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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 INTERIM RESULTS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of Niche-Tech Group Limited (the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce the unaudited interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (together as the “**Group**”) for the six months ended 30 June 2021. This announcement, containing the full text of the 2021 interim 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 interim results. Printed version of the 2021 interim 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, 9 August 2021

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. Li Chiu Fan, 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.nichtech.com.hk>.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	NOTES	Three months ended		Six months ended	
		30.6.2021 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30.6.2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30.6.2021 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30.6.2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Revenue	4	67,305	33,554	122,290	69,235
Cost of sales		(52,795)	(27,138)	(95,745)	(55,948)
Gross profit		14,510	6,416	26,545	13,287
Other income, other gains and losses	5	528	1,485	795	3,744
Impairment losses (recognised) reversed under expected credit loss model		(178)	(145)	134	(635)
Selling and distribution expenses		(3,142)	(2,017)	(5,753)	(4,630)
Administrative expenses		(7,684)	(7,262)	(14,710)	(12,927)
Finance costs	6	(362)	(507)	(656)	(797)
Profit (loss) before taxation		3,672	(2,030)	6,355	(1,958)
Income tax expense	7	(1,214)	(210)	(2,192)	(782)
Profit (loss) for the period	8	2,458	(2,240)	4,163	(2,740)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		Three months ended		Six months ended	
		30.6.2021	30.6.2020	30.6.2021	30.6.2020
NOTES		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Other comprehensive income (expenses)					
Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:					
Exchange differences arising on translation from functional currency to presentation currency					
		3,406	339	1,799	(4,201)
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:					
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations					
		(567)	(117)	(295)	437
Other comprehensive income (expenses) for the period					
		2,839	222	1,504	(3,764)
Total comprehensive income (expenses) for the period					
		5,297	(2,018)	5,667	(6,504)
Earnings (loss) per share					
– basic (HK cents)	10	0.35	(0.32)	0.59	(0.39)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	NOTES	30.6.2021 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	31.12.2020 HK\$'000 (audited)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	11	44,992	49,355
Right-of-use assets		15,150	12,090
Intangible assets	11	61,219	59,945
Deposits paid for acquisition of plant and equipment and intangible assets		2,000	2,000
Rental deposits		665	665
Deferred tax assets		2,155	2,138
		126,181	126,193
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories		35,872	35,649
Trade and bills receivables	12(a)	108,615	83,521
Other receivables, prepayments and deposits	12(b)	1,218	791
Bank deposits		17,529	26,503
Bank balances and cash		34,650	32,188
		197,884	178,652
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	13	17,826	14,446
Contract liabilities		642	1,814
Lease liabilities	15	3,331	1,923
Deferred income		1,410	1,399
Tax payable		2,499	1,324
Bank borrowings	14(a)	19,694	11,461
Bank overdraft	14(b)	20,588	21,447
		65,990	53,814
NET CURRENT ASSETS		131,894	124,838
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		258,075	251,031

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	NOTES	30.6.2021 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	31.12.2020 HK\$'000 (audited)
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	15	14,444	12,415
Deferred income		5,906	6,558
		20,350	18,973
NET ASSETS			
		237,725	232,058
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	16	7,055	7,055
Reserves		230,670	225,003
TOTAL EQUITY			
		237,725	232,058

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 June 2021

	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 earnings (Accumulated losses) HK\$'000	Total equity HK\$'000
At 1 January 2020 (audited)	7,055	128,115	100,000	1	(19,058)	7,248	8,066	231,427
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,740)	(2,740)
Exchange differences arising on translation from functional currency to presentation currency	-	-	-	-	(4,201)	-	-	(4,201)
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	437	-	-	437
Total comprehensive expense for the period	-	-	-	-	(3,764)	-	(2,740)	(6,504)
At 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	7,055	128,115	100,000	1	(22,822)	7,248	5,326	224,923
At 1 January 2021 (audited)	7,055	128,115	100,000	1	(4,315)	8,564	(7,362)	232,058
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,163	4,163
Exchange differences arising on translation from functional currency to presentation currency	-	-	-	-	1,799	-	-	1,799
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	(295)	-	-	(295)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	1,504	-	4,163	5,667
At 30 June 2021 (unaudited)	7,055	128,115	100,000	1	(2,811)	8,564	(3,199)	237,725

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Six months ended	
	30.6.2021 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	30.6.2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
NET CASH (USED IN) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(8,282)	25,033
NET CASH (USED IN) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(3,854)	4,631
NET CASH FROM (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	6,926	(25,143)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(5,210)	4,521
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(443)	(257)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 1 JANUARY	37,244	51,785
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 JUNE	31,591	56,049
Represented by:		
Bank deposits	17,529	36,937
Bank balances and cash	34,650	19,112
Bank overdraft	(20,588)	—
	31,591	56,049

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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 GEM 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 unaudited 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 unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“**HKAS**”) 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“**HKICPA**”). In addition, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by Chapter 18 of the GEM Listing Rules.

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3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited 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 Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“**HKFRSs**”), the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2021 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The HKICPA has issued certain new and revised HKFRSs. For those which are effective for accounting periods beginning on 1 January 2021, 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.

4. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

An analysis of revenue by major products is as follows:

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30.6.2021	30.6.2020	30.6.2021	30.6.2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Bonding wire	48,899	24,629	89,318	53,592
Encapsulant	16,140	5,982	28,427	10,873
Others	2,266	2,943	4,545	4,770
	67,305	33,554	122,290	69,235

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The Group's operating segment is determined based on information reported to the chief operating decision maker (the "**CODM**"), being the executive directors of the Company, for the purpose of resource allocation and performance assessment. For management purpose, the Group operates in one business unit based on its products and its sole operating segment is the development, manufacture and sales of semiconductor packaging materials. The CODM monitors the revenue, results, assets and liabilities of its business unit as a whole and regularly reviews financial information prepared in accordance with the accounting policies that are in accordance with HKFRSs, and without further discrete information. Accordingly, no analysis of segment information other than entity-wide information is presented.

Geographical information

The Group's revenue is mainly derived from customers located in the People's Republic of China (the "**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		Six months ended	
	30.6.2021	30.6.2020	30.6.2021	30.6.2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
PRC excluding Hong Kong	66,504	33,254	120,899	68,681
Hong Kong	801	300	1,391	554
	67,305	33,554	122,290	69,235

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5. OTHER INCOME, OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30.6.2021	30.6.2020	30.6.2021	30.6.2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Bank interest income	15	153	34	355
Government subsidy income	355	742	710	3,038
Loss on disposal of plant and equipment	(14)	–	(36)	–
Net foreign exchange gains	217	590	127	336
Others	(45)	–	(40)	15
	528	1,485	795	3,744

6. FINANCE COSTS

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30.6.2021	30.6.2020	30.6.2021	30.6.2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Interests on bank borrowings	86	206	156	300
Interests on bank overdraft	28	–	52	–
Interests on lease liabilities	210	163	390	322
Interests on discounted bills with recourse	38	138	58	175
	362	507	656	797

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7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Three months ended		Six months ended	
30.6.2021	30.6.2020	30.6.2021	30.6.2020
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)

The income tax expense comprises:

PRC Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT")	1,214	210	2,192	782
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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 November 2018 to November 2021.

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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8. PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30.6.2021	30.6.2020	30.6.2021	30.6.2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Profit (loss) for the period has been arrived at after charging:				
Directors' remuneration:				
Fees	120	90	240	200
Other emoluments, salaries and other benefits	964	684	1,904	1,508
Retirement benefit scheme contributions	15	7	30	19
	1,099	781	2,174	1,727
Other staff costs:				
Staff salaries and allowances	7,060	5,619	13,324	11,347
Retirement benefit scheme contributions	668	(16)	1,313	469
	7,728	5,603	14,637	11,816
Total staff costs	8,827	6,384	16,811	13,543
Capitalised in intangible assets	(935)	(508)	(1,669)	(1,399)
Capitalised in inventories	(2,278)	(1,378)	(4,289)	(2,887)
	5,614	4,498	10,853	9,257

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	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30.6.2021	30.6.2020	30.6.2021	30.6.2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Depreciation of plant and equipment	2,382	1,935	4,745	3,916
Capitalised in intangible assets	(406)	(351)	(789)	(730)
Capitalised in inventories	(1,001)	(714)	(1,996)	(1,437)
	975	870	1,960	1,749
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,964	1,836	3,912	3,321
Capitalised in inventories	(1,910)	(1,579)	(3,804)	(3,014)
	54	257	108	307
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	853	572	1,457	1,255
Capitalised in intangible assets	(77)	(46)	(149)	(110)
Capitalised in inventories	(132)	(116)	(263)	(233)
	644	410	1,045	912
Auditors' remuneration	237	300	475	600
Cost of inventories recognised as cost of sales	52,795	27,138	95,745	55,948
Research and development costs (Excluding depreciation and staff costs) recognised as expenses (included in administrative expenses)	(9)	214	290	355
Minimum operating lease rentals in respect of rented premises	23	44	48	80

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9. DIVIDENDS

The Board have resolved to declare an interim dividend for the year ending 31 December 2021 of HK\$0.00295 per Share (six months ended 30 June 2020: nil) to the shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Thursday, 26 August 2021. The dividend warrants will be dispatched on or around Friday, 3 September 2021.

The aggregate amount of interim dividend amounted to approximately HK\$2.1 million (six months ended 30 June 2020: nil) will be paid from the share premium of the Company.

10. EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30.6.2021	30.6.2020	30.6.2021	30.6.2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Earnings (loss):				
Earnings (loss) for the purpose of basic earnings (loss) per share:				
Profit (loss) for the period attributable to owners of the Company	2,458	(2,240)	4,163	(2,740)

Number of shares:

Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings (loss) per share	705,500,000	705,500,000	705,500,000	705,500,000
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No diluted earnings (loss) per share is presented for periods ended 30 June 2021 and 2020 as there is no potential ordinary shares in issue during both periods.

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11. MOVEMENTS IN PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

During the current interim period, the Group acquired plant and equipment and intangible assets of approximately HK\$73,000 and approximately HK\$4,768,000 respectively (six months ended 30 June 2020: approximately HK\$2,628,000 and approximately HK\$6,950,000 respectively).

During the current interim period, the Group disposed of certain plant and equipment with an aggregate carrying amount of approximately HK\$535,000 (six months ended 30 June 2020: nil).

12. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, PREPAYMENTS AND DEPOSITS

(a) Trade and bills receivables

	30.6.2021 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	31.12.2020 HK\$'000 (audited)
Trade receivables	69,850	62,348
Less: Allowance for credit losses	(6,400)	(6,574)
	63,450	55,774
Bills receivables	45,165	27,747
	108,615	83,521

The Group's trading terms with its customers are mainly on credit, except for certain customers where payment in advance is required. The credit period is generally 30 to 120 days. Each customer is granted with a credit limits. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables to minimise credit risk.

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The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables, net of allowance for credit losses, based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting periods:

	30.6.2021 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2020 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
1 – 30 days	28,298	23,115
31 – 60 days	15,026	11,905
61 – 90 days	14,064	11,535
Over 90 days	6,062	9,219
	63,450	55,774

The maturity period of bills receivables as at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020 were within 365 days.

(b) Other receivables, prepayments and deposits

	30.6.2021 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2020 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
Prepayments	1,036	608
Deposits	64	64
Other receivables	118	119
	1,218	791

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13. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	30.6.2021 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	31.12.2020 HK\$'000 (audited)
Trade payables	13,359	10,085
Accrued expenses	3,320	3,879
Other payables	1,147	482
	17,826	14,446

The trade suppliers either require cash on delivery from the Group or allow credit period ranging from 7 days to 90 days to the Group. The following is an aged analysis of trade payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting periods:

	30.6.2021 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	31.12.2020 HK\$'000 (audited)
1 – 30 days	8,041	6,317
31 – 60 days	2,804	2,607
61 – 90 days	1,806	644
Over 90 days	708	517
	13,359	10,085

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14. BANK BORROWINGS/BANK OVERDRAFT

(a) Bank Borrowings

	30.6.2021 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	31.12.2020 HK\$'000 (audited)
Fixed-rate bank borrowings	5,126	3,150
Variable-rate bank borrowings	14,568	8,311
	19,694	11,461

The Group's variable-rate bank borrowings carried interests from 3.34% to 3.47% over Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate ("HIBOR") per annum (31 December 2020: 3.05% over HIBOR per annum) quoted by certain banks in Hong Kong and were repayable on demand.

The Group's fixed-rate bank borrowings as at 30 June 2021 carried interests at effective rates (which were also the contracted rates) of 3.74% per annum (31 December 2020: 3.24% per annum).

(b) Bank Overdraft

As at 30 June 2021, the bank overdraft amounted to approximately HK\$20,588,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB17,143,000) (31 December 2020: approximately HK\$21,447,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB18,000,000)), which is repayable on demand clause and repayable within 90 days, carrying interest rate at 4.5% per annum (31 December 2020: 4.5% per annum).

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15. LEASE LIABILITIES

	30.6.2021 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2020 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
Current	3,331	1,923
Non-current	14,444	12,415
	17,775	14,338

16. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	Share capital <i>HK\$'000</i>
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each		
Authorised:		
At 30 June 2021 (unaudited) and 31 December 2020 (audited)	2,000,000,000	20,000
Issued and fully paid:		
At 30 June 2021 (unaudited) and 31 December 2020 (audited)	705,500,000	7,055

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17. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	30.6.2021 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	31.12.2020 HK\$'000 (audited)
Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided for in the condensed consolidated financial statements in respect of:		
– intangible assets	1,100	1,400
– plant and equipment	–	51
	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,451</u>

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW

The Group is an established semiconductor packaging materials manufacturer specializing in the development, manufacture, and sales of the bonding wire and encapsulant with headquarters in Hong Kong and production facilities in Shantou, the PRC. During the six months ended 30 June 2021 (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, the Group recorded a significant sales growth against the corresponding period of 2020 (“**1H2020**”) due to the PRC domestic market gradually recovering from the adverse impact of novel coronavirus (“**COVID-19**”) pandemic. During the Period, the Group’s revenue and gross profit increased by approximately 76.6% and 99.8%, respectively. Such increase was primarily attributable to (i) the strong customer demand from both Semi-Conductor and LED Industries, especially for mini-LED display products and (ii) the Group’s better product mix and strong new product sales which led to higher gross profit margin from the Group’s revenue.

The Group will continue to focus on innovation of materials for advanced semiconductors which could be applied to LED, 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\$122.3 million, increased by 76.6% from approximately HK\$69.2 million recorded in 1H2020. The increase in the revenue of both bonding wire and encapsulant products was due to the strong customer demand from both Semi-Conductor and LED Industries which resulted in strong demand of the products of the Group, benefiting from the recovery of the PRC market from the impact of COVID-19.

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Cost of sales and gross profit

The Group's cost of sales mainly comprised direct material costs, direct labor costs and manufacturing overhead. During the Period, the Group's cost of sales increased by 71.1% to approximately HK\$95.7 million (1H2020: approximately HK\$55.9 million), which was in line with the increase in revenue. The gross profit of the Group increased by 99.8% to approximately HK\$26.5 million for the Period (1H2020: approximately HK\$13.3 million). The gross profit margin was approximately 21.7% for the Period (1H2020: approximately 19.2%). During the Period, better product mix and strong new product sales resulted in improvement on the gross profit margin of the Group.

Other income, other gains and losses

Other income, other gains and losses of approximately HK\$0.8 million were recorded during the Period (1H2020: approximately HK\$3.7 million). An one-off government subsidy income of approximately HK\$2.0 million was received from the PRC government as a support for the unemployment insurance to enterprises for stabilizing employment during 1H2020. No such government subsidy was received during the Period.

Expenses

Selling and distribution expenses amounted to approximately HK\$5.8 million for the Period (1H2020: approximately HK\$4.6 million), mainly due to the increase in freight and travelling expenses as a result of increase in sales volume.

Administrative expenses for the Period were approximately HK\$14.7 million (1H2020: approximately HK\$12.9 million). The increase in administrative expenses was mainly due to the increase in depreciation, amortization and staff costs.

Profit (Loss) and other comprehensive income (expenses) for the Period

Summing up the combined effects of the foregoing, the profit attributable to owners of the Company for the Period was approximately HK\$4.2 million (1H2020: loss of approximately HK\$2.7 million). EBITDA for the Period was approximately HK\$17.1 million (1H2020: approximately HK\$7.3 million).

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FUTURE STRATEGIES AND PROSPECTS

Despite the possibility of another wave of pandemic and uncertainties caused by the U.S.-Sino trade tensions, the Group remains confident about the industry and the Group's future development. According to the report *"Mid-Year Total Semiconductor Equipment Forecast – OEM Perspective"* launched by SEMI, the global semiconductor equipment sales is expected to increase by around 34% to US\$95.3 billion in 2021, and reach a new record of US\$100 billion in 2022. With the strong growth of semiconductor equipment, the demand for semiconductor packaging related encapsulants is likely to increase. Besides, with the launch of vaccines and sequentially implementation of economic recovery measures, the adverse impact of COVID-19 has been mitigated and the global economy has recovered gradually. In particular, economic activities in the PRC have been rebounding substantially due to the country's effective control of COVID-19. In addition, the Chinese government has paid great attention and put strong support on the rapid growth of the 5G industry. Under such background, the market's demand for bonding wires and semiconductor packaging related encapsulants are expected to grow remarkably in the coming years.

To seize the opportunities arising from the expected market recovery and the fast-growing 5G industry, the Group will launch 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 for LED applications as scheduled, and will extend the product application to cover other semiconductors and 5G industries after formulary modification. Besides, the Group has developed a new copper alloy bonding wire specially for IC products, which has been tried and accredited by customers. It is expected to contribute to the Group's revenue in the coming years. The production of the Group's pioneer mini-LED display encapsulant products has been delayed due to COVID-19 for more than half year. The Directors believe these new products will become another growth momentum for the Group in the future.

Looking ahead, the Directors are optimistic toward the future of the industry. The Group will continue to enhance its R&D capabilities, in order to develop advanced and high-quality products to meet the demand from the emerging markets of 5G network, automotive electrification, industrial automation, internet of things and artificial intelligence. Meanwhile, the Group is actively seeking any possible mergers and acquisitions. With the launch of vaccines and substantial economic recovery measures, the Directors strongly believe that the Group's established position in the bonding wire and encapsulant industry, competitive strengths and flexible business strategies, will facilitate its long-term growth.

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HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

As at 30 June 2021, the Group employed 177 full-time employees (as at 31 December 2020: 173). The remuneration of employees is disclosed in note 8 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. The Group's remuneration policy is determined with reference to the experience and qualifications of the individual's performance. The Group would ensure that all employees are provided with adequate training and continuous professional development opportunities according to their needs. The Group has adopted a share option scheme to reward individual staff for their contribution to the Group.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES, LIQUIDITY, GEARING RATIO AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The Group finances its operations primarily through cash generated from operating activities and interest-bearing bank borrowings. The Group recorded net current assets of approximately HK\$131.9 million as at 30 June 2021 (as at 31 December 2020: approximately HK\$124.8 million). As at 30 June 2021, the Group's current ratio was approximately 3.0 (as at 31 December 2020: approximately 3.3) and the Group's gearing ratio calculated based on the total borrowings divided by total equity at the end of the Period was approximately 16.9% (as at 31 December 2020: approximately 14.2%). As at 30 June 2021, the Group's bank borrowings and bank overdraft amounted to approximately HK\$40.3 million (as at 31 December 2020: approximately HK\$32.9 million). As at 30 June 2021, the Group has total banking facilities of approximately HK\$99.6 million (as at 31 December 2020: approximately HK\$98.9 million).

As at 30 June 2021, the capital structure of the Group consisted of equity attributable to owners of the Company of approximately HK\$237.7 million (as at 31 December 2020: approximately HK\$232.1 million), which comprised issued share capital and reserves. The Shares were listed on GEM on 30 May 2018. There has been no change in the capital structure of the Group since then.

TREASURY POLICY

The Directors will continue to follow a prudent policy in managing the Group's cash balances and maintain a strong and healthy liquidity to ensure that the Group is well placed to take advantage of future growth opportunities.

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MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES

There were no material acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures during the Period.

FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS AND CAPITAL ASSETS

Save as disclosed in this report, the Group does not have other plans for material investments and capital assets during the Period.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS HELD

During the Period, the Group did not hold any significant investments.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Board believes that all the major risk factors relevant to the Group have already been disclosed in the section headed “Risk factors” of the Company’s prospectus dated 17 May 2018 (the “**Prospectus**”). Please refer thereto for more information.

EXPOSURE TO FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK

The Group’s income, cost of sales, administrative expenses, investment and borrowings are mainly denominated in United State Dollar, HK\$ and RMB. Fluctuations of the exchange rates of RMB could affect the operating costs of the Group. Currencies other than RMB were relatively stable during the Period. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the management will continue to monitor foreign exchange exposure and will take prudent measure to minimise the currency translation risk. The Group will consider hedging significant foreign currencies should the need arise.

CHARGES ON ASSETS

There was no significant pledge on the Group’s assets as at 30 June 2021 (as at 31 December 2020: nil).

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INTERIM DIVIDEND AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Board has declared an interim dividend of HK\$0.00295 (1H2020: nil) per Share for the year ending 31 December 2021 payable on Friday, 3 September 2021 to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Thursday, 26 August 2021. The register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 24 August 2021 to Thursday, 26 August 2021, both days inclusive, during which period no Share transfer will be effected. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfer documents, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong share registrar, Boardroom Share Registrars (HK) Limited, at 2103B, 21/F, 148 Electric Road, North Point, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 23 August 2021.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 30 June 2021, the Group did not have any material contingent liabilities or guarantees (as at 31 December 2020: nil).

SEGMENT INFORMATION

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

EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 30 July 2021, an indirectly wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, Niche-Tech (Hong Kong) Limited ("**Niche-Tech (HK)**"), and a company indirectly owned as to 40% by Mr. Chow (as defined below) and 60% by Professor Chow (as defined below), Niche-Tech Investment Holdings Limited ("**BVI Holdings**"), entered into a conditional agreement pursuant to which Niche-Tech (HK) agreed to purchase and BVI Holdings agreed to sell a technology for the manufacture of a composite metal material bonding wire for a consideration of HK\$7.5 million.

Details of the above connected transaction were disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 30 July 2021.

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COMPARISON BETWEEN BUSINESS OBJECTIVES AND ACTUAL BUSINESS PROGRESS

The following table is a comparison between the Group's business objectives as set out in the prospectus dated 17 May 2018 regarding the Listing (the "**Prospectus**") and the Group's actual business progress for the period from the listing date (i.e. 30 May 2018) (the "**Listing**") of the Shares on GEM to 30 June 2021.

Business objectives	Actual business progress up to 30 June 2021
Expand production capacity and upgrade manufacturing facilities	
– Acquire machineries and equipment and upgrade manufacturing facilities for new production lines	The Group had upgraded and expanded the production lines and related facilities for both G&S bonding wire and encapsulant in 2019, which commenced commercial production in 2020. The Group had continued to add related machineries at the bottleneck of the production lines to meet the demand of customers' orders since 2020.
– Acquire machineries and equipment for quality control	The Group acquired and installed certain equipment to enhance the quality control over the production process and finished products' inspection for both bonding wire and encapsulant products.
Devote R&D resources	
– Acquire machineries and equipment for R&D enhancement	The Group had purchased certain machineries and equipment for the improvement of existing R&D facilities.
– Engage external consultants for R&D projects	The Group had engaged an assistant professor from Anhui University of Technology as the R&D consultants to assist in the Group's R&D activities for the new encapsulant projects. The Group also had engaged a professor from National Cheng Kung University (Taiwan) and an expert in metal materials as the R&D consultants to assist in the Group's R&D activities for the new Bonding wire projects. The Group had also engaged an independent consultant to assist new project in the field of solar energy.

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Business objectives	Actual business progress up to 30 June 2021
Increase sales and marketing activities	The Group engaged a personnel relation advisor to perform branding and digital marketing work.
General working capital	The Group relocated its headquarter to Hong Kong Science Park and hired R&D expert and related personnel after Listing. Additional working capital was required as a result of increase in production capacity.

The progress of the utilisation of proceeds from the Listing has been delayed due to the following two aspects:

- (i) Due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, the economic activities and demand of semiconductors slowed down globally in the first half of 2020. Unavoidably, the demand of the export of semiconductor packaging materials of the Group's customers declined notably, which has affected the Group's sales orders and production during the year 2020.
- (ii) The Sino-U.S. trade tensions have continued and uncertainties are still surrounding the global economy and bringing negative impact to the industries and exporters. Under such circumstances, the export business of the Group's customers went slack and the demand of the Group's products decreased inevitably.

USE OF PROCEEDS FROM THE LISTING

The net proceeds from the Listing received by the Company were approximately HK\$83.5 million (after deduction of Listing expenses). The net proceeds had been intended to be used in accordance with the proposed implementation plans as disclosed under the section headed "Statement of Business Objectives and Use of Proceeds" in the Prospectus. Since the Shares have been listed on GEM for over three years and having considered the changes in the business environment, in order to utilise the net proceeds in a more effective way and to facilitate efficient management of the Company's financial resources, the Board has resolved to reallocate the unutilised net proceeds on 30 July 2021. Details of the utilisation of the net proceeds from the Listing to 30 June 2021, and the change in the use of the net proceeds at 30 July 2021 are as follows:

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	Original allocation of Net Proceeds HK\$ million	Utilised Net Proceeds up to 30 June 2021 HK\$ million	Unutilised Net Proceeds as at 30 June 2021 HK\$ million	Change in allocation of Net Proceeds at 30 July 2021 HK\$ million	Unutilised revised Net Proceeds as at 30 July 2021 HK\$ million	Expected timeline for the proposed application of the unutilised Net Proceeds (Note 1)
Expand production capacity and upgrade manufacturing facilities						
– Acquire or invest on bonding wire business or related business	–	–	–	19.4	19.4	30 July 2021 to 31 December 2022
– Acquire machineries and equipment for quality control	3.4	3.4	–	0.7	0.7	30 July 2021 to 31 December 2022
– Acquire machineries and equipment and upgrading manufacturing facilities for new production lines	41.9	20.0	21.9	(20.1)	1.8	30 July 2021 to 31 December 2022
Devote R&D resources						
– Acquire new intellectual property or develop new intellectual property	–	–	–	10.2	10.2	30 July 2021 to 31 December 2022
– Acquire machineries and equipment for R&D enhancement	19.5	8.2	11.3	(8.3)	3.0	30 July 2021 to 31 December 2022
– Engage external consultants for R&D projects	5.9	2.5	3.4	(1.9)	1.5	30 July 2021 to 31 December 2022
Increase sales and marketing activities	5.9	3.6	2.3	–	2.3	30 July 2021 to 31 December 2022
General working capital	6.9	6.9	–	–	–	
Total	83.5	44.6	38.9	–	38.9	



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As at 30 June 2021, approximately HK\$44.6 million out of the net proceeds from the Listing had been used. The majority of the unused net proceeds have been placed as interest bearing deposits with licensed banks in Hong Kong.

Note:

1. The expected timeline for utilising the remaining unused net proceeds is based on the best estimation of the future market conditions made by the Group. It will be subject to change based on the current and future development of market conditions.

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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 30 June 2021, 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 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) to be recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO; or (c) as otherwise to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standard of dealings 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 Ordinary Shares held	Percentage of issued share capital of the Company (Note 1)
Mr. Chow Bok Hin Felix ("Mr. Chow")	Interest in a controlled corporation (Note 2)	357,000,000	50.60%
Professor Chow Chun Kay Stephen ("Professor Chow")	Interest in a controlled corporation (Note 2) Beneficial owner	357,000,000	50.60%
		510,000	0.07%
Mr. Li Chiu Fan	Beneficial owner	16,050,000	2.27%

Notes:

- (1) As at 30 June 2021, the Company's issued share capital was HK\$7,055,000 divided into 705,500,000 Shares of HK\$0.01 each.
- (2) BVI Holdings is indirectly 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 BVI Holdings.

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(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)	BVI Holdings	Interest in a controlled corporation	10,000,000	100.00%
Mr. Chow (Notes 1 and 2)	BVI Holdings	Interest in a controlled corporation	10,000,000	100.00%

Notes:

- (1) Chows Investment Group Limited holds 100% interest in BVI Holdings. BVI Holdings in turn holds 50.60% interest in the Company. Therefore, Chows Investment Group Limited and BVI Holdings 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 respectively. Chows Investment Group Limited holds 100% interest in BVI Holdings. Mr. Chow and Professor Chow are therefore deemed to be interested in 100% of BVI Holdings for the purpose of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2021, none of the Directors nor chief executives of the Company had or was deemed to have any other interests and short positions in the Shares, underlying shares and 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) to be recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO; or (c) as otherwise to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standard of dealings by directors as referred to in Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules.

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(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 30 June 2021, the persons (other than 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, or which were 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	Percentage of issued share capital of the Company (Note 1)
BVI Holdings	Beneficial owner	357,000,000	50.60%
Chows Investment Group Limited (Note 2)	Interest of 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%

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Notes:

- (1) As at 30 June 2021, 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 BVI Holdings and is therefore deemed to be interested in the 357,000,000 Shares held by BVI Holdings 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 propose 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 propose 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 30 June 2021, 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, or which were 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, consultants or advisers of the Group. The Directors, employees, consultants or advisers 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 Options.

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 GEM which amounted to 68,000,000 Shares, representing not more than 10% 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. 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 the Options.

The exercisable period of the Options, which shall not exceed 10 years from the date of grant, is determined by the Board 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 Options lapsed or were exercised or cancelled during the Period and there were no outstanding Options as at 30 June 2021.

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COMPETING INTERESTS

None of the Directors nor the controlling shareholders 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.

CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

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

A.2 and A.2.1 of the CG Code stipulate 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 is 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 CG Code.

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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 confirmed that they have complied with the Code of Conduct and Required Standard Dealings throughout 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.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has established an audit committee of the Board (the **"Audit Committee"**) with written terms of reference in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules and code provisions C.3.3 of the CG Code set out in Appendix 15 of 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.

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The Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company for the Period and this report and is of the opinion that such results and report have been 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, 9 August 2021

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, non-executive Director is Mr. Li Chiu Fan, and the independent non-executive Directors are Professor Ng Wang Wai Charles, Mr. Tai Chun Kit and Mr. Poon Lai Yin Michael.

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