



ECO-TEK HOLDINGS LIMITED

環康集團有限公司*

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 8169)

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

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SUMMARY

- Revenue for the six months ended 30 April 2023 amounted to HK\$45,143,000 (six months ended 30 April 2022: HK\$49,740,000), representing a decrease of approximately 9% as compared with corresponding period.
- Profit attributable to owners of the Company for the six months ended 30 April 2023 amounted to HK\$2,004,000 (six months ended 30 April 2022 amounted to approximately HK\$3,099,000), representing a decrease of approximately 35% as compared with corresponding period.
- Basic earnings per share for the six months ended 30 April 2023 amounted to approximately HK0.31 cent (six months ended 30 April 2022 amounted to approximately HK0.48 cent), representing a decrease of approximately 35% as compared with corresponding period.

UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS

The board of Directors (the “Board”) of Eco-Tek Holdings Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the three months and six months ended 30 April 2023 together with the comparative figures as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

For the six months ended 30 April 2023

		Three months ended 30 April		Six months ended 30 April	
		2023	2022	2023	2022
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue	2	25,614	23,085	45,143	49,740
Cost of sales		(15,893)	(16,006)	(28,457)	(34,439)
Gross profit		9,721	7,079	16,686	15,301
Other income, gains and losses		(45)	531	1,993	2,891
Selling expenses		(859)	(857)	(1,460)	(1,959)
Administrative expenses		(6,858)	(5,585)	(12,837)	(11,579)
Profit from operations	4	1,959	1,168	4,382	4,654
Finance costs		(221)	(249)	(444)	(375)
Share of (loss)/profit of a joint venture		(149)	27	(25)	114

	Notes	Three months ended 30 April		Six months ended 30 April	
		2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Profit before income tax		1,589	946	3,913	4,393
Taxation	5	<u>(672)</u>	<u>(194)</u>	<u>(1,909)</u>	<u>(1,294)</u>
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company		917	752	2,004	3,099
Other comprehensive income for the period					
— Items that may subsequently reclassified to profit and loss					
Exchange (loss)/gain on translation of financial statements of foreign operations		(1,346)	1,588	11,161	3,495
Share of other comprehensive income of a joint venture		<u>(27)</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>66</u>
		<u>(1,373)</u>	<u>1,593</u>	<u>11,359</u>	<u>3,561</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to owners of the Company		(456)	2,345	13,363	6,660
Earnings per share					
— Basic and diluted	7	<u>HK0.14 cent</u>	<u>HK0.12 cent</u>	<u>HK0.31 cent</u>	<u>HK 0.48 cent</u>

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 April 2023

		As at 30 April 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 October 2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	71,434	69,082
Right-of-use assets	9	4,863	5,273
Interest in a joint venture		4,350	4,177
Deferred tax assets		476	440
Pledged bank deposits	12	–	9,020
		81,123	87,992
Current assets			
Inventories	10	14,518	16,435
Accounts receivable	11	17,236	18,256
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables		12,348	8,291
Cash and cash equivalents	12	47,316	41,064
		91,418	84,046
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	13	10,144	18,447
Accrued liabilities and other payables		16,998	14,499
Contract liabilities	14	3,739	4,343
Lease liabilities		852	970
Loan from a related company	15	1,200	1,100
Provision for tax		5,856	10,667
		38,789	50,026
Net current assets		52,629	34,020
Total assets less current liabilities		133,752	122,012

		As at 30 April 2023	As at 31 October 2022
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities		144	570
Loan from a related company	<i>15</i>	12,567	13,764
		12,711	14,334
Net assets		121,041	107,678
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Share capital		6,495	6,495
Share premium		19,586	19,586
Capital reserve		95	95
Other reserve		13,015	13,015
Exchange translation reserve		19,081	7,722
Capital contribution reserve		7,971	7,971
Retained profits		54,798	52,794
Total equity		121,041	107,678

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)**

	Six months Ended 30 April	
	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Net cash used in operating activities	(2,493)	(7,258)
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities	7,613	(1,558)
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,541)	(560)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,579	(9,376)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	2,673	(99)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	41,064	63,270
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	47,316	53,795

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
(UNAUDITED)**

For the six months ended 30 April 2023

	Share capital <i>HK\$'000</i>	Share premium <i>HK\$'000</i>	Capital reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	General reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Exchange translation reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Capital contribution reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Retained profits <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 November 2021	6,495	19,586	95	13,015	20,661	7,971	48,415	116,238
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,099	3,099
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	3,561	-	-	3,561
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	3,561	-	3,099	6,660
At 30 April 2022	<u>6,495</u>	<u>19,586</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>13,015</u>	<u>24,222</u>	<u>7,971</u>	<u>51,514</u>	<u>122,898</u>
At 1 November 2022	6,495	19,586	95	13,015	7,722	7,971	52,794	107,678
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,004	2,004
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	11,359	-	-	11,359
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	11,359	-	2,004	13,363
At 30 April 2023	<u>6,495</u>	<u>19,586</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>13,015</u>	<u>19,081</u>	<u>7,971</u>	<u>54,798</u>	<u>121,041</u>

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

Eco-Tek Holdings Limited (the “Company”) is a limited liability company incorporated and domiciled in the Cayman Islands. The Company’s shares are listed on the GEM of the Stock Exchange since 5 December 2001.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 April 2023 are presented in Hong Kong dollars (“HK\$”). Other than those subsidiaries established in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”) whose functional currency is Renminbi (“RMB”), the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries are HK\$.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 April 2023 are prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard (“HKFRSs”) which collective term includes all applicable individual HKFRSs, Hong Kong Accounting Standards and interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institutes of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”). The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements also include the applicable disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and the GEM Listing Rules.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statement for the six months ended 30 April 2023 should be read in conjunction with audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended 31 October 2022 (“2022 Audited Consolidated financial statements”). The significant accounting policies that have been used in the preparation of these unaudited consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of 2022 Audited Consolidated financial statements. It should be noted that accounting estimates and assumptions are used in preparation of the unaudited consolidated financial statements. Although these estimates are based on management’s best knowledge and judgement of current events and actions, actual results may ultimately differ from those estimates.

The HKICPA has issued certain new and revised HKFRSs. For those which are effective for accounting period beginning on 1 November 2022, the adoption of the new HKFRSs had no material impact on how the results and financial positions 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 making an assessment of the potential impact of the new pronouncement.

2. REVENUE

Revenue, which is also the Group’s turnover, represented during the period comprised the following:

	Three months ended 30 April		Six months ended 30 April	
	2023 HK\$’000 (Unaudited)	2022 HK\$’000 (Unaudited)	2023 HK\$’000 (Unaudited)	2022 HK\$’000 (Unaudited)
Water supply plant	9,846	6,587	25,141	17,122
Environment-friendly products	15,768	16,498	20,002	32,618
	<u>25,614</u>	<u>23,085</u>	<u>45,143</u>	<u>49,740</u>

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The chief operating decision-maker is identified as executive directors. The executive directors have identified the Group's two services lines as reportable segments as follows:

Environment-friendly products : Sales of general and industrial environment-friendly products, components and other related accessories

Water supply plant : Supply of processed water in the PRC

These operating segments are monitored and strategic decisions are made on the basis of adjusted segment operating results.

	Water supply plant		Environment-friendly Products		Total	
	Six months ended 30 April		Six months ended 30 April		Six months ended 30 April	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue from external customers	20,002	17,122	25,141	32,618	45,143	49,740
Reportable segment revenue	20,002	17,122	25,141	32,618	45,143	49,740
Reportable segment profit	9,238	5,282	5,988	8,060	15,226	13,342
Interest income	99	11	39	–	138	11
Depreciation	2,348	2,086	77	129	2,425	2,215
Provision for/(reversal of) slow-moving inventories, net	–	–	118	(609)	118	(609)
Additions to non-current assets	1,383	1,473	24	85	1,407	1,558
Reportable segment assets	115,391	123,215	52,324	60,846	167,715	184,061
Reportable segment liabilities	11,343	24,057	26,390	27,360	37,733	51,417

The total's presented for the Group's operating segments reconcile to the Group's key financial figures as presented in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements as follows:

	Six months ended 30 April	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Reportable segment revenue	<u>45,143</u>	<u>49,740</u>
Group revenue	<u>45,143</u>	<u>49,740</u>
Reportable segment profit	15,226	13,342
Other corporate expenses	(10,844)	(8,688)
Finance costs	(444)	(375)
Share of (loss)/profit of a joint venture	(25)	114
Profit before income tax	<u>3,913</u>	<u>4,393</u>
	As at	As at
	30 April	30 April
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Reportable segment assets	167,715	184,061
Interest in a joint venture	4,350	4,519
Other corporate assets	476	988
Group assets	<u>172,541</u>	<u>189,568</u>
Reportable segment liabilities	37,733	51,417
Loan from a shareholder	13,767	13,891
Other corporate liabilities	–	1,362
Group liabilities	<u>51,500</u>	<u>66,670</u>

4. PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS

Profit from operations is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Three months ended 30 April		Six months ended 30 April	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Auditor's remuneration				
— Provision for the period	172	227	343	453
Cost of inventories recognised as expenses, including	15,893	16,006	28,457	34,439
— Provision for/(reversal of) slow-moving inventories	118	—	118	(609)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,212	1,108	2,425	2,215
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	297	146	595	291
Exchange loss/(gain), net	370	(195)	(63)	(513)
Short term lease expenses	511	310	979	620
Staff costs (including directors' remuneration)				
— Wages and salaries	3,818	3,703	7,485	7,405
— Pension scheme contributions	410	249	840	588
	<u>4,228</u>	<u>3,952</u>	<u>8,325</u>	<u>7,993</u>

5. TAXATION

	Three months ended 30 April		Six months ended 30 April	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Current tax:				
— PRC	672	194	1,909	1,294
	<u>672</u>	<u>529</u>	<u>1,909</u>	<u>1,294</u>

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided for at 8.25% (2022: 8.25%) on the first HK\$2 million of the estimated assessable profits and 16.5% on the estimated assessable profits above HK\$2 million for the six months ended 30 April 2023 and 2022. No provision has been provided as the Group has tax losses to set off with assessable profits for the periods.

The subsidiaries of the Company established in the PRC are subject to the PRC enterprise income tax. PRC enterprise income tax has been provided at the rate of 25% (2022: 25%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in the PRC for the period.

6. INTERIM DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 April 2023 (2022: Nil).

7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The basic earnings per share for the period are calculated based on the following data:

	Three months ended 30 April		Six months ended 30 April	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Profit attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of calculating basic earnings per share	<u>917</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>2,004</u>	<u>3,099</u>

	Number of shares			
	Three months ended 30 April		Six months ended 30 April	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic earnings per share	<u>649,540</u>	<u>649,540</u>	<u>649,540</u>	<u>649,540</u>

No diluted earnings per share is calculated for the three months and six months ended 30 April 2023 and 2022 as there was no dilutive potential ordinary share in existence.

8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Motor	Office	Plant, molds and	Furniture and	Building and	Total
	vehicles	equipment	machinery	fixtures	structure	
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Six months ended 30 April 2023						
Opening net book value	1,366	388	1,159	1,756	64,413	69,082
Additions	–	92	–	–	1,315	1,407
Depreciation	(265)	(60)	(82)	(182)	(1,836)	(2,425)
Translation difference	46	15	54	–	3,255	3,370
Closing net carrying amount	<u>1,147</u>	<u>435</u>	<u>1,131</u>	<u>1,574</u>	<u>67,147</u>	<u>71,434</u>
At 30 April 2023						
Cost	5,324	3,099	37,326	2,651	122,130	170,530
Accumulated depreciation	(4,177)	(2,664)	(36,195)	(1,077)	(54,983)	(99,096)
Net carrying amount	<u>1,147</u>	<u>435</u>	<u>1,131</u>	<u>1,574</u>	<u>67,147</u>	<u>71,434</u>

9. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	Leasehold land <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Buildings leased for own use <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Office equipment leased for own use <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Net carrying amount at 1 November 2022	3,761	1,471	41	5,273
Depreciation	(59)	(524)	(12)	(595)
Translation differences	179	6	–	185
	<u>3,881</u>	<u>953</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>4,863</u>
Net carrying amount at 30 April 2023	<u>3,881</u>	<u>953</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>4,863</u>

10. INVENTORIES

	As at 30 April 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 October 2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Merchandise	18,246	19,882
Less: provision for slow-moving inventories	<u>(3,728)</u>	<u>(3,447)</u>
	<u>14,518</u>	<u>16,435</u>

11. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	As at 30 April 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 October 2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Accounts receivables	18,535	19,544
Less: Provision for impairment loss	<u>(1,299)</u>	<u>(1,288)</u>
	<u>17,236</u>	<u>18,256</u>

Accounts receivable are non-interest bearing and they are recognised at their original invoice amounts which represent their fair value at initial recognition.

The Group has a policy of generally allowing a credit period of 60 to 120 days to its trade customers. An ageing analysis of accounts receivable as at the reporting date, based on invoice date, is as follows:

	As at 30 April 2023 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 October 2022 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Outstanding balances with ages:		
Within 90 days	17,832	19,049
91–180 days	559	221
181–365 days	29	4
Over 365 days	115	270
	<u>18,535</u>	<u>19,544</u>

12. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND PLEDGED BANK DEPOSITS

	As at 30 April 2023 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 October 2022 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Cash at bank and in hand	47,316	50,084
Less: pledged bank deposits for banking facilities	<u>–</u>	<u>(9,020)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>47,316</u>	<u>41,064</u>
Pledged bank deposits analysed for reporting purposes as non-current assets	<u>–</u>	<u>9,020</u>

13. ACCOUNTS AND BILLS PAYABLE

The credit terms granted by suppliers are generally for a period of 60–180 days. The ageing analysis of accounts and bills payable as at the reporting date, based on invoice date, is as follows:

	As at 30 April 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 October 2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Outstanding balances with ages:		
Within 90 days	6,401	11,198
91–180 days	3,660	7,166
Over 180 days	83	83
	<u>10,144</u>	<u>18,447</u>

14. CONTRACT LIABILITIES

	As at 30 April 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 October 2022 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Contract liabilities arising from		
— Sales of goods	3,739	4,343
	<u>3,739</u>	<u>4,343</u>

15. LOAN FROM A RELATED COMPANY

Loan from a related company represented amount due to a related company, which is controlled by a substantial shareholder of the Company. The balance was regarded as amount due to a related party. The loan from a related company was unsecured and interest-bearing at 5.25% to 5.875% (31 October 2022: 5.25%) per annum.

Except for the loan from a related company of HK\$1,200,000 as at 30 April 2023, they were not repayable within twelve months from the reporting date as at 30 April 2023.

Except for the loan from a related company of HK\$1,100,000 as at 31 October 2022, they were not repayable within twelve months from the reporting date as at 31 October 2022.

The directors of the Company consider that the fair values of the loans are not materially different from their carrying amounts.

16. BANKING FACILITIES

The Group's banking facilities were granted for the purpose of general working capital, trade finance and treasury requirement, which were secured by the followings:

- (a) bank deposits of the Group amounting to approximately HK\$9,020,000 as at 31 October 2022;
- (b) properties held by a company, which is owned by a beneficial shareholder of the Company, as at 30 April 2023;
- (c) corporate guarantee executed by the Company as at 30 April 2023 and 31 October 2022.

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

- (a) In addition to the transactions and balances disclosed elsewhere in these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, the Group had the following transactions with related parties during the period:

	Three months ended 30 April		Six months ended 30 April	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interest expenses (<i>note (i)</i>)	200	231	423	357
Short term lease expenses (<i>note (ii)</i>)	173	173	347	347

Notes:

- (i) Interest expenses were paid to a related company in accordance with the terms as set out in note 15.
 - (ii) Short term lease expenses were paid to a company which is owned by a beneficial shareholder of the Company.
- (b) Included in staff costs is key management personnel compensation (including executive directors' remuneration) which comprises the following categories:

	Three months ended 30 April		Six months ended 30 April	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Salaries				
Allowances and benefits in kind	1,247	1,062	2,493	2,124
Pension scheme contributions	22	14	44	27
	<u>1,269</u>	<u>1,076</u>	<u>2,537</u>	<u>2,151</u>

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Business Review and Prospects

The total revenue of the Group for the six months ended 30 April 2023 (“Current Period”) decreased by 9% to HK\$45,143,000 when compared with that of the last corresponding period for six months ended 30 April 2022 (“Last Period”) HK\$49,740,000 as the revenue of our environment-friendly products business decreased by 23% from Last Period HK\$32,618,000 to Current Period HK\$25,141,000 under tough industrial market in China but the revenue of our water supply plant business increased by 17% from Last Period HK\$17,122,000 to Current Period HK\$20,002,000 as our water supply plant has started to supply processed water to rural area near Jing-Jin New City, Baodi District of Tianjin City to replace their underground water usage.

The National Bureau of Statistics of the People’s Republic of China (the “Bureau of Statistic of the PRC”) recently announced that the manufacturing Purchasing Managers’ Index (the “PMI”) was 48.8 in May 2023, continuous two months below threshold 50 indicating contraction of China manufacturers’ purchase. In the process of transforming the Chinese economy to the “new normal” era with the new growth model emphasizing domestic consumption and quality, there are risks of decline in demand of low-end machinery and equipment but also opportunities under the national strategies of “Energy Conservation and Emission Reduction”. Leverage on the Group’s past experience in Current area, the Group will source supply of new products or services which fulfill the policy of energy conservation and emission reduction in China, although we will monitor the situation cautiously and adjust our development plan accordingly. Certain products of our environment-friendly products business were applied in the marine machinery sectors and clean energy sectors such as hydropower and wind power facilities. As the increase of international concerns of environmental protections, we believe that there will be a brighter prospect for our environment-friendly products business.

The water supply plant in Tianjin has the exclusive right to supply processed water to certain areas inside and near Baodi District of Tianjin City including Jing-Jin New City. Under the Beijing-Tangshan Intercity Railways and Tianjin Binhai New Area Intercity Railway (together as the “New Intercity Railways”), the construction of the railway station in Baodi district near our water supply plant in Tianjin has been completed. It was believed that the New Intercity Railways will promote the integrative and cooperative economic development of the Baodi District and Jing-Jin New City which will benefit our Group’s water supply plant in Tianjin.

Financial Review

The Group's total revenue for the period ended 30 April 2023 was HK\$45,143,000 representing a decrease of 9% as compared with the last corresponding period (six months ended 30 April 2022: HK\$49,740,000). It was due to the decrease of our environment-friendly product business's sales under tough industrial market in China.

The gross profit of the Group for the six months ended 30 April 2023 was amounted to HK\$16,686,000 which represented an increase of 9% when compared with that of last corresponding period (six months ended 30 April 2022: HK\$15,301,000) due to increase in the Group's gross profit margin. The gross profit margin of the Group for Current Period was 37% which is higher than that of Last Period (six months ended 30 April 2022: 31%). The increase in the Group's gross profit margin was due to the favorable fluctuation of foreign currencies, especially the depreciation of Japanese Yen, one of the major currencies for our Group's purchase activities and the increase in proportion of water supply plant business's revenue with higher profit margin. The percentage of higher profit margin water supply plan business's revenue to the Group's total revenue is increased from the Last Period 34% to Current Period 44%. As a result, the gross profit margin of the Group for the Current Period increased to 37% (six months ended 30 April 2022: 31%).

The Group's other income, gains and losses for the six months ended 30 April 2023 was HK\$1,993,000 representing a decrease of 31% due to decrease of the agency service income.

The Group's administrative expenses for the six months ended 30 April 2023 was amounted to HK\$12,837,000 representing an increase of 11% compared with the last corresponding period (six months ended 30 April 2022: HK\$11,579,000) due to increase of the staff costs, rental expenses and legal professional costs . The Group's selling expenses for the six months ended 30 April 2023 was amounted to HK\$1,460,000, representing a decrease of 25% compared with the last corresponding period (six months ended 30 April 2022: HK\$1,959,000) due to decrease of marketing expenses in Current Period.

The Group recorded a profit attributable to owners of the Company for the six months ended 30 April 2023 amounted to HK\$2,004,000 (six months ended 30 April 2022 amounted to HK\$3,099,000), representing a decrease of approximately 35% as compared with corresponding period.

Liquidity and Finance Resources

During the period under the review, the Group financed its operations by internally generated cash flow, banking facilities provided by banks and loans from shareholders. As at 30 April 2023, the Group had net current assets of HK\$52,629,000 (31 October 2022: HK\$34,020,000) including bank balances and cash of approximately HK\$47,316,000 (31 October 2022: HK\$41,064,000). The current ratio, being the ratio of current assets to current liabilities, was approximately 2.36 as at 30 April 2023 (31 October 2022: 1.68). The Group's inventory turnover was about 92 days (31 October 2022: 74 days). The Group's accounts receivable turnover was about 69 days (31 October 2022: 77 days). The increase in inventory turnover was due to decrease in the Group's total revenue in Current Period.

Capital Structure

The shares of the Company were listed on the GEM board of the Stock Exchange on 5 December 2001. Except for the share options under the pre-IPO share option scheme were exercised at the exercise price of HK\$0.01 per share, resulting in the issue of 96,740,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each for a total consideration of HK\$967,000 in November 2005, there has been no material change in the capital structure of the Company since that date. The capital of the Group comprises only ordinary shares.

Gearing ratio

The gearing ratio (define as the total borrowing over total equity, including minority interests) as at 30 April 2023 decreased to 11% (31 October 2022: 14%) due to partial repayment of the borrowing and increase of the total equity during Current Period.

Treasury policies

The Group adopts a conservative approach towards its treasury policies. The Group strives to reduce exposure to credit risk by performing ongoing credit evaluations of the financial conditions of its customers. To manage liquidity risk, the Board closely monitors the Group's liquidity position to ensure that the liquidity structure of the Group's assets, liabilities and commitments can meet its funding requirement.

Foreign Exchange Exposure

The Group's purchases are denominated in Japanese Yen, Sterling Pounds, Euro and US Dollars. The sales of the Group are predominantly in RMB and Hong Kong Dollars. The Group will review and monitor from time to time the risk relating to foreign exchanges.

Charge on Group assets and contingent liabilities

As at 30 April 2023, Group did not have any pledged its bank deposits (31 October 2022: HK\$9 million pledged its bank deposits) to secure its banking facilities. Save as aforesaid, the Group did not have any other significant contingent liabilities as at 30 April 2023 (31 October 2022: Nil).

Information on Employees

As at 30 April 2023, the Group had 80 employees (2022: 76) working in Hong Kong and PRC. Employees are remunerated according to their performance and work experience. On top of basic salaries, discretionary bonus and share option may be granted to eligible staff by reference to the Group's performance as well as individual's performance. The total staff cost (including remuneration of the Directors and mandatory provident funds contributions) for the six months ended 30 April 2023 amounted to approximately HK\$8.3 million (for the six months ended 30 April 2022: HK\$8 million). The dedication and hard work of the Group's staff during the six months ended 30 April 2023 are generally appreciated and recognized.

Contingent liabilities

The Group had no material contingent liabilities at 30 April 2023 (31 October 2022: Nil).

Material acquisitions, disposal of subsidiaries and affiliated companies

During the six months ended 30 April 2023, the Group did not have any material acquisitions, disposals of subsidiaries and affiliated companies.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 30 April 2023, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of Securities and Futures Ordinance ("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 recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.68 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

Aggregate long positions in ordinary shares and underlying shares of the Company

As at 30 April 2023, none of the Directors and chief executives of the Company had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares and debenture of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which would have to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.68 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

So far as is known to the Directors or chief executives of the Company, as at 30 April 2023, the following persons (other than Directors or chief executives of the Company) had, or were deemed or taken to have interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall 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 under Section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

Long positions in ordinary shares of the Company

Name	Capacity and nature of interest	Number of ordinary shares held as at 30 April 2023	% to the Company's issued shares as at 30 April 2023
Lily Chiang (<i>Note 1</i>)	Founder of a discretionary trust	344,621,200	53.06
Virtue Trustees (Switzerland) AG (<i>Note 2</i>)	Through a unit trust and controlled corporation	344,621,200	53.06
Wide Sky Management Limited (<i>Note 2</i>)	Through a controlled corporation	344,621,200	53.06
Team Drive Limited (<i>Note 2</i>)	Directly beneficially owned	344,621,200	53.06
Dr. Pau Kwok Ping	Directly beneficially owned	44,224,000	6.81

Notes:

1. Lily Chiang is the founder of the Lily Chiang Family Trust which indirectly holds 344,621,200 shares in the Company. Accordingly, Lily Chiang is deemed to be interested in such shares.
2. 344,621,200 shares are directly and beneficially held by Team Drive Limited which is wholly-owned by Wide Sky Management Limited, of which the entire issued shares are held by Virtue Trustees (Switzerland) AG. Wide Sky Management Limited and Virtue Trustees (Switzerland) AG are deemed to be interested in all the shares held by Team Drive Limited.

PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 April 2023. The Company and its subsidiaries did not redeem any of its listed securities during the six months ended 30 April 2023.

CODE OF CONDUCT REGARDING SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted a Code of Practice for Securities Transactions by Directors and Designated Employees 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 Company has also made specific enquiry of all Directors who have confirmed their compliance with required standard set out in the Securities Code during the six months ended 30 April 2023.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has complied with all the code provisions in the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report (the "Code") contained in the Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules throughout the six months ended 30 April 2023 except for the following:

The code provision A.6.7 of the Code requires that independent non-executive directors and other non-executive directors shall attend general meetings and develop a balanced understanding of the view of shareholders. Professor NI Jun, the independent non-executive director, was unable to attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 30 March 2023 due to his other business commitments.

COMPETITION AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None of the directors, the management shareholders or substantial shareholders of the Company or any of its respective associates has engaged in any business that competes or may compete, either directly or indirectly, with the businesses of the Group, as defined in the GEM Listing Rules, or has any other conflict of interests with the Group during six months ended 30 April 2023.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Company established a remuneration committee in March 2005. The primary duties of the remuneration committee are to review and make recommendation for the remuneration policy of the directors and senior management. The chairman of the remuneration committee is Ms. CHAN Siu Ping Rosa and other members include Mr. CHAU Kam Wing Donald and Professor NI Jun, all of them are independent non-executive directors of the Company.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Company established a nomination committee in February 2006. The principal duties of the nomination committee are to formulate nomination policy and make recommendation to the Board on nomination and appointment of the directors and board succession. The chairman of the nomination committee is Mr. CHAU Kam Wing Donald and other members include Ms. CHAN Siu Ping Rosa and Professor NI Jun, all of them are independent non-executive directors of the Company.

ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Company established an environment, social and governance committee (“ESG Committee”) in January 2022. The principal duties of the ESG Committee are to advise and assist the Board of directors (the “Director(s)”) of in managing matters relating to environment, social and governance. The chairman of the ESG committee is Mr. WU Cheng-wei and other members include Mr. LEUNG Wai Lun, Mr. CHAU Kam Wing Donald, Ms. CHAN Siu Ping Rosa and Professor NI Jun.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company established an audit committee on 5 December 2001 with written terms of reference in compliance with Rules 5.28 and 5.33 of the GEM Listing Rules. The primary duties of the audit committee are to review and supervise the financial reporting process and internal controls system of the Group. The chairman of the audit committee is Mr. CHAU Kam Wing Donald and other members include Ms. CHAN Siu Ping Rosa and Professor NI Jun, all of them are independent non-executive directors of the Company.

The Group's unaudited results for the three months and six months ended 30 April 2023 have been reviewed by the audit committee, which was of the opinion that the preparation of such results complied with the applicable accounting standards and requirements and that adequate disclosures have been made.

By Order of the Board
Eco-Tek Holdings Limited
WU Cheng-wei
Chairman

Hong Kong, 12 June 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors comprises Mr. WU Cheng-wei and Mr. LEUNG Wai Lun and as executive directors; Dr. LUI Sun Wing as non-executive director; Ms. CHAN Siu Ping Rosa, Professor NI Jun and Mr. CHAU Kam Wing Donald as independent non-executive directors.

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