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ETS GROUP LIMITED
易通訊集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 8031)

THIRD QUARTERLY RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

CHARACTERISTICS OF GEM OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED (THE “STOCK EXCHANGE”)

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*This announcement, for which the directors (the “**Directors**”) of ETS Group Limited (the “**Company**”) collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the GEM of the Stock Exchange (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.*

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Group's total revenue for the nine months ended 30 September 2022 was approximately HK\$63,077,000 representing a decrease of approximately 17% as compared with the total revenue of approximately HK\$75,994,000 for the corresponding period in 2021.

Profit attributable to owners of the Company for the nine months ended 30 September 2022 was approximately HK\$1,949,000 as compared with the loss attributable to owners of the Company of approximately HK\$4,196,000 for the corresponding period in 2021.

Profit per share for the nine months ended 30 September 2022 was approximately HK0.7 cents (Loss per share for nine months ended 30 September 2021: approximately HK1.5 cents).

UNAUDITED RESULTS

The board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of the Company is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “**Group**”) for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2022 together with the comparative figures for the corresponding periods ended 30 September 2021, as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

For the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2022

	Notes	Three months ended 30 September		Nine months ended 30 September	
		2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2021 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2021 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Revenue	3	20,831	24,808	63,077	75,994
Other income		2,500	64	4,893	217
Other losses – net		(44)	(161)	(89)	(38)
Employee benefits expenses		(16,769)	(18,698)	(51,565)	(55,236)
Depreciation and amortization		(1,598)	(2,498)	(4,908)	(7,726)
Other operating expenses		(4,200)	(6,047)	(8,664)	(16,184)
Operating profit/(loss)		720	(2,532)	2,744	(2,973)
Finance costs		(5)	(8)	(122)	(120)
Profit/(Loss) before tax		715	(2,540)	2,622	(3,093)
Income tax expense	4	(185)	(343)	(673)	(1,103)
Profit/(Loss) for the period		530	(2,883)	1,949	(4,196)
Total comprehensive income/ (expense) for the period		530	(2,883)	1,949	(4,196)
Profit/(Loss) attributable to owners of the Company		530	(2,883)	1,949	(4,196)
Total comprehensive income/ (expense) attributable to owners of the Company		530	(2,883)	1,949	(4,196)
Earnings/(Loss) per share attributable to owners of the Company –Basic and diluted (HK cents)	6	0.2	(1.0)	0.7	(1.5)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the nine months ended 30 September 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 29 June 2011 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands. The shares of the Company have been listed on the GEM of the Stock Exchange with effect from 9 January 2012 (the “Listing Date”).

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Group’s unaudited condensed consolidated third quarterly financial information has been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and the applicable disclosure requirements of the GEM Listing Rules.

The accounting policies and basis adopted in preparing the unaudited condensed consolidated third quarterly financial information were consistent with those applied for the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The HKICPA has issued certain new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”). For those which are effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022, 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 position.

3. REVENUE

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	30 September		30 September	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	HK\$’000	HK\$’000	HK\$’000	HK\$’000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Outsourcing inbound contact service	3,174	2,922	9,109	9,371
Staff insourcing service	11,522	14,366	34,891	40,098
Contact service centre facilities				
management service	3,106	4,075	9,521	10,730
Financial services	884	2,051	4,755	11,673
Others	2,145	1,394	4,801	4,122
	<u>20,831</u>	<u>24,808</u>	<u>63,077</u>	<u>75,994</u>

4. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at a rate of 16.5% (2021: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in or derived from Hong Kong for the nine months period ended 30 September 2022.

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	30 September		30 September	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Current income tax	<u>185</u>	<u>343</u>	<u>673</u>	<u>1,103</u>

No provision for deferred taxation has been made in the financial statements since there is no material timing difference.

5. INTERIM DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the nine months ended 30 September 2022 (2021: nil).

6. EARNINGS/LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings/loss per share for the nine months ended 30 September 2022 is based on (i) the unaudited consolidated profit attributable to the owners of the Company of approximately HK\$1,949,000 (Loss per share for nine months ended 30 September 2021: approximately HK\$4,196,000) and (ii) the weighted average number of 280,000,000 ordinary shares issued during the nine months ended 30 September 2022 (during the nine months ended 30 September 2021: the weighted average number of 280,000,000 ordinary shares issued).

The diluted earnings/loss per share is equal to the basic earnings/loss per share as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in issue during the nine months ended 30 September 2022 and nine months ended 30 September 2021.

7. MOVEMENT OF RESERVES

	Attributable to owners of the Company					Total HK\$'000
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Convertible bonds equity reserve HK\$'000	Merger reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	
Balance as at 31 December 2020 (audited) and 1 January 2021	2,800	25,238	–	25,624	62,371	116,033
Loss for the period	–	–	–	–	(4,196)	(4,196)
Other comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	–	(4,196)	(4,196)
Balance at 30 September 2021 (unaudited)	2,800	25,238	–	25,624	58,175	111,837
Balance as at 31 December 2021 (audited) and 1 January 2022	2,800	25,238	1,734	25,624	43,751	99,147
Profit for the period	–	–	–	–	1,949	1,949
Other comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	–	1,949	1,949
Balance at 30 September 2022 (unaudited)	2,800	25,238	1,734	25,624	45,700	101,096

8. APPROVAL OF THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

The unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Group for the nine months ended 30 September 2022 were approved by the Board on 4 November 2022.

DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the nine months ended 30 September 2022 (2021: nil).

FINANCIAL ASSETS DESIGNATED AS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

Description of the investments	Carrying amount as at 30 September 2022 HK\$'000
Equity securities listed in Hong Kong (FAFVTPL I)	179
Unlisted equity securities at cost (FAFVTPL II)	–
Unlisted equity securities at cost (FAFVTPL III)	2,200
Unlisted equity securities at cost (FAFVTPL IV)	1,000
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Total	3,379
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Analysed for reporting purposes as:	
Current asset	179
Non-current asset	3,200
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	3,379
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FAFVTPL I

The Group had acquired 60,000 shares of the Tracker Fund listed shares (stock code: 2800) (“**Listed shares**”). Listed shares in the year 2020 amounted approximately HK\$1,449,641.

As at 30 September 2022, the Group held 10,000 Listed shares which amount to carrying amount of approximately HK\$178,900.

FAFVTPL II

During 2019, the Group acquired an aggregate amount of 2,470 Shares of an unlisted company incorporated in Hong Kong, Oneshop limited (“**Oneshop**”), at approximately HK\$2 million representing approximately 18% of the total issued share capital of Oneshop. As at 30 September 2022, the Group held 2,470 Shares with no carrying amount after recording the impairment of the investment of FAFVTPL II in the year 2020.

FAFVTPL III

The Group invested 165,385 shares of Hong Kong Virtual Asset Exchange Limited (“VAX”) at HK\$12.9 million in VAX. VAX is an unlisted company currently applying to the SFC for obtaining licenses to carry out Type 1 (dealing in securities) and Type 7 (providing automated trading services) regulated activities under the SFO for the regulation of virtual asset trading platforms in Hong Kong.

As at 30 June 2022, the Group held 165,385 shares which amount to carrying amount of approximately HK\$2,200,000.

FAFVTPL IV

At 31 March 2022, the Group has invested 1,000,000 shares (“**Subscription Shares**”), representing approximately 40% of the issued share capital of MetaSTO Group Limited (“**META**”), as enlarged by the allotment and issue of the Subscription Shares, at HK\$1 million in META. META is an unlisted company providing consultancy services in regard of asset tokenization through professional process management services.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Business review and prospects

The Group is continuously engaged in the business of providing comprehensive multi-media contact services and contact centre system and financial services. The principal activities of the Group include provisions of outsourcing inbound contact service, outsourcing outbound contact service, staff insourcing service, contact service centre facilities management service and financial services.

Into the third quarter of the year 2022, Hong Kong has continued to see a gradual economic recovery following the end of the fifth wave of COVID-19 pandemic, shortening quarantine period of inbound travelers, end of flight suspension mechanism and relaxing of certain social distancing measures. Despite business activities have started to pick up steadily during the period, the facts that local stocks slipped into bear market, property prices set to plummet, border with mainland remained closed as well as geopolitical tension around the world persists, a lot of corporations remain prudent and cautious in their business expansion and spending, and the management of the Group do not foresee the level of service demand can rebound to that before the pandemic era in the near future.

Moreover, the mass emigration wave started around early 2021 has dealt a heavy blow to the local labour force. According to figures from the Immigration Department of Hong Kong, the net outflow of Hong Kong’s population in the first three months of 2022 rose to over 140,000, while at the same time the local unemployment rate fell to 3.9% in the third quarter from 4.1% in the second quarter, reflecting an acute workforce shortage which leads to higher recruiting and labour costs to come. Although the Group has recently obtained a sizable development contract for a government department, the shortage situation particularly in information technology discipline would inevitably affect the bottom line of the project in the long run.

In order to capture the investment opportunity in innovative companies that develop blockchain technology adopted in the financial industry, the Group acquired 1,000,000 shares (“**Subscription Shares**”) on 31 March 2022, representing approximately 40% of the issued share capital of MetaSTO Group Limited (“**META**”) at HK\$1 million. META is an unlisted company that provides services in regard of securities tokenization and related businesses. The management of the Group believes that the investment in META can further maximize the synergy with our traditional financial services as well as our investment in Hong Kong Virtual Asset Exchange Limited (“**VAX**”), a company which is currently applying to the SFC for obtaining licenses to carry out Type 1 (dealing in securities) and Type 7 (providing automated trading services) regulated activities under the SFO for the regulation of virtual asset trading platforms in Hong Kong.

Although the local business environment remains uncertain and lackluster at present, the management of the Group will continue to focus on expanding the different sectors of our business, while at the same time look out for suitable investments or collaborations with potential partners in the future to come.

Financial review

For the nine months ended 30 September 2022, the Group’s unaudited total revenue was approximately HK\$63.1 million, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$12.9 million as compared with the total revenue of the corresponding period in 2021 (2021: approximately HK\$76.0 million). The other income increased from approximately HK\$0.2 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 to approximately HK\$4.9 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2022 mainly because the Group received local government subsidy related to the employment of the staffs for the nine months ended 30 September 2022.

The unaudited employee benefits expenses decreased from approximately HK\$55.2 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 to approximately HK\$51.6 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2022. The decrease of employee benefits expenses was mainly due to cease to employ the contact centre agents following the termination of some of the projects. The unaudited other operating expenses decreased by approximately HK\$7.5 million from approximately HK\$16.2 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 to approximately HK\$8.7 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2022. The other operating expenses mainly include expected credit loss, auditors’ remuneration, insurance, legal and professional expenses, expenses relating to short-term leases and rates, repair and maintenance, subcontracting expenses, telephone expenses, travelling, entertainment and utilities expenses.

The Group’s unaudited depreciation and amortization expenses decreased from approximately HK\$7.7 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 to approximately HK\$4.9 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2022. The unaudited finance costs remained nearly the same for approximately HK\$0.1 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2022 and 2021.

The increase of profit was mainly attributed to increase of other income in related to subsidy.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has complied with all the code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the “**Code**”) in Appendix 15 to the GEM Listing Rules throughout the nine months ended 30 September 2022.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR DIRECTORS’ SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors 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 specified enquiry on the Directors, all such Directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standard of dealings concerning securities transactions for the nine months ended 30 September 2022.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

During the nine months ended 30 September 2022, no share option was granted, exercised, expired or lapsed under the share option scheme conditionally adopted by the shareholders of the Company on 4 May 2021 and became unconditional on 6 May 2021 (the “**Share Option Scheme**”).

DIRECTORS’ RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES

Apart from the Share Option Scheme, at no time during the nine months ended 30 September 2022 was any of the Company or any associated corporation a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate, and none of the Directors, or their spouses or children under the age 18, had any right to subscribe for the shares in, or debentures of, the Company, or had exercised any such rights.

NON-COMPETITION UNDERTAKING

As disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 24 October 2019, Gear Credit Limited (“**Gear Credit**”), which is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, has obtained a money lender’s licence under the Money Lenders Ordinance (“**MLO**”) and commenced its money lending business.

Prior to the commencement of business of Gear Credit, on 21 October 2019, Mr. Tang Shing Bor (“**Mr. Tang**”) (our Chairman and non-executive Director until 14 May 2021 when he passed away), Mr. Tang Yiu Sing (“**Mr. YS Tang**”) (our Chief Executive Officer and executive Director), H.K. Sources Finance Limited (“**HK Sources**”) and Kong Way Credit Company Limited (“**Kong Way**”, together with Mr. Tang, Mr. YS Tang and HK Sources, the “**Covenantors**”) entered into a deed of non-competition (the “**Deed of Non-competition**”) in favour of the Company (for itself and as trustee of the members of the Group) with a view to safeguard the interest of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

As at the date of the Deed of Non-competition, (i) Mr. Tang was the controlling shareholder of HK Sources, which is a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and a holder of a money lender's licence under the MLO and is principally engaged in the provision of mortgage loan; and (ii) Mr. YS Tang was the sole shareholder of Kong Way, which is a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and a holder of a money lender's licence under the MLO and is principally engaged in the provision of loans for individuals and small and medium enterprises. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Non-competition, each of the Covenantors irrevocably and unconditionally, jointly and severally, undertakes to and covenants with the Company (for itself and as trustee for the benefit of the members of the Group) that during the continuation of the Deed of Non-competition, other than the aforementioned shareholding interests held by Mr. Tang and Mr. YS Tang in HK Sources and Kong Way respectively, each of the Covenantors shall not, and shall procure each of his/its close associates (other than any members of the Group) not to, whether on his/its own account or in conjunction with or on behalf of any person, firm or company and whether directly or indirectly, carry on a business which is, or be interested or involved or engaged in or acquire or hold any rights or interest or otherwise involved in (in each case whether as a shareholder, partner, agent or otherwise and whether for profit, reward or otherwise) any business which competes or is likely to compete directly or indirectly with the business currently and from time to time engaged by the Group (including but not limited to the provision of comprehensive multi-media contact services, contact centre system, staff insourcing and financial services engaged by the Group and the money lending business engaged by the Group through Gear Credit and/or other member(s) of the Group) in Hong Kong and any other country or jurisdiction to which the Group markets, supplies or otherwise provides such service and/or in which any members of the Group carries on business mentioned above from time to time (the "**Restricted Business**").

Each of the Covenantors further undertakes that if he/it and/or any of his/its close associates is offered or becomes aware of any project or new business opportunity ("**New Business Opportunity**") that relates to the Restricted Business, whether directly or indirectly, he/it shall: (i) promptly in any event not later than three (3) Business Days notify the Company in writing of such opportunity and provide such information as is reasonably required by the Company in order to enable the Company to come to an informed assessment of such opportunity; and (ii) use his/its best endeavours to procure that such opportunity is offered to the Company on terms no less favourable than the terms on which such opportunity is offered to him/it and/or his/its close associates. If the Group has not given written notice of its desire to invest in such New Business Opportunity or has given written notice denying the New Business Opportunity within five (5) Business Days (the "**5-day Offering Period**") of receipt of notice from the Covenantors, the Covenantors and/or his/its close associates shall be permitted to invest in or participate in the New Business Opportunity on his/its own accord. The Covenantors agree to extend the five (5) Business Days to a maximum of ten (10) Business Days if the Company requires so by giving a written notice to the Covenantors within the 5-day Offering Period.

As disclosed in the Company’s 2021 Annual Report, the Company had received written notices from all of the Covenantors in respect of any New Business Opportunity which competed or was likely to compete with the existing business of the Group which was offered or came to the knowledge of the Covenantors or their close associates (other than any member of the Group). Each of the Covenantors has made an annual declaration to the Company in respect of his/its compliance with his/its obligations under the Deed of Non-competition for the year ended 31 December 2021.

DIRECTORS’ INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESS

Save as disclosed above, so far as the Directors are aware of, none of the Directors or the substantial/controllers shareholders of the Company has any interest in a business which competes or may compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group or has any other conflict of interest with the Group as at 30 September 2022.

DIRECTORS’ AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES’ INTERESTS AND/OR SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY AND/OR ITS ASSOCIATED CORPORATIONS

As at 30 September 2022, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company (the “**Chief Executives**”) in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meanings of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong) (the “**SFO**”)) which were 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 any such Director or Chief Executive is taken or deemed to have under such provision of the SFO) or which were required pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register required to be kept by the Company, or which were required, pursuant to Securities Transactions by Directors as referred to in Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange were as follows:

Long positions in the shares of the Company

Name of Directors/ Chief Executives	Capacity	Nature of interests	Number of shares/ underlying shares held	Approximate percentage of the issued share capital of the Company as at 30 September 2022
Mr. Tang Shing Bor	Interest in a controlled corporation	Corporate interest	210,000,000 (Note)	75%

Note: These interests were held by Million Top Enterprises Limited under Mr. Tang Shing Bor’s estate. Mr. Tang Shing Bor passed away on 14 May 2021 and his interests in the Shares form part of his estate.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2022, none of the Directors and/or Chief Executive had any other interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were 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 were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein, or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules relating to the Securities Transactions by Directors, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND/OR SHORT POSITION IN SHARES AND/OR UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY

So far as is known to the Directors, as at 30 September 2022, the following persons (not being a Director or Chief Executive) who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under 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 under section 336 of the SFO, or who is directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company:

Long positions in the shares of the Company

Name of substantial shareholders	Capacity	Number of Shares/ underlying Shares held	Approximate percentage of the issued share capital of the Company as at 30 September 2022
Million Top Enterprises Limited (<i>Note 1</i>)	Beneficial owner	210,000,000	75%
Pine Care Group Limited (“ Pine Care Group ”)	Interest in a controlled corporation	15,625,000	5.58%
Pine Care Titanium Limited (“ Pine Care Titanium ”) (<i>Note 2</i>)	Beneficial owner	15,625,000	5.58%

Notes:

1. Million Top Enterprises Limited was wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Tang Shing Bor, the late non-executive Director.
2. Pine Care Titanium is the holder of the convertible bonds in a principal amount of HK\$9,500,000 at a conversion price of HK\$0.608 per conversion share (subject to adjustments) issued by the Company, of which a total of 15,625,000 conversion shares will be allotted and issued upon full conversion of the convertible bonds. Pine Care Titanium was wholly and beneficially owned by Pine Care Group. Under the SFO, Pine Care Group was deemed to be interested in the underlying Shares held by Pine Care Titanium.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2022, the Directors were not aware of any other persons (other than Directors or Chief Executive) who had interests and/or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company 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, or who is directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited interim results of the Group for the nine months ended 30 September 2022 and is of the opinion that the accounting policies of the Group are in accordance with the generally accepted accounting practices in Hong Kong, the Stock Exchange and legal requirements, and that adequate disclosures have been made.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There is no provision for pre-emptive rights under the Company's articles of association or the laws of the Cayman Islands which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro rata basis to existing shareholders.

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

The Company did not redeem any of its listed securities, and neither did the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchase or sell any of the listed securities of the Company for the nine months ended 30 September 2022.

By order of the Board
ETS Group Limited
Tang Yiu Sing

Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 4 November 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Tang Yiu Sing and Mr. Yeung Ka Wing; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Wong Sik Kei, Mr. Cheung Kong Ting and Mr. Wong Kam Tai.

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