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**CHINA OCEAN GROUP
DEVELOPMENT LIMITED**

China Ocean Group Development Limited

中國海洋集團發展有限公司

(formerly known as “China Ocean Fishing Holdings Limited
前稱中國海洋捕撈控股有限公司”)

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 8047)

ANNUAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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FINANCIAL RESULTS

The board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Company hereby announces the consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the year ended 31 March 2020 (the “Year”) together with the comparative figures for the corresponding year in 2019 as follows:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Year ended 31 March 2020

	<i>Note</i>	2020 HK\$'000	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Revenue from contracts with customers	5	826,636	960,595
Cost of services rendered and cost of goods sold		<u>(739,438)</u>	<u>(879,603)</u>
Gross profit		87,198	80,992
Other revenue	5	7	438
Other income	5	14,358	45,667
Selling and distribution costs		(392)	(485)
Administrative expenses		(45,397)	(76,284)
Net impairment loss for trade receivables		(6,069)	(564)
Net impairment loss for loan and interest receivables		(297)	–
Finance costs		(23,472)	(5,414)
Gain on change in fair value on contingent consideration payable		4,539	2,729
Other operating expenses		<u>(500)</u>	<u>–</u>
Profit before taxation	6	29,975	47,079
Income tax expenses	7	<u>(3,216)</u>	<u>(503)</u>
Profit for the year		<u>26,759</u>	<u>46,576</u>

	<i>Note</i>	2020 HK\$'000	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Other comprehensive loss for the year:			
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>			
Exchange differences on consolidation		<u>(41,684)</u>	<u>(56,001)</u>
		<u>(41,684)</u>	<u>(56,001)</u>
Total comprehensive loss for the year		<u>(14,925)</u>	<u>(9,425)</u>
Profit/(loss) attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		28,029	43,668
Non-controlling interests		<u>(1,270)</u>	<u>2,908</u>
		<u>26,759</u>	<u>46,576</u>
Total comprehensive (loss)/income attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		(13,655)	(12,333)
Non-controlling interests		<u>(1,270)</u>	<u>2,908</u>
		<u>(14,925)</u>	<u>(9,425)</u>
Earnings per share			
	9		
Basic		HK 0.66 cents	HK 1.14 cents
Diluted		<u>HK 0.66 cents</u>	<u>HK 1.13 cents</u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION*At 31 March 2020*

	<i>Note</i>	2020 HK\$'000	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		15,322	43,522
Investment property		19,604	–
Construction in progress		405,749	421,780
Right-of-use assets		762	–
Other assets		–	544
Intangible assets		724	–
Goodwill		116,971	116,971
		559,132	582,817
Current assets			
Inventories		278	530
Other assets		–	121
Trade and other receivables	<i>10</i>	1,081,476	1,024,344
Loans receivables		72,812	70,913
Bank balances and cash		2,924	14,326
		1,157,490	1,110,234
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	<i>11</i>	159,427	215,088
Borrowings		127,133	87,325
Corporate bonds		11,132	7,589
Lease liabilities		560	–
Contingent consideration payables		–	15,739
Tax payable		15,147	12,347
		313,399	338,088
Net current assets		844,091	772,146
Total assets less current liabilities		1,403,223	1,354,963

	<i>Note</i>	2020 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred income		55,813	48,174
Borrowings		58,811	11,628
Corporate bonds		–	3,034
Lease liabilities		197	–
Contingent consideration payables		11,200	–
		126,021	62,836
NET ASSETS		1,277,202	1,292,127
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		42,260	42,260
Reserves		1,176,238	1,189,893
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		1,218,498	1,232,153
Non-controlling interests		58,704	59,974
TOTAL EQUITY		1,277,202	1,292,127

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Year ended 31 March 2020

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company									
	Reserves									
					Convertible bonds				Non-	
(In HK\$'000)	Share capital	Share premium	Contributed surplus	Exchange reserve	equity reserve	Accumulated losses	Total reserves	Subtotal	controlling interests	Total
At 1 April 2019	42,260	1,378,822	594,707	(34,918)	–	(748,718)	1,189,893	1,232,153	59,974	1,292,127
Profit for the year	–	–	–	–	–	28,029	28,029	28,029	(1,270)	26,759
Other comprehensive income (loss)										
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss										
Exchange differences on consolidation	–	–	–	(41,684)	–	–	(41,684)	(41,684)	–	(41,684)
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year	–	–	–	(41,684)	–	28,029	(13,655)	(13,655)	(1,270)	(14,925)
Transactions with equity holders	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
At 31 March 2020	42,260	1,378,822	594,707	(76,602)	–	(720,689)	1,176,238	1,218,498	58,704	1,277,202

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company									
	Reserves									
					Convertible bonds equity reserve	Accumulated losses	Total reserves	Subtotal	Non-controlling interests	Total
(In HK\$'000)	Share capital	Share premium	Contributed surplus	Exchange reserve						
At 1 April 2018	33,176	947,369	594,707	21,083	88,798	(792,382)	859,575	892,751	46,367	939,118
Profit for the year	–	–	–	–	–	43,668	43,668	43,668	2,908	46,576
Other comprehensive income (loss)										
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss										
Exchange differences on consolidation	–	–	–	(56,001)	–	–	(56,001)	(56,001)	–	(56,001)
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year	–	–	–	(56,001)	–	43,668	(12,333)	(12,333)	2,908	(9,425)
Transactions with equity holders										
Contributions and distributions										
Issue of shares upon placing	6,700	294,800	–	–	–	–	294,800	301,500	–	301,500
Shares issued upon conversion of convertible bonds	2,384	136,653	–	–	(88,798)	–	47,855	50,239	–	50,239
Acquisition of subsidiaries	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12,293	12,293
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	–	–	–	–	–	(4)	(4)	(4)	(1,594)	(1,598)
	9,084	431,453	–	–	(88,798)	(4)	342,651	351,735	10,699	362,434
At 31 March 2019	42,260	1,378,822	594,707	(34,918)	–	(748,718)	1,189,893	1,232,153	59,974	1,292,127

1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

China Ocean Group Development Limited (formerly known as “China Ocean Fishing Holdings Limited”) (the “Company”) is incorporated in Bermuda on 7 June 2001 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Bermuda Companies Act of 1981. The Company’s shares are listed on the GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”). The registered office of the Company is located at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda and its principal place of business is located at Room 03, 22/F, China Resources Building, 26 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Pursuant to a special resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company at a special general meeting on 30 January 2020 and issued by the Bermuda Registry of Companies on 23 April 2020, the name of the Company has been changed from “China Ocean Fishing Holdings Limited” to “China Ocean Group Development Limited” and the adoption of the Chinese name “中國海洋集團發展有限公司” as the secondary name of the Company in replacement of “中國海洋捕撈控股有限公司” has become effective.

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding and the principal activities of its subsidiaries are business of supply chain management services, money lending and ocean fishing.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the “HKICPA”) and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. These consolidated financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure requirements under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the GEM of the Stock Exchange (the “GEM Listing Rules”).

3. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The HKICPA has issued a number of new HKFRSs and amendments to HKFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group. Of these, the following developments are relevant to the Group’s financial statements:

- HKFRS 16, Leases
- HK(IFRIC) 23, Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments

The Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

The impact of the adoption of HKFRS 16, HK(IFRIC) 23 and the new accounting policies are immaterial to the consolidated financial statements. The other standards did not have any impact on the Group’s accounting policies and did not require retrospective adjustments.

4. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

The Group manages its businesses by individual companies, which are organised by a mixture of both business lines and geographical locations. In a manner consistent with the way in which information is reported internally to the Group's chief operating decision makers, who are the directors of the Company, for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment, the Group has presented the following reporting segments. No operating segments have been aggregated to form the following reporting segments:

- Supply chain management segment which provides services involving the planning and implementation of an integrated solution for the effective flow of business, logistic, information and funds;
- Money lending segment which provides money lending services.
- Ocean fishing segment which provides fishing and catching business in open sea beyond the coastal region.

(a) Segment results, assets and liabilities

For the purposes of assessing segment performance and allocating resources between segments, the Group's chief operating decision makers monitor the results, assets and liabilities attributable to each reporting segment on the following bases:

Segment assets include all allocated assets with the exception of interest in associates and other corporate assets. Segment liabilities include trade and other payables attributable to the sales/service activities of the individual segment.

Revenue and expenses are allocated to the reporting segments with reference to revenue generated by those segments and the expenses incurred by those segments or which otherwise arise from the depreciation of assets attributable to those segments. However, assistance provided by one segment to another, including sharing of assets and technical know-how, is not measured.

4. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (Continued)

(a) Segment results, assets and liabilities (Continued)

Information regarding the Group's reporting segments as provided to the Group's chief operating decision makers for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance for the years ended 31 March 2020 and 2019 is set out below.

	Supply chain management services business		Money lending business		Ocean fishing business		Consolidated	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Segment revenue								
Sale of goods to external customers	806,753	905,142	-	-	19,760	53,811	826,513	958,953
Service fees from external customers	-	-	123	1,642	-	-	123	1,642
	<u>806,753</u>	<u>905,142</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>1,642</u>	<u>19,760</u>	<u>53,811</u>	<u>826,636</u>	<u>960,595</u>
Segment results	<u>59,405</u>	<u>58,411</u>	<u>(442)</u>	<u>(962)</u>	<u>3,235</u>	<u>29,175</u>	<u>62,198</u>	<u>86,624</u>
Unallocated income							5,760	5,181
Unallocated expenses							(41,199)	(45,229)
Profit before taxation							26,759	46,576
Income tax expenses							-	-
Profit for the year							<u>26,759</u>	<u>46,576</u>
Assets and liabilities								
Segment assets	1,077,070	927,313	68	4,161	491,340	549,638	1,568,478	1,481,112
Unallocated assets, including interests in associates							148,144	211,939
Consolidated total assets							<u>1,716,622</u>	<u>1,693,051</u>
Segment liabilities	111,128	150,783	39	7	136,140	136,250	247,307	287,040
Unallocated liabilities							192,113	113,884
Consolidated total liabilities							<u>439,420</u>	<u>400,924</u>
Other segment information								
Amortisation of intangible assets	-	1	-	-	-	-	31	1
Amortisation of other assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	121	121
Depreciation								
- Property, plant and equipment	1,287	1,471	-	-	3,116	3,027	4,864	5,529
- Right-of-use assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-
- Investment property	-	-	-	-	-	-	568	-
Impairment loss:								
- Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81
- Net impairment loss for trade receivable	3,877	258	-	-	2,192	306	6,069	564
- Net impairment loss for loan and interest receivables	-	-	297	-	-	-	297	-
Written off of loan interest receivables	-	-	-	2,162	-	-	-	2,162
Provision for deposit paid	500	-	-	-	-	-	500	-
Additions to non-current assets	-	36	-	-	36	1,902	41	1,947

4. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (Continued)

(b) Geographical information

The Group's operations are primarily derived from external customers located in Hong Kong and the PRC. The following table provides an analysis of the Group's revenue from external customers by geographical market and information about the non-current assets by locations of assets:

	Revenue from external customers		Carrying amounts of non-current assets	
	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Hong Kong	27,597	141,079	20,624	25,075
PRC	784,111	801,459	524,106	544,355
Others	14,928	18,057	14,402	13,387
	<u>826,636</u>	<u>960,595</u>	<u>559,132</u>	<u>582,817</u>

(c) Information about major customers

For the year ended 31 March 2020, four customers (2019: four customers) that individually accounted for over 10% of total revenue of the Group are set out below:

	Supply chain management services business		Consolidated	
	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Customer A	472,753	469,350	472,753	469,350
Customer B	131,400	157,569	131,400	157,569
Customer C	112,759	–	112,759	–
Customer D	89,314	139,594	89,314	139,594
Customer E	–	105,482	–	105,482
	<u>806,226</u>	<u>871,995</u>	<u>806,226</u>	<u>871,995</u>

5. REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

An analysis of the Group's revenue and other income during the year is as follows:

	2020 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Sale of goods from:		
Supply chain management services business	806,753	905,142
Ocean fishing business	19,760	53,811
Service fees from:		
Interest income from loans to customers	123	1,642
Revenue	826,636	960,595
Interest income	7	438
Other revenue	7	438
Interest income from other loan	8,100	12,960
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	75	–
Gain on disposal of other assets	56	–
Government subsidy income	4,543	6,944
Gain on disposal of pre-sale land consent	–	20,392
Rental income	264	–
Sundry income	1,320	5,371
Other income	14,358	45,667
Total revenue	841,001	1,006,700

6. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

Profit before taxation is stated after charging (crediting):

	2020 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Employee benefit expenses (including directors' remuneration)		
Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind	16,855	18,139
Contribution to defined contribution schemes	278	277
	<u>17,133</u>	<u>18,416</u>
Finance costs		
Margin facility interest expense	–	200
Corporate bond interest	1,373	145
Interest for other borrowing	18,767	4,881
Interest for bank borrowing	3,332	188
	<u>23,472</u>	<u>5,414</u>
Other items		
Amortisation (included in administrative expenses):		
– Intangible assets	31	1
– Other assets	121	121
Auditor's remuneration	1,824	1,579
Cost of goods sold	739,438	879,603
Depreciation		
– Property, plant and equipment	4,864	5,529
– Right-of-use assets	24	–
– Investment property	568	–
Exchange loss, net	4,794	4,727
Impairment loss:		
– Intangible assets	–	81
– Net impairment loss for trade receivables	6,069	564
– Net impairment loss for loan and interest receivables	297	–
Written off of loan interest receivables	–	2,162
Loss on disposal financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	–	16,973
Operating lease payments for premises	–	4,684
Property rental expenses in respect of short-term lease	3,979	–
Provision for deposit paid (included in other operating expenses)	500	–
	<u><u>500</u></u>	<u><u>–</u></u>

7. INCOME TAX EXPENSES

The Group's profits are taxed at different rates depending on the country in which the profits arises. The key applicable tax rates are as below:

On 21 March 2018, the Hong Kong Legislative Council passed The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 7) Bill 2017 (the "Bill") which introduces the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The Bill was signed into law on 28 March 2018 and was gazetted on the following day. Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2,000,000 of profits of the qualifying group entity will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2,000,000 will be taxed at 16.5%. The profits of group entities not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

The provision for the PRC enterprise income tax is based on the statutory tax rate of 25% on the estimated taxable profits determined in accordance with the relevant income tax rules and regulations of the PRC for the year ended 31 March 2020 (2019: 25%).

According to the relevant law and regulations in PRC Enterprises Income Tax – Section 27 sub-section 1, enterprises engaged in catching fishery business can be exempted from PRC Enterprises Income Tax. The Ministry of Agriculture of the PRC issued the ocean fishing license to a subsidiary of the Company which will be renewal on 31 March 2021.

No Cambodia corporate income tax has been provided as there is no estimated taxable profits determined in accordance with the relevant income tax rules and regulations of Cambodia for the year ended 31 March 2020 (2019: 20%).

The provision for the Mozambique corporate income tax is based on the statutory tax rate of 32% on the estimated taxable profits determined in accordance with the relevant income tax rules and regulations of Mozambique for the year ended 31 March 2020 (2019: 32%). Tax benefit for Mozambique Investment Law for fishing industry can enjoy 50% reduction on corporate income tax rate.

	2020 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Current tax		
Hong Kong Profits Tax, current year	311	2,324
PRC enterprise income tax		
– Current year	1,103	–
– Over-provision for prior year	29	(2,724)
Cambodia corporate income tax, current year	–	3,202
Mozambique corporate income tax, current year	1,773	2,106
Deferred tax	–	(4,405)
Total income tax expenses	3,216	503

7. INCOME TAX EXPENSES (Continued)

Tax expense for the year is reconciled to profit before taxation

	2020 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Profit before taxation	<u>29,975</u>	<u>47,079</u>
Notional tax calculated on profit before taxation, calculated at the rates applicable to profits in countries concerned	10,696	14,226
Non-deductible expenses	2,460	232
Non-taxable revenue	–	(1,476)
Unrecognised tax losses	5,616	3,361
Unrecognised temporary differences	229	160
Utilisation of previously unrecognised tax losses	(14,028)	(11,004)
Under/(Over)-provision for prior year	29	(2,724)
Tax concessions	<u>(1,786)</u>	<u>(2,272)</u>
Income tax charges	<u>3,216</u>	<u>503</u>

8. DIVIDENDS

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the Year (2019: Nil).

9. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company and the weighted average number of the Company's ordinary shares in issue during the year as follows:

	2020 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company	<u>28,029</u>	<u>43,668</u>
	Number of shares	
	2020	2019
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year for the purposes of basic earnings per share	<u>4,225,960,179</u>	<u>3,832,820,009</u>
Effect to dilutive potential ordinary share – Convertible bonds	<u>31,172,000</u>	<u>31,172,000</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year for the purposes of diluted earnings per share	<u>4,257,132,179</u>	<u>3,863,992,009</u>

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting the number of ordinary shares outstanding due to the effect of all dilutive potential ordinary shares and the Group's profit attributable to owners of the Company.

The Company has dilutive potential ordinary shares attributable to convertible bonds.

10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	<i>Note</i>	2020 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade receivables from third parties		413,238	231,238
Less: loss allowance	(ii)	<u>(6,633)</u>	<u>(564)</u>
	(i)	<u>406,605</u>	<u>230,674</u>
Other receivables			
Prepayments		5,029	674
Advance payment to suppliers	(iii)	626,634	739,434
Deposits		9,323	10,959
Other receivables		29,624	37,480
Other tax recoverable		<u>4,261</u>	<u>5,123</u>
		<u>674,871</u>	<u>793,670</u>
		<u>1,081,476</u>	<u>1,024,344</u>

(i) Aging of trade receivables

Except for 360 days being granted to certain customers under supply chain management services business and ocean fishing business, the Group grants credit term ranging from 30 days to 90 days to its customers upon the delivery of products or when the services are rendered and invoices are issued. The aging of trade receivables (net of loss allowances) based on invoice date is as follows:

	2020 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Less than 90 days	218,603	92,761
91 – 180 days	99,029	52,216
181 – 270 days	24,034	44,616
271 – 365 days	43,277	4,050
Over 1 year	<u>21,662</u>	<u>37,031</u>
	<u>406,605</u>	<u>230,674</u>

(ii) Loss allowance for trade receivables

	2020 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
At beginning of reporting period	564	–
Provision for loss allowance	<u>6,069</u>	<u>564</u>
At end of reporting period	<u>6,633</u>	<u>564</u>

Included in the Group's trade receivables balance are debtors with carrying amounts of approximately HK\$188,002,000 (2019: approximately HK\$164,725,000), which were past due at the end of the reporting period but no provision for loss allowances has been made as there has not been a significant change in credit quality and the directors believe that the amounts are fully recoverable.

(iii) Advance payment to suppliers

The amounts represented payments made in advance to suppliers for purchase of goods.

11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	<i>Note</i>	2020 HK\$'000	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade payables	(i)	22,674	56,216
Accruals		19,231	11,637
Contract liabilities	(ii)	–	37,220
Other tax payables		2,965	2,965
Due to directors		1,101	1,818
Due to shareholder		450	–
Other payables		113,006	105,232
		159,427	215,088

(i) Aging of trade payables

At the end of the reporting period, the aging analysis of the trade payables based on invoice date is as follows:

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Less than 90 days	–	48,951
91 – 180 days	5,669	4,859
181 – 270 days	17,005	681
271 – 365 days	–	1,725
	22,674	56,216

(ii) Contract liabilities

Revenue recognised during the year ended 31 March 2019 that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the year amounted to nil. The Group expects to deliver the goods to satisfy the remaining performance obligations of these contract liabilities within one year or less. There are no contract liabilities as at year ended 31 March 2020.

12. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Subsequent Event

- i) On 23 April 2020, Mr. Yang Yong tendered his resignation as a non-executive Director of the Company.
- ii) On 24 April 2020, the Company proposed to issue 80 million subscription shares (the “Subscription Shares” to two subscribers at a subscription price of HK\$0.13 per Subscription Share, representing a total subscription price of HK\$10.4 million. The proceeds will be used as general working capital of the Group.
- iii) On 28 May 2020, a subsidiary of the Group had received a summons from the court in respect of loan borrowing from a financial institution (“lender”). The loan borrowing was overdue for repayment which was secured by (i) personal guarantee by a related person and (ii) pledged an investment property owned by the Group. The Group was required to deliver to the lender vacant possession of the property within 28 days of the summons or repay the loan borrowing. The Group is under discussion with the loan borrower for the extension of the loan borrowing.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

OPERATIONAL REVIEW

Supply chain management and related services

The supply chain management service remains the main focus of the Group. The Group is providing intermediate service between suppliers and customers and it takes advantage of the business networks and resources in order to assist small and medium-sized enterprises in various industries to minimise the overall operation cost. Owing to the solid financial background of the Group and the great demand for supply chain service in mainland China, the Group has established many strategic partnerships with other supply chain companies, so as to undertake the operation of purchase and sales based on the services on import and export trade, logistic, customs clearance and storage.

During the year, the Group continued its supply chain management services of aquatic products. The Group also expanded its operation to vertically integrate with fishing subsidiaries to secure the supply of aquatic products.

Money lending business

During the Year, the Group generated interest income of approximately HK\$123,000 from its money lending business. The Group regularly assessed the recoverability risk of its loan receivables portfolio to ensure that impairment loss, if any, would be made in a timely manner.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Revenue for the Group decreased to approximately HK\$826,636,000 for the Year as compared to approximately HK\$960,595,000 in 2019. The Group's aquatic products business generated a total revenue of approximately HK\$806,753,000, the fishing operation also contributed to approximately HK\$19,760,000 to the Group's total revenue. The Group has continued to develop its business relationships with its business partners and potential partners in the PRC in order to increase and explore new sources of income. The Group continued to concentrate on aquatic products during the Year.

The Group recorded an increase in gross profit to approximately HK\$87,198,000 in the Year as compared to approximately HK\$80,992,000 in 2019. The Group will continue to control the material costs and explore new business opportunities, so as to improve the gross profit of the Group. The gross profit margin, excluding interest income received from the money lending business, increased from 8.3% to 10.5% during the Year. Gross profit margin of aquatic products from fishing operation were generally higher than from supply chain operation.

Net profit attributable to equity holders of the Company for the Year amounted to approximately HK\$28,029,000 as compared to a profit of approximately HK\$43,668,000 in 2019. During the Year, the administrative expenses decreased to approximately HK\$45.4 million from HK\$76.3 million in 2019 because of non-recurring loss on disposal of securities of HK\$17 million and impairment on receivables of HK\$2.8 million respectively. Other decreases mainly arose from the legal and professional fees of HK\$6 million, other tax paid from Cambodian operation of HK\$2.3 million, entertainment expenses of HK\$1.9 million and transportation expenses of HK\$1.1 million. Due to the expansion of the Company's operation in Mozambique and Cambodia, more staff were employed and operation set-up enhanced in anticipation of the commencement of large scale fishing operations. The major components in administrative expenses being salaries and welfare for both staff and directors; depreciation, exchange losses and rent and rates.

Outlook

The Company's supply chain management business has remained quite stable during the Year, however, the Company will pay close attention to its performance and future development. At the same time, the management will continuously monitor and review the overall operation and financial performance of the Group's businesses so as to cope with the ever-changing business environment. The management will continue to proactively seek other promising investment and business opportunities to broaden the source of income of the Group and enhance value to the shareholders of the Company through investment and/or acquiring business or projects that have promising outlooks and prospects, and with the Group's new management team having extensive experience in the marine fishing business, the Group will also explore further opportunities in the marine fishing business.

Liquidity, financial resources and capital structure

As at 31 March 2020, the Group had total assets of approximately HK\$1,716,622,000 (31 March 2019: approximately HK\$1,693,051,000), including bank balances and cash equivalent of approximately HK\$2,924,000 (31 March 2019: approximately HK\$14,326,000).

As at 31 March 2020, there was general banking facilities granted to subsidiaries of the Group of RMB33,290,000 (31 March 2019: RMB26,000,000) of which RMB33,290,000 (31 March 2019: RMB24,900,000) was utilised. Excluding the above banking facilities, during the Year, the Group financed its operation mainly with its own working capital and proceeds from the issue of placing/ subscription shares and borrowings.

As at 31 March 2020, the gearing ratio (defined as the ratio between total bank borrowings and total assets) was approximately 2.15% (31 March 2019: 1.71%). The Group's total bank borrowings as at 31 March 2020 was HK\$36,989,000 (31 March 2019: HK\$28,953,000).

Subscription of new shares

On 18 December 2019, the Company proposed to issue 300 million subscription shares (the “Subscription Shares”) to three subscribers at a subscription price of HK\$0.12 per Subscription Share, representing a total subscription price of HK\$36.0 million. The net proceeds of HK\$35.3 million were to be used for the acquisition of equipment and tools for the newly constructed fishing-vessels and general working capital of the Group. The subscription agreements were lapsed on 19 June 2020 because of the subscribers’ inability to open bank account in Hong Kong for the completion of subscription due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus.

Please refer to the Company’s announcements dated 18 December 2019, 15 January 2020, 24 January 2020, 20 March 2020, 17 April 2020, 29 May 2020 and 19 June 2020 respectively for further details.

Exposure to fluctuations in exchange rates and related hedges

Most of the transactions of the Group are denominated in Hong Kong Dollar (“HKD”) and Renminbi (“RMB”). The Group adopts a conservative treasury policy with most of the bank deposits being kept in HKD, or in the local currencies of the operating subsidiaries to minimise exposure to foreign exchange risks. As at 31 March 2020, the Group had no foreign exchange contracts, interests or currency swaps or other financial derivatives for hedging purposes.

Significant investment, material acquisitions and disposal of subsidiaries and affiliated companies

As at 31 March 2020, the Group only held minimal investments in securities in Hong Kong (collectively, the “Investments”) (2019: minimal), representing an investment portfolio of 1 (2019: 1) listed securities in Hong Kong.

Save as disclosed above, the Group had no significant investments, material acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries and affiliated companies during the Year.

Charge on group assets

As at 31 March 2020, the Group pledged certain investment property (2019: leasehold land and building) with carrying amount of approximately HK\$19.6 million (31 March 2019: approximately HK\$20.5 million) as collateral to secure borrowings granted to the Group.

Contingent liabilities

Save as disclosed above, the Group had no contingent liability as at 31 March 2020 (31 March 2019: Nil).

Employees and remuneration policies

As at 31 March 2020, the Group had 78 (31 March 2019: 127) employees including the Directors. Total staff costs (excluding Directors’ emoluments) amounted to approximately HK\$13.2 million for the Year, as compared to approximately HK\$13.7 million in 2019. Remuneration is determined by reference to market terms and the performance, qualification and experience of individual employee. Year-end bonus based on individual performance will be paid to employees as recognition of and reward for their contributions. Other benefits include contributions to statutory mandatory provident fund scheme to its employees in Hong Kong and basic insurance for the elderly, basic medical insurance, work injury insurance and unemployment insurance to its employees in the PRC.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company has adopted the code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the “CG Code”) and Corporate Governance Report contained in Appendix 15 to the GEM Listing Rules throughout the Year. The Company has applied the principles in the CG Code and complied with the code provisions set out in the CG Code for the Year, save and except for the following:

In accordance with the CG Code provision A.2.1, the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual to ensure a balance of power and authority. The division of responsibilities between the chairman and chief executive should be clearly established and set out in writing. The roles of the chairman and the chief executive officer of the Company are performed by Mr. Liu Rongsheng. The Board considers that the present structure is more suitable for the Company for it provides strong and consistent leadership in the planning and execution of long-term business plans and strategies of the Company. The Directors will continue to review the effectiveness of the Group’s corporate governance structure to assess whether changes, including the separation of the roles of the chairman and chief executive officer, as and when necessary.

Code provision A.6.7 of the CG Code provides that independent non-executive Director and other non-executive Directors should attend general meetings and develop a balanced understanding of the views of Shareholders. Mr. Yang Yong, Mr. Lam Man Hing and Mr. Li Cao were not able to attend the special general meeting of the Company held on 30 January 2020 due to other business engagement. Other Board members who attended the 2019 AGM and all the special general meetings were already of sufficient calibre and number for answering questions raised by the Shareholders at the 2019 AGM and all the special general meetings.

CODE OF CONDUCT REGARDING DIRECTORS’ SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding directors’ securities transactions on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings as set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules. Having made a specific enquiry with all the Directors, each of them confirmed that he/she had complied with such code of conduct and the required standard of dealings regarding securities transactions throughout the Year.

PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Except for subscription of new shares disclosed in the “Management Discussion and Analysis”, the Company did not redeem any of its listed shares, nor did the Company or any of its subsidiaries purchase or sell any such shares during the Year.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company sets up an audit committee (the “Audit Committee”) on 18 October 2001, with written terms of reference in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules, for the purpose of reviewing and providing supervision over the financial reporting process and internal control of the Group. The Audit Committee comprised the three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Kam Hou Yin, John as the chairman of the Audit Committee, Mr. Lam Man Hing and Mr. Li Cao.

The financial statements of the Group for the Year have been reviewed by the Audit Committee, which is of the opinion that such statements comply with the applicable accounting standards, as well as the Stock Exchange’s and legal requirements, and that adequate disclosures have been made

SCOPE OF WORK OF REANDA LAU & AU YEUNG (HK) CPA LIMITED

The figures in respect of Company’s consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and the related notes thereto for the Year as set out in the preliminary announcement have been agreed by the Company’s auditor, Reanda Lau & Au Yeung (HK) CPA Limited (“Reanda Lau & Au Yeung”), to the amounts set out in the Company’s draft consolidated financial statements for the Year. The work performed by Reanda Lau & Au Yeung 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 Reanda Lau & Au Yeung on the preliminary announcement.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Audited Annual Results 2020 HK\$’000	Unaudited Annual Results Disclosed in the Announcement 2020 HK\$’000	Difference HK\$’000	<i>Notes</i>
Net impairment loss for trade receivables	(6,069)	(5,547)	(522)	(i)
Gain on change in fair value on contingent consideration payable	4,539	–	4,539	(ii)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Audited Annual Results 2020 HK\$'000	Unaudited Annual Results Disclosed in the Announcement 2020 HK\$'000	Difference HK\$'000	<i>Notes</i>
Current assets				
Trade and other receivables	1,081,476	1,081,998	(522)	(i)
Current liabilities				
Contingent consideration payables	11,200	15,739	(4,539)	(ii)

Notes:

- i. Loss allowance adjustments on trade receivables is resulted from impairment reassessment. The loss allowance stated in the Announcement was based on the business valuation carried out then which was not reviewed by the auditor.
- ii. The difference in contingent consideration payables was mainly due to recognition of the gain in change in fair value on contingent consideration payable.

AUDITOR'S AGREEMENT ON THE 2020 ANNUAL RESULTS

Following the adjustments described in Notes (i) to (ii) above, the Company's external auditor has agreed on the 2020 Annual Results (including the financial figures in respect of the Group's consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of financial position and the related notes thereto) as set out in the 2020 Annual Results. The audited annual results of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2020 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company and were approved by the Board on 14 August 2020.

WAIVER IN RELATION TO PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

As disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 26 June 2020, the publication and dispatch of Annual Report was delayed due to the travel restrictions imposed in mainland China, Cambodia and Mozambique arising out of COVID-19. In particular, as a result of the travel restrictions imposed in Mozambique, the auditor of the Company, Reanda Lau & Au Yeung (HK) CPA Limited (the "Auditor"), has not been able to travel to Mozambique to conduct audit in preparation of the annual report. Therefore, the Company failed to meet the requirements of publication and dispatch of the Annual Report in accordance with Rules 18.03, 18.48A and 18.50C of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange (the "Stock Exchange") of Hong Kong Limited (the "GEM Listing Rules").

The Company has made an application to the Stock Exchange for a waiver from the strict compliance of Rules 18.03, 18.48A and 18.50C of GEM Listing Rules on the basis that: (i) the national state of emergency declared by the Mozambican government and travel restrictions imposed due to the worsening of COVID-19 greatly hindered the audit to be carried out by the Auditor in Mozambique, which was only completed in early-August 2020; and (ii) due to the delay in the completion of audit in Mozambique, the Company estimates additional time is required for further update of the rest of the Annual Report and the printing of the Annual Report. The Company expects the Annual Report will be published and dispatched by 28 August 2020.

Further announcement(s) will be made by the Company as and when necessary in case of any other material development in the completion of the audit process and the publication and dispatch of the Annual Report.

By Order of the Board
China Ocean Group Development Limited
Liu Rongsheng
Executive Director and Chairman

Hong Kong, 14 August 2020

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Liu Rongsheng, Mr. Fan Guocheng and Ms. Wei Qing; the non-executive Directors are Mr. Lui Chun Pong and Mr. Cai Haiming; the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Kam Hou Yin John, Mr. Lam Man Hing and Mr. Li Cao.

This announcement, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange 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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