Cosmic Bliss, a company wholly owned by Mr. Wong. Ms. Kwan, Vivian Wun-kwan is the spouse of Mr. Wong. By virtue of the provisions in Part XV of the SFO, Ms. Kwan, Vivian Wun-kwan is deemed to be interested in all the Shares in which Mr. Wong is interested or deemed to be interested.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 March 2020, the Directors were not aware of any other person who had or deemed to have interests or short positions in the Shares and underlying Shares which has disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO and as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO.

Competing Interests

During the three months ended 31 March 2020 and up to the date of this report, none of the Directors or the substantial shareholders of the Company or their respective close associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) is interested in any business which competes or may compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group nor has or may have any conflicts of interest with any business of the Group.

Audit Committee

The Company has established the audit committee (the “**Audit Committee**”) on 23 April 2018 in compliance with Rules 5.28 to 5.33 of the GEM Listing Rules and with written terms of reference. The full terms of reference setting out details of duties of the Audit Committee are in compliance with the Corporate Governance Code (the “**CG Code**”) set out in Appendix 15 to the GEM Listing Rules and are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company. The Audit Committee comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Ng Wing Heng Henry, Mr. Sze Irons, BBS JP and Mr. Fong Kin Tat. Mr. Ng Wing Heng Henry is the chairman of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the Group’s unaudited condensed consolidated financial information for the three months ended 31 March 2020, which have been approved by the Board on 14 May 2020 prior to its issuance. The Audit Committee is of the view that the unaudited condensed consolidated financial information for the three months ended 31 March 2020 are in compliance with the applicable accounting standards, the GEM Listing Rules and other legal requirements, and that sufficient disclosure has been made.

Securities Transactions by Directors

The Company has adopted a code of conduct (the “**Code of Conduct**”) regarding the dealing in securities of the Company by the Directors in accordance with Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Company has confirmed, having made specific enquiries of all Directors, that all Directors have complied with the Code of Conduct during the three months ended 31 March 2020 and up to the date of this report.

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of Listed Securities of the Company

During the three months ended 31 March 2020 and up to the date of this report, the Company did not redeem any of its listed securities, nor did the Company or any of its subsidiaries purchase or sell any of the Company's listed securities.

Corporate Governance Practices

The Group is committed to ensuring high standards of corporate governance and business practices. The Company's corporate governance practices are based on the CG Code. During the period under review and up to the date of this report, the Company has complied with all the applicable code provisions of the CG Code.

Interest of the Compliance Adviser

As confirmed by First Shanghai Capital Limited ("**First Shanghai**"), the Company's compliance adviser, save for the compliance agreement entered into between the Company and First Shanghai dated 28 May 2019, none of First Shanghai 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 and up to the date of this report, which is required to be notified to the Company pursuant to Rule 6A.32 of the GEM Listing Rules.

For and on behalf of the Board
ST International Holdings Company Limited
Wong Kai Hung Kelvin
Chairman

Hong Kong, 14 May 2020

As at the date of this report, the executive Directors are Mr. Wong Kai Hung Kelvin and Mr. Xi Bin, the non-executive Director is Mr. Hung Yuk Miu, and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Sze Irons BBS JP, Mr. Fong Kin Tat and Mr. Ng Wing Heng, Henry.