United Pacific Industries

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

Chairman's Statement

Interim Results 31 March 2009

As we advised in our Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2008, it was unlikely that our trading would be as satisfactory in fiscal year 2009. Since the end of our last financial year the economic situation has worsened in most industries on a world-wide basis. Our own industrial sector has been particularly affected by the downturn and its related monetary consequences. The acute difficulties in the banking sector have caused a restriction of demand.

As a result, your Directors are reporting a loss for the period under review, with the most affected area being contract manufacturing, principally out of Southern China. However, in virtually all of our activities we have experienced a significant shortfall in sales. Bowers, our metrology company manufacturing capital equipment, is naturally experiencing difficulties as most corporate concerns have severely limited their capital requirements.

In the latter part of the first-half year we started to see a degree of stabilization and, in some sectors, the start of an upturn in trade. Barring unforeseen circumstances your Directors would expect the second-half year to show improved trading over the first half, recognizing there is still considerable uncertainty.

During the first half of the year the Group purchased the whole of the issued share capital of Alford Industries Limited which gives us access to the market for consumer durables consisting of: baby monitors, blue-tooth products, noise cancellation headsets, hearing aids and other products. We welcome Rix Tsui, the Chief Executive Officer of Alford, and his team to the Group and we are confident that this addition to our activities will be beneficial to all our shareholders.

William ("Bill") Fletcher, Chairman of Spear & Jackson plc, our United Kingdom principal holding company, retired with effect from 1 May 2009 and we wish him all success in the future and thank him for his 38 years of service to Spear & Jackson. The Group would like to record its appreciation of Bill's very considerable contribution over the years.

Interim Dividend

It is the intention to continue the interim dividend of 0.5 HK cents per share as it relates to the six-month period ended 31 March 2009, payable to shareholders whose names are recorded in the Register of Members at 21 July 2009. The dividend will be paid on or about 28 August 2009.

Future Trading

World stock markets have moved up significantly in recent months and are predicting an end to this recession, beginning later this year. While no one can pinpoint exactly how and when the recovery will unfold, your Directors remain confident that with our mix of businesses and geographic spread, we will return to profitability with improving economic conditions.

Brian C Beazer
Executive Chairman
United Pacific Industries Limited
25 June 2009

Financial Highlights

- In common with many businesses, the Group's trading performance in the period ended 31 March 2009 was adversely affected by the severe economic downturn which was particularly marked in the manufacturing sector.
- Turnover decreased by 31% to HK$493.7 million. The Group's contract manufacturing and lead frame businesses were most hard hit. However, the Magnetics and Metrology divisions, together with the Tool Division's French, Australian and Robert Sorby operations, remained profitable.
- There was a loss before taxation of HK$18.5 million. This compares to a profit of HK$30.6 million in the prior period.
- The taxation charge for the current period was HK$1.4 million, a decrease of HK$9.3 million over the prior period.
- In the six months ended 31 March 2009, the basic loss per share was 2.65 HK cents (2008 – earnings per share of 2.93 HK cents).
- Consistent with the Company's dividend policy, an interim dividend of 0.5 HK cents per share has been declared.

RESULTS

The Board of Directors of United Pacific Industries Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 31 March 2009 together with comparative figures for the six months ended 31 March 2008.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

	Notes	Six months ended 31 March	
		2009	2008
		HK$'000	*HK$'000*
		(unaudited)	*(unaudited)*
Turnover	3	**493,696**	712,018
Cost of sales		**(378,862)**	(513,392)
Gross profit		**114,834**	198,626
Other income		**1,271**	17,306
Selling and distribution costs		**(86,091)**	(118,561)
Administrative costs		**(42,451)**	(59,207)
Finance costs	4	**(8,289)**	(6,547)
Restructuring costs		**(4,040)**	(1,665)
Share of results of an associate		**540**	638
Gain on sale of a subsidiary		**—**	23
Discount on acquisition of a subsidiary	5	**9,571**	—
Impairment loss on available-for-sale financial assets		**(3,813)**	—
(Loss)/profit before tax	6	**(18,468)**	30,613
Income tax charge	7	**(1,480)**	(10,745)
(Loss)/profit for the period		**(19,948)**	19,868
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		**(19,948)**	19,868
Dividends	8	**4,100**	2,785
(Loss)/earnings per share	9		
Basic		**(2.65) cents**	2.93 cents
Diluted		**N/A**	2.89 cents

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 MARCH 2009

	Notes	**31 March 2009**	30 September 2008
		HK$'000	*HK$'000*
		(unaudited)	*(audited)*
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	**236,132**	272,771
Prepaid land lease payments under operating leases		**616**	625
Other intangible assets		**1,308**	1,848
Interest in an associate		**4,245**	3,768
Available-for-sale financial assets		**585**	2,912
Deferred tax assets		**104,798**	95,129
		347,684	377,053
Current assets			
Inventories		**250,654**	288,283
Trade and other receivables	11	**249,398**	311,232
Tax recoverable		**2,507**	1,839
Derivative financial instruments		**378**	473
Pledged bank deposits		**5,000**	5,000
Cash and cash equivalents		**51,263**	104,915
		559,200	711,742
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	**215,528**	296,177
Bank overdrafts		**43,369**	—
Interest-bearing bank borrowings - amounts due within one year		**55,597**	92,956
Obligations under finance leases - amounts due within one year		**6,118**	8,026
Provisions		**9,048**	18,277
Tax payable		**2,618**	2,087
		332,278	417,523
Net current assets		**226,922**	294,219
Total assets less current liabilities		**574,606**	671,272

	Notes	**31 March 2009**	30 September 2008
		HK$'000	*HK$'000*
		(unaudited)	*(audited)*
Non-current liabilities			
Interest-bearing bank borrowings - amounts due after one year		**10,494**	21,899
Obligations under finance leases - amounts due after one year		**7,265**	9,982
Provisions		**7,447**	10,673
Retirement benefit obligations	13	**297,897**	240,571
Deferred tax liabilities		**15,981**	19,870
		339,084	302,995
Net assets		**235,522**	368,277
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	14	**82,000**	72,000
Reserves		**153,522**	296,277
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		**235,522**	368,277

NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim financial reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA").

The preparation of an interim financial report in conformity with HKAS 34 requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense on a year to year basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

This interim financial report contains consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group") since the September 2008 annual financial statements. The consolidated interim financial statements do not include all of the information required for a full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs").

The financial information relating to the financial year ended 30 September 2008 that is included in the consolidated interim financial statements as being previously reported information does not constitute the Group's statutory financial statements for that financial year but is derived from those financial statements.

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, except for certain financial assets and liabilities which are stated at their fair value.

The accounting policies adopted in the interim financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 30 September 2008, except for the adoption of certain HKFRSs (which include all HKFRSs, HKASs and Interpretations), which are adopted for the first time in the current period.

So far the Group has concluded that the adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs, to the extent that they are relevant to the Group and which are expected to be reflected in the annual financial statements for the year ending 30 September 2009, would not have a significant impact on the Group's results of operations and financial position.

The Group has not early applied those new and revised HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective. The Directors anticipate that all of these pronouncements will be adopted in the Group's accounting policies for the first period beginning after the effective date of the pronouncements.

Among these new standards and interpretations, HKAS 1 (Revised) "Presentation of Financial Statements" is expected to materially change the presentation of the Group's financial statements. The amendments affect the presentation of owner changes in equity and introduce a statement of comprehensive income. The Group will have the option of presenting items of income and expenses and components of other comprehensive income either in a single statement of comprehensive income with subtotals, or in two separate statements (a separate income statement followed by a statement of comprehensive income). The amendment does not affect the financial position or results of the Group but will give rise to additional disclosures.

In addition, HKFRS 8 "Operating Segments" may result in new or amended disclosures. The Directors are in the process of identifying reportable operating segments as defined in HKFRS 8.

The Directors are currently assessing the impact of other new and amended HKFRSs upon initial application. So far, the Directors have preliminarily concluded that the initial application of these HKFRSs is unlikely to have a significant impact on the Group's results and financial position.

3. TURNOVER AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Business segments

The Group's principal activities are: the contract manufacturing of a wide range of power-related and electrical/electronic products ("Contract Manufacturing"); and the manufacturing, procurement and distribution of a broad line of hand, lawn and garden tools ("Tools"), magnetic tools and products and the provision of magnetic-based industrial solutions ("Magnetics") and metrology and measurement tools ("Metrology"). With the acquisition of Jade Precision Engineering Pte Ltd in July 2008, the Group's principal segments widened to encompass the manufacturing and distribution of stamped, etched and plated leadframes for the semi-conductor industry ("Leadframes"). Following the acquisition of Alford Industries Limited in January 2009 there has been a further expansion of the principal segments to include electronic consumer products ("Consumer Electronics"). These six business segments are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information. Segment information about these businesses is presented below.

For the six months ended 31 March 2009

	Contract Manufacturing	Tools	Metrology	Magnetics	Leadframes	Consumer Electronics	Elimination	Consolidated
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*	*HK$'000*	*HK$'000*	*HK$'000*	*HK$'000*	*HK$'000*	*HK$'000*
Turnover								
External sales	**120,223**	**227,452**	**56,218**	**38,402**	**35,099**	**16,302**	**—**	**493,696**
Inter-segment sales	**194**	**3,206**	**4,220**	**276**	**—**	**—**	**(7,896)**	**—**
	120,417	**230,658**	**60,438**	**38,678**	**35,099**	**16,302**	**(7,896)**	**493,696**
Segment (loss)/profit	**(12,615)**	**(2,176)**	**4,267**	**7,594**	**(7,401)**	**838**	**—**	**(9,493)**
Restructuring costs	**(3,200)**	**(717)**	**(123)**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**(4,040)**
Unallocated corporate expenses								**(3,369)**
Interest income								**425**
Share of results of an associate								**540**
Impairment loss on available -for-sale financial assets								**(3,813)**
Discount on acquisition of a subsidiary								**9,571**
Finance costs								**(8,289)**
Loss before tax								**(18,468)**
Income tax charge								**(1,480)**
Loss for the period								**(19,948)**

For the six months ended 31 March 2008

	Contract manufacturing *HK$'000*	Tools *HK$'000*	Metrology *HK$'000*	Magnetics *HK$'000*	Elimination *HK$'000*	Consolidated *HK$'000*
Turnover						
External sales	257,819	309,870	91,156	53,173	—	712,018
Inter-segment sales	—	3,942	1,752	297	(5,991)	—
	257,819	313,812	92,908	53,470	(5,991)	712,018
Segment profit	7,838	7,143	8,676	9,436	—	33,093
Restructuring costs	(1,665)	—	—	—	—	(1,665)
Unallocated corporate income and expenses						3,273
Interest income						1,798
Share of results of an associate						638
Gain on sale of a subsidiary						23
Finance costs						(6,547)
Profit before tax						30,613
Income tax charge						(10,745)
Profit for the period						19,868

Certain of the Group's divisions are subject to seasonal trading variations, most significantly the garden tool operations included within the Tools Division. Here, operations located in the northern hemisphere have sales concentrated in quarters 2 and 3. The impact of this is mitigated by the Tools Divisions' Australasian businesses whose garden operations record higher sales in quarters 1 and 2.

Geographical segments

The Group's operations are mainly located in Mainland China, Hong Kong, America, Mainland Europe, the United Kingdom ("UK"), Australasia and elsewhere in Asia. The following provides an analysis of the Group's turnover by geographical market, irrespective of the origin of the goods:

Turnover by geographical market

	Six months ended 31 March	
	2009	2008
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
	(unaudited)	*(unaudited)*
The People's Republic of China (the "PRC")		
Mainland China	**8,554**	22,878
Hong Kong	**10,949**	19,958
	19,503	42,836
United States of America, South America and Canada	**74,708**	105,884
Mainland Europe (excluding UK)	**136,846**	208,616
UK	**107,859**	180,916
Australasia	**85,660**	84,689
Asia (excluding Mainland China and Hong Kong)	**43,258**	55,340
Others	**25,862**	33,737
	493,696	712,018

4. FINANCE COSTS

Finance costs comprise:

	Six months ended 31 March	
	2009	2008
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
	(unaudited)	*(unaudited)*
Interest on interest-bearing bank borrowings and overdrafts wholly repayable within five years	**3,829**	5,890
Interest on obligations under finance leases	**629**	657
Interest on retirement benefit obligations	**3,831**	—
	8,289	6,547

5. DISCOUNT ON ACQUISITION OF A SUBSIDIARY

On 18 January 2009 the Company, through its UK based subsidiary, Bowers Group plc, entered into an agreement to acquire the entire share capital of Alford Industries Limited ("Alford"), a privately-owned company incorporated in Hong Kong and engaged in the design and manufacture of consumer electronic and wireless products. The consideration for the acquisition, excluding costs, amounted to HK$42,000,000 and was settled by HK$15,000,000 in cash and the issue of 100,000,000 ordinary shares of HK$0.10 in the Company at a market value (as determined by the share price as quoted on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange at close of business on 30 January 2009) of HK$27,000,000. The purchase was duly completed on 30 January 2009.

The discount on acquisition arose from purchasing Alford's net assets at approximately 83% of their fair value. This discount reflects the impact on the purchase price of the depressed nature of financial markets and the world-wide economic recession.

The acquired business contributed revenue of approximately HK$16.3 million and a net profit of approximately HK$0.7 million in the period from acquisition to 31 March 2009. If the acquisition had taken place on 1 October 2008, the Group's revenue for the period would have been approximately HK$533 million and the net loss for the period would have been approximately HK$24 million. This pro forma information is for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the revenue and results of the Group that would have been achieved had the acquisition been completed on 1 October 2008, nor is it intended to be a projection of future results.

The net assets acquired in the transaction and the discount on acquisition arising on the purchase are as follows:

	Acquiree's carrying amount before combination	**Fair value adjustments**	**Fair value**
	HK$'000	***HK$'000***	***HK$'000***
Net assets acquired:			
Property, plant and equipment	7,994	—	7,994
Inventories	14,879	—	14,879
Trade and other receivables	38,058	—	38,058
Cash and cash equivalents	12,266	—	12,266
Trade and other payables	(17,655)	(200)	(17,855)
Obligations under finance leases	(102)	—	(102)
Net taxation payable	1,130	(1,500)	(370)
Deferred taxation	(916)	—	(916)
	55,654	(1,700)	53,954
Discount on acquisition			(9,359)
Legal and professional fees			(2,595)
Less shares issued			(27,000)
Total consideration satisfied by cash			15,000
Net cash outflow arising on acquisition:			
Cash consideration paid			(15,000)
Legal and professional fees			(2,595)
Cash and cash equivalents acquired			12,266
			(5,329)

In addition to the HK$9,359,000 in respect of the discount on acquisition of Alford, a further HK$212,000 has been credited to the consolidated income statement relating to the acquisition of Jade Precision Engineering Pte Ltd ("JPE"), a company incorporated in Singapore, that was acquired by the Group on 28 July 2008. In the period to 31 March 2009, excess acquisition cost provisions of HK$212,000 have been credited to the consolidated income statement.

6. (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAX

	Six months ended 31 March	
	2009	2008
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
	(unaudited)	*(unaudited)*
The (loss)/profit before tax has been arrived at after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	**12,236**	15,107
Amortisation of other intangible assets	**173**	—
Impairment loss on available-for-sale financial assets	**3,813**	—
Impairment loss on trade receivables	**445**	2,209
Impairment loss on inventories	**2,549**	2,177
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments under operating leases	**9**	8
Share-based payment expenses in respect of share options granted	**—**	62
Retirement benefit plan expenses	**2,067**	4,681
(Gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	**(45)**	129
Restructuring costs	**4,040**	1,665
Fair value gains on derivative financial instruments	**—**	(3,225)
Interest income	**(425)**	(1,798)
Gain on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	**(92)**	—

7. INCOME TAX CHARGE

The income tax charge for the period comprises:

	Six months ended 31 March	
	2009	2008
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
	(unaudited)	*(unaudited)*
Current income tax:		
Hong Kong	**(531)**	—
Mainland China	**113**	368
United States of America	**—**	63
France	**495**	273
New Zealand	**235**	376
	312	1,080
Deferred tax	**1,168**	9,665
	1,480	10,745

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% (31 March 2008 - 17.5%) of the estimated assessable profits for the period. Taxation arising in other jurisdictions is provided on the estimated taxable profits arising in those jurisdictions at the prevailing local rates.

8. DIVIDENDS

Dividends attributable to the interim period:

	Six months ended 31 March	
	2009	2008
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
	(unaudited)	*(unaudited)*
Interim dividend declared and payable after the period end of 0.5 HK cents per ordinary share (2008 - 0.5 HK cents)	**4,100**	2,785

At a Board meeting held on 25 June 2009, the Directors announced the payment of an interim dividend of 0.5 HK cents per ordinary share for the six months ended 31 March 2009. This interim dividend will be distributed on or about 28 August 2009 to shareholders whose names are recorded on the register of members of the Company as at the close of business on 21 July 2009.

The interim dividend has not been recognised as a liability at the balance sheet date.

9. (LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic (loss)/earnings per share for the six month periods ended 31 March 2009 and 31 March 2008 is based on the (loss)/profit attributable to equity holders of the Company of HK$19,948,000 (31 March 2008 - a profit of HK$19,868,000) and the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 752,417,582 shares (31 March 2008 - 677,058,400). Diluted earnings per share have not been presented for the period from 1 October 2008 to 31 March 2009 because the exercise price of the Company's share options was higher than the average market price of the shares for the period. For the six months ended 31 March 2008, the calculation of the diluted earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company of HK$19,868,000 and the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 688,001,329. The relevant calculations are as follows:

(i) Weighted average number of ordinary shares

	31 March 2009	31 March 2008
	(unaudited)	*(unaudited)*
Issued ordinary shares at 1 October 2008 (note a)	**720,000,000**	677,058,400
Effect of new shares issued (note b)	**32,417,582**	—
Weighted average number of ordinary shares at 31 March 2009	**752,417,582**	677,058,400
Basic (loss) /earnings per share (HK$)	**(2.65) cents**	2.93 cents

(ii) Weighted average number of ordinary shares (diluted)

	31 March 2009 *(unaudited)*	31 March 2008 *(unaudited)*
Issued ordinary shares at 1 October 2008 (note a)	**—**	677,058,400
Effect of deemed issue of shares under the Company's share option scheme	**—**	10,942,929
Weighted average number of ordinary shares at 31 March 2009	**—**	688,001,329
Diluted earnings per share (HK$)	**N/A**	2.89 cents

Notes:

(a) The number of shares for 2008 includes the impact of the bonus issue of 1 bonus share for every 5 shares held, which was implemented in August 2008.

(b) Relates to consideration shares issued in respect of the acquisition of Alford on 30 January 2009 (see note 14).

10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment additions in the period amounted to HK$3,989,000 (31 March 2008 - HK$9,113,000). The additions in the period include HK$1,430,000 (31 March 2008 - HK$4,286,000) in relation to assets acquired under finance leases for which there is no cash flow included in the consolidated cash flow statement.

11. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade and other receivables of HK$249,398,000 (30 September 2008 - HK$311,232,000) include trade receivables of HK$229,540,000 (30 September 2008 - HK$284,605,000). At the reporting date, the aged analysis of trade receivables, which is stated after provisions for impairment, is as follows:

	31 March 2009 ***HK$'000*** ***(unaudited)***	30 September 2008 *HK$'000* *(audited)*
Due within 0-60 days	**206,482**	230,398
Due within 61-90 days	**8,442**	32,142
Due within 91-120 days	**6,570**	9,552
Greater than 120 days	**8,046**	12,513
	229,540	284,605

The Group allows credit periods ranging from 30 to 120 days to its trade customers depending on their credit status and geographical location. The Directors consider that the carrying amount of trade and other receivables approximates to their fair value.

Trade receivables that are past due but not impaired relate to a number of independent customers that have a good track record with the Group. Based on past and current experience, the Directors of the Company are of the opinion that no provision for impairment is necessary in respect of these balances as there has not been a significant change in credit quality.

12. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade and other payables of HK$215,528,000 (30 September 2008 - HK$296,177,000) include trade payables of HK$128,584,000 (30 September 2008 - HK$191,879,000). At the reporting date, the aged analysis of trade payables is as follows:

	31 March 2009	30 September 2008
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
	(unaudited)	*(audited)*
Due within 0-60 days	**105,861**	172,316
Due within 61-90 days	**6,019**	14,522
Greater than 90 days	**16,704**	5,041
	128,584	191,879

The Directors consider that the carrying amount of trade and other payables approximates to their fair value.

13. RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The Group operates a defined contribution retirement benefits scheme and a defined benefit plan. The details of the defined contribution retirement benefit scheme are consistent with those disclosed in the financial report of the Group for the year ended 30 September 2008. Details of the defined benefit plan are described as below.

The Group operates a contributory defined benefit pension plan covering certain of its employees in the UK based subsidiaries of Spear & Jackson (the "James Neill Pension Plan", the "Plan"). The benefits covered by the Plan are based on years of service and compensation history. The Plan's assets are held separately from the assets of the Group and are administered by the Plan's trustees and are managed professionally.

The last formal valuation of the Plan, for accounting valuation purposes, was carried out by the Group's actuary, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP at 30 September 2008. This valuation has been updated to 31 March 2009 for the purposes of this Report.

The Group's annual contributions to the Plan are £1.9 million (approximately HK$23 million) until 31 July 2010. Thereafter, contributions will rise to £3.65 million (approximately HK$44 million) for the following two years and will then revert to £3.25 million (approximately HK$39 million) for a further three and a half years. This contribution schedule may be subject to revision and amendment in future periods dependent on fluctuations, both favourable and adverse, in the actuarially determined value of Plan investments and liabilities and the financial strength and cash flow requirements of the Plan's sponsoring employers. Additionally, a charge has been executed in favour of the Plan representing 50% of the value of the Group's freehold land and buildings at Atlas Way, Sheffield, England.

The principal financial assumptions used for the purpose of the actuarial valuations of the Plan at 31 March 2009 and 30 September 2008 are detailed below:

	31 March 2009 ***(unaudited)***	30 September 2008 *(audited)*
Long term rate of increase in pensionable salaries	**2.70%**	3.50%
Rate of increase of benefits in payment (note a)	**2.30%**	3.10%
Rate of increase of benefits in payment (note b)	**2.10%**	2.80%
Discount rate	**6.80%**	7.50%
Inflation assumption	**2.50%**	3.30%
Expected return on equities	**n/a**	8.70%
Expected return on bonds	**n/a**	7.05%
Expected return on cash	**n/a**	5.00%

Notes:

(a) In respect of pensions in excess of the guaranteed minimum pension in the 1999 and 2001 sections of the Plan.

(b) In respect of guaranteed minimum pension earned after 6 April 1988.

The methodology and criteria underlying the calculation and setting of the assumptions at 31 March 2009 are consistent with those used to determine the comparable assumptions disclosed in the financial report of the Group for the year ended 30 September 2008.

The amount recognised in the consolidated balance sheet in respect of the Plan is as follows:

	31 March 2009	30 September 2008
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
	(unaudited)	*(audited)*
Fair value of Plan assets:		
Equities	**440,609**	602,009
Bonds	**423,903**	606,637
Cash	**3,339**	7,650
Insurance policies	**12,622**	16,732
	880,473	1,233,028
Present value of funded obligations	**(1,178,370)**	(1,473,599)
Net liability recognised in the balance sheet	**(297,897)**	(240,571)

Amounts recognised in the consolidated income statement in respect of the Plan are as follows:

	Six months ended 31 March	
	2009	2008
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
	(unaudited)	*(audited)*
Current service cost	**2,067**	4,681
Expected return on assets	**(36,486)**	(47,590)
Interest cost	**40,317**	47,999
	5,898	5,090

The charge for the period in respect of the current service cost is included in administrative costs in the consolidated income statement. The net excess or deficit of expected return on assets over interest cost is disclosed in interest income or finance costs, as appropriate.

Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligations are as follows:

	1 October 2008 to 31 March 2009	**1 April 2008 to 30 September 2008**	**1 October 2007 to 31 March 2008**
	HK$'000	***HK$'000***	***HK$'000***
	(unaudited)	***(unaudited)***	***(unaudited)***
At the beginning of the period	**1,473,599**	1,704,346	1,845,046
Currency realignment	**(292,696)**	(127,838)	(41,385)
Current service cost	**2,067**	4,290	4,676
Interest cost	**40,317**	52,489	53,152
Member contributions	**1,646**	2,347	2,475
Benefit payments	**(37,235)**	(52,702)	(41,341)
Actuarial gains	**(9,328)**	(109,333)	(118,277)
At the end of the period	**1,178,370**	1,473,599	1,704,346

Changes in the fair values of the Plan's assets

	1 October 2008 to 31 March 2009	**1 April 2008 to 30 September 2008**	**1 October 2007 to 31 March 2008**
	HK$'000	***HK$'000***	***HK$'000***
	(unaudited)	***(unaudited)***	***(unaudited)***
At the beginning of the period	**1,233,028**	1,437,848	1,567,847
Currency realignment	**(244,922)**	(106,859)	(35,325)
Employer contributions	**11,338**	15,431	14,323
Member contributions	**1,646**	2,347	2,475
Expected return on assets	**36,486**	53,026	53,794
Benefit payments	**(37,235)**	(52,702)	(41,341)
Actuarial losses	**(119,868)**	(116,063)	(123,925)
At the end of the period	**880,473**	1,233,028	1,437,848

The amount, before tax, recognised in the consolidated statement of recognised income and expense is as follows:

	Six months ended		
	31 March 2009	**30 September 2008**	**31 March 2008**
	HK$'000	***HK$'000***	***HK$'000***
	(unaudited)	***(unaudited)***	***(unaudited)***
Actuarial loss	**(110,540)**	(6,730)	(5,648)

The cumulative amount of actuarial losses, before tax, recognised in the consolidated statement of recognised income and expense, before tax, is HK$6,178,000 (30 September 2008 – HK$104,362,000 - gain).

The history of experience adjustments is as follows:

	31 March 2009	30 September 2008
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
	(unaudited)	*(audited)*
Present value of defined benefit obligation	**(1,178,370)**	(1,473,599)
Fair value of Plan assets	**880,473**	1,233,028
Deficit	**(297,897)**	(240,571)
Experience gain adjustment on Plan liabilities	**9,328**	227,610
Experience loss adjustment on Plan assets	**(119,868)**	(239,988)

The actuarial valuation showed that the market value of the Plan's assets at 31 March 2009 was HK$880,473,000 (30 September 2008 – HK$1,233,028,000) and that the actuarial value of these assets represented 75% (30 September 2008 - 84%) of the benefits that had accrued to members. The shortfall of HK$ 297,897,000 (30 September 2008 – HK$ 240,571,000) is to be cleared in accordance with a repayment and funding schedule compliant with current UK pensions legislation and determined after consultation with, and agreement by, the Trustees of the Plan. The current repayment schedule anticipates that the shortfall will be cleared in approximately 8 years, although this contribution schedule may be subject to amendment dependent on the agreement by the Trustees and the UK Pension Regulator.

14. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	Amount
		HK$'000
Ordinary shares of HK$0.10 each		
Authorised:		
At 31 March 2009 and 30 September 2008	1,500,000,000	150,000
Issued and fully paid		
At 1 October 2008	720,000,000	72,000
Consideration shares (note a)	100,000,000	10,000
At 31 March 2009	820,000,000	82,000

Note:

(a) On 30 January 2009 the Company, through its UK based subsidiary, Bowers Group plc, completed the acquisition of the entire share capital of Alford Industries Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong and engaged in the design and manufacture of consumer electronic and wireless products. The consideration for the acquisition, excluding costs, amounted to HK$42,000,000 and was settled by HK$15,000,000 in cash and the issue of 100,000,000 ordinary shares in the Company of HK$0.10 each at a market value of HK$27,000,000.

15. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

In April 2009 the Group concluded the re-negotiation of the banking facilities of the UK subsidiaries of Spear & Jackson. The current overdraft facility of £3,000,000 (approximately HK$35,000,000) was replaced with a £6,000,000 (approximately HK$70,000,000) composite facility comprising confidential invoice financing, an overdraft and a short-term loan. The new facility is secured by certain trade receivables of the UK trading subsidiaries of Spear & Jackson, by fixed and floating charges on the other assets and undertakings of Spear & Jackson and its UK trading subsidiaries, and by a first fixed charge on the Group's freehold properties in the United Kingdom.

The expanded facility will provide the UK group with additional funding flexibility to pursue a number of strategic initiatives.

Employees

At 31 March 2009 the Group had approximately 2,760 employees worldwide. The remuneration of employees is determined by overall guidelines for each category of employees, commensurate with qualification and experience and to take into account business performance, market practices and competitive market conditions. The Group has adopted a discretionary bonus program, share option scheme, medical insurance and personal accident insurance for certain categories of employees. Incentive awards for certain categories of employees are determined annually based on various criteria, including the performance of the Group as a whole and the careful assessment of the performance of each participating employee individually.

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Securities

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the period under review.

Pre-Emptive Rights

There is no provision for pre-emptive rights under the Company's Bye-laws although there are no restrictions against such rights under the laws in Bermuda.

Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee of the Company, currently comprising two independent non-executive Directors, Mr. Ramon Sy Pascual (Chairman) and Mr. Henry W Lim, and an executive director, Mr. Brian C Beazer, is responsible for advising the Board on the remuneration policy and framework for the Directors and senior management of the Company. The Committee also assists the Board to review and consider the Company's policy for the remuneration of all the executive Directors and senior management of the Company with reference to the Company's objectives from time to time.

Audit Committee

The members of the Audit Committee comprise three independent non-executive Directors, Mr. Henry W Lim (Chairman), Dr. Wong Ho Ching, Chris and Mr. Ramon Sy Pascual. Mr. Brian C Beazer, the Executive Chairman, is the non-voting secretary of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal control and financial reporting matters including the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 31 March 2009. The information in these interim results does not constitute statutory accounts.

Corporate Governance Practices

During the six months ended 31 March 2009, the Company has complied with the Code Provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "CCG") as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules except for the following deviations:

Under Code Provision A.2.1, the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer are both performed by Mr. Brian C Beazer. The Group considers the current structure provides the Group with strong consistent leadership in the development and execution of long-term business strategies, and will not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management. Both the Board and senior management of the Group have significantly benefited from the leadership, support and experience of Mr. Beazer. Therefore, the Board does not currently propose to separate the functions.

Under Code Provision A.4.1, non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term. Under Code Provision A.4.2, every director should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. Currently, non-executive Directors are not appointed for a specific term. This constitutes a deviation from Code Provision A.4.1. However, they are subject to retirement by rotation, at least once every three years, at each annual general meeting under the Bye-laws of the Company. As such, the Company considers that sufficient measures have been taken to ensure that the Company's corporate governance practices are no less than those in the CCG.

Model Code for Securities Transactions

The Company has adopted its own Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors and Officers (the "Company Code") on terms no less exacting than the required standard set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") under Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules. Subsequent to the 2009 Listing Rules Amendment, the Company has adopted the Model Code effective from 1 April 2009, as its own code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions. The Company confirms that, having made specific enquiry of all Directors, all Directors have complied with the required standards of dealing as set out in the Company Code in the six months ended 31 March 2009.

Full Details of Financial Information

The 2008/2009 Interim Report of the Company containing all the information required by paragraphs 37 to 44 inclusive of Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules will be published on the website of the Stock Exchange in due course.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

The following sets out the highlights of the financial results of United Pacific Industries Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 31 March 2009 with the comparative figures for the six months ended 31 March 2008.

	Six months ended 31 March		
	2009	2008	Change
	HK$ million	*HK$ million*	*HK$ million*
	(unaudited)	*(unaudited)*	
Turnover	**493.7**	712.0	(218.3)
Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation	**(4.5)**	49.8	(54.3)
Depreciation and amortisation	**(12.4)**	(15.1)	2.7
Operating (loss)/profit	**(16.9)**	34.7	(51.6)
Net finance costs	**(7.9)**	(4.7)	(3.2)
Impairment loss on available-for-sale financial assets	**(3.8)**	—	(3.8)
Share of results of an associate	**0.5**	0.6	(0.1)
Discount on acquisition of a subsidiary	**9.6**	—	9.6
(Loss)/profit before tax	**(18.5)**	30.6	(49.1)
Income tax charge	**(1.4)**	(10.7)	9.3
(Loss)/profit for the period	**(19.9)**	19.9	(39.8)
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company	**(19.9)**	19.9	(39.8)

GROUP OVERVIEW

Group Results

Over the past twelve months there have been significant adverse changes in world markets and UPI, like most other companies, has been operating in a global recessionary environment. The trading landscape can be unforgiving but UPI is not alone in facing these difficulties.

For the six months ended 31 March 2009, the Group recorded a turnover of HK$493.7 million, which represents a decrease of 31% when compared with the turnover of HK$712.0 million for the period ended 31 March 2008.

The Group sustained an operating loss (i.e. result before finance costs, share of associate's profits, other non-operating items and taxation) of HK$16.9 million in the six months ended 31 March 2009, a deterioration of HK$51.6 million compared to the operating profit of HK$34.7 million generated in the prior period.

The tax charge in the six months ended 31 March 2009 was HK$1.4 million (2008 – HK$10.7 million).

The loss attributable to equity holders of the Company was HK$19.9 million (2008 – profit of HK$19.9 million), a decrease of HK$39.8 million over the prior period.

Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at the balance sheet date, the Group had a net cash balance of HK$7.9 million. This comprised bank and cash balances of HK$51.3 million less certain bank overdrafts amounting to HK$43.4 million.

The Group's net asset value was HK$235.5 million, with a liquidity ratio (ratio of current assets to current liabilities) of 168.3% and a gearing ratio (ratio of net bank and other debt to net assets value) of 28.3%.

During the period, there was no material change in the Group's funding and treasury policy. At 31 March 2009, the Group had sufficient levels of banking facilities from its major bankers to finance working capital requirements.

Subsequent to the period end, the Group successfully concluded negotiations with HSBC, its principal bankers, to increase its UK banking facility from £3 million (HK$35 million) to £6 million (HK$70 million). This will provide the UK group with additional funding flexibility to pursue a number of strategic initiatives.

The Group is exposed to continuous fluctuations in currency values and raw material prices. These fluctuations can increase the costs of investing, financing and business operations. The Group manages the currency risks through the use of derivatives and other hedging operations. The Group adopts cautious financial measures to manage and minimize its exchange risk exposure and, in this regard, the Group has endeavored to use natural hedges, wherever possible, to match the currencies of its sales with those of its purchases in order to neutralize the effect of currency exposure, augmented, where necessary, by the execution of various forward exchange contracts. Furthermore, the Group also took appropriate financial actions to ensure that the borrowings in its Pantene group were primarily denominated in Hong Kong dollars, while its non-Hong Kong dollar loans were either directly tied in with the Group's business transactions that are denominated in those foreign currencies, or were matched by assets in the same foreign currencies.

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

The Board presents its report on the unaudited consolidated trading results for the half-year ended 31 March 2009.

GROUP RESULTS

Depressed half-year sales of HK$493.7 million resulted in a net loss of HK$19.9 million giving a loss per share of 2.65 HK cents.

The gross margin in the six months ended 31 March 2009 was 23.3% compared to a gross margin of 27.9% in the comparable period last year. The overall decline in gross margins has not applied to all divisions. While margins suffered in the Lead Frame Division, Contract Manufacturing and the UK, French and Australasian operations of the Tools Division as a result of adverse currency movements and increased sales incentives, other areas of the Group showed improvements as they were able to benefit from lower raw material prices, favourable sales mixes and other cost savings.

Within the context of a nervous worldwide business environment, the Group's principal business segments achieved mixed results. The Group's Contract Manufacturing and Lead Frame businesses were most hard hit. However, the Magnetics and Metrology divisions, together with the Tool Division's French, Australian and Robert Sorby operations, remained profitable. These latter results were achieved despite continuing cost pressures and adverse market pressures that have negatively impacted not only this Group but also manufacturers worldwide.

Management in the principal operating businesses has reacted swiftly and decisively to restructure individual companies' cost bases to take account of these demand downturns. Selling, distribution and administration costs have been reduced so that the Group's cost base is in line with current sales demand and reorganisation costs of HK$4.4 million were incurred in the period. Savings generated from these initiatives will arise mainly in the second half as the cuts and the impact of restructuring costs incurred in the period to 31 March 2009 take effect. This restructuring should leave these businesses well placed to benefit from market improvements as, and when, these arise.

DIVISIONAL RESULTS

TOOLS DIVISION

Neill Tools Ltd/Spear & Jackson Garden Products Ltd

The UK Hand and Garden business has continued to find the trading environment highly competitive. Commodity and raw material prices showed reductions but these benefits were diluted by adverse currency movements as a result of weak sterling and unfavourable sales mixes.

In the UK, sales were 15% down on the prior year driven by the significant downturn within the retail and trade channels. The impact of the shortfalls was mitigated by an export sales performance that was in line with the previous year.

Continuing focus remains on reducing the division's cost base (particularly overheads) and controlling cash. Price increases are being pursued vigorously across the entire division to mitigate volume shortfalls and adverse currency movements on product supplies.

Emphasis continues to be placed on the launch of new and innovative products in order to recover lost sales and profitability.

Robert Sorby

Sales at Robert Sorby are marginally ahead of the equivalent period in 2008. Reduced sales volumes in quarter 1, attributable to the weak retail environment in the pre-Christmas period, were offset by a much stronger performance in quarter 2 of the year. This has been the result of focused activity in the UK and the benefit of weak sterling in overseas markets.

Sales in the USA have been particularly strong, aided by the much lower level of Sterling in relation to the US dollar. The business has worked closely with its existing customer network to develop individual promotional activity. This approach will be mirrored in the UK.

The operation's own retail store goes from strength to strength. It, too, suffered in the pre-Christmas period but since then has performed on budget. The store is now the premier outlet of its type in the UK and it is beginning to add overseas mail order business on the back of a weak UK currency.

Spear & Jackson France / Australasia

Margins in the French garden business were adversely affected by discount incentives offered to major customers but sales volumes have held up well despite a depressed retail economy. Poor sales in October and February were offset by a strong March performance (23% higher than in the same month last year) and margins in the month also showed improvements as a result of price increases and procurement savings. The sales and margin trends evident in March are expected to continue into Quarter 3.

In Australia, year to date sales were marginally higher than those recorded for the same period last year. The increase in turnover is attributable to increased sales of air tools, compressors, masonry, hand tool and garden products when compared to sales in the comparable period in the previous year. However, these sales gains were partially offset by lower sales of metals products due to the reduced production volumes within the Australian automotive sector on declining demand. To counteract the impact of the economic slowdown on the core business, a number of new business initiatives have been implemented and product releases scheduled that will deliver incremental sales gains commencing in quarter 3 of this year.

The New Zealand operation's sales were 15% lower than those generated in the same period last year. The decrease in sales is attributable to lower sales of hand tools and air tools due to the loss of air tool business with a major NZ retailer and reduced promotional activity in a declining retail market.

Australian gross margins were maintained despite being adversely impacted by increased Far Eastern supplier costs and currency losses that have not been fully passed on to the retail market due to competitor activity. In New Zealand, margins were also down on the previous year. This dilution was principally attributable to changes within the sales and customer mix of the business and a weaker NZD when compared to the previous year.

MAGNETICS DIVISION

Despite the adverse economic environment, the Magnetics Division continues to perform well with sales only marginally less than last year. Margins have benefited thanks to a shift in sales mix to higher margin engineered products.

Overall, year to date sales were 4% less than last year. Engineered products were 14% better than last year but this over-performance was offset by the core division, which was 14% down.

Sales in the UK market were 4% higher than last year with Engineered products compensating for under budget performance in the core division. The increase in the Engineered Products division was driven by the Separation product group. Emphasis continues to be placed on the Food Processing sector to deliver year on year growth within a recessionary environment.

Export sales were 11% down on last year with the standard products range heaviest hit.

Gross margins were 1% better than last year with a favourable sales mix compensating for adverse currency movements.

METROLOGY DIVISION

A decline in the order book over quarter 2 resulted in year to date sales being 15% behind last year. The worst hit area was export sales with orders running at less than half of last year's level. This decline was attributable to the division's top five export customers all implementing inventory reduction programs. The two worst performing markets were the USA and Germany, which normally account for almost 50% of the overall export business.

Margins year to date have, however, held up well, running slightly ahead of last year. An elimination of overtime labour and a reduction in outsourcing have contributed to the improvement. Additionally, there has been less pricing pressure than expected because the weakening of Sterling has reduced buying prices for many of our major export customers.

With the downturn in orders, steps were taken in January to reduce the workforce and other overheads within the business. Manning in the UK was reduced by 15 people (15% of the total) and the remainder of the shop-floor workforce was reduced to a 4-day week. Overheads continue to be closely monitored and, in the six months to 31 March 2009, are HK$1.8 million less than in the same period last year.

The outlook for quarter 3 and beyond is poor, mainly because of the reduced order book (74% down on the prior period) and the fact that many of our export markets remain subdued (sales anticipated to be 40% down year on year). Further steps will be taken to reduce costs in line with falling demands.

CONTRACT MANUFACTURING DIVISION (THE PANTENE GROUP)

Compared with last year, sales from October 2008 to March 2009 showed a decrease of HK$137.4 million (53%) from HK$257.8 million to HK$120.4 million. The sales outlook for quarter 3 shows some improvement.

In Pantene, pressures remain on margins but the adverse effects were mitigated by falls in the price of copper and other key components. Further savings will be levered by labour reductions that have been effected in the period.

Management has reacted swiftly to realign the division's cost base with current demand levels and has taken various measures to control overhead costs, including a major retrenchment plan.

COMPUTER LEAD FRAMES DIVISION (JADE PRECISION ENGINEERING)

The acquisition of Jade was completed in July 2008 and the Group's results in the six months ended 31 March 2008 do not, therefore, include any trading in respect of this company.

With regard to the current period under review, sales levels are materially down compared to prior year levels as a result of significant downturns in the world-wide semi conductor market.

This situation is not unique to Jade but is a widespread market phenomenon. As with Pantene, prompt management action has been taken to reduce the workforce so that the ongoing company cost base is in line with current demand forecasts. In addition, short time working, staggered working hours and plant shutdowns will lever further savings. Workforce levels will continue to be monitored closely.

Competition is strong across all product sectors and margins are accordingly under threat. Raw material prices, particularly those for copper and silver, which have previously been subject to sharp upward price movements, have, however, stabilised. This should offer some margin shortfall mitigation in future months as the benefits of these material price savings crystallise.

Overhead costs have been reduced or eliminated wherever possible. Additionally, the company has benefited from a salary credit system operated by the Singapore Government which will apply for twelve months from January 2009.

CONSUMER ELECTRONICS DIVISION (ALFORD INDUSTRIES)

The purchase of Alford Industries Limited was completed on 30 January 2009. The purchase price represented a substantial discount to net tangible assets and, after allowing for estimated impairments and other write-downs, a discount on acquisition of approximately HK$9.4 million was recorded.

The two months trading in February and March that have been included in the consolidated results contributed HK$0.8 million of operating profit and cash flow was in line with forecast.

Post acquisition reviews are currently underway in order to identify potential synergies and also to identify opportunities for intra group trading.

REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

The six months ended 31 March 2009 had to bear the economic fallout from the Lehman Bros and AIG collapses that created the worst trading conditions in living memory. Many companies experienced a 50% or greater decline in sales. UPI's sales and earnings deterioration are therefore neither unique nor greater than the norm.

In the half year the Group sustained post tax losses of HK$19.9 million and the Group's operating cash utilisation was approximately HK$25.2 million. In the circumstances, this is a satisfactory outturn, especially when it is considered that this outflow contains pension contributions of approximately HK$11.3 million, which were not capable of reduction, and reorganisation expenditure of HK$10.7 million.

Management in the principal operating businesses has reacted swiftly and decisively to restructure individual companies' cost bases to take account of these demand downturns. This restructuring should leave these businesses well placed to benefit from market improvements as, and when, these arise. This process is ongoing and significant additional key reorganisation initiatives and overhead reviews are underway to secure further cost savings.

We have a degree of confidence that all our subsidiaries, with the possible exception of Metrology (with its presence in the capital goods sector), are now beginning to benefit from improvements in economies worldwide. Our Chairman, supported by his experienced team of divisional managing directors, anticipates, barring unforeseen circumstances, that we will return to profitability with improving economic conditions.

Interim Dividend

In our reports for the half year ended 31 March 2008 and for the year ended 30 September 2008 we declared dividends of 0.5 HK cents in respect of both periods. The Directors intend to continue this dividend policy and are therefore pleased to declare an interim dividend of 0.5 HK cents per share for the half-year ended 31 March 2009 payable to shareholders whose names are on the Registers of Members as at 21 July 2009. The interim dividend will be paid on or about 28 August 2009.

Closure of Register of Members

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 17 July 2009 to Tuesday, 21 July 2009 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers of shares, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited, at 26/F Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 16 July 2009. The last day for the shares to trade cum dividend is Tuesday, 14 July 2009. The shares will trade ex-dividend on Wednesday, 15 July 2009.

By order of the Board
United Pacific Industries Limited
Brian C Beazer
Executive Chairman

Hong Kong, 25 June 2009

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are: Mr. Brian C Beazer, Mr. David H Clarke, Mr. Simon N Hsu and Mr. Patrick J Dyson; the non-executive director is Mr. Teo Ek Tor; the independent non-executive directors are: Dr. Wong Ho Ching, Chris, Mr. Henry W Lim, Mr. Ramon Sy Pascual and Mr. Robert B Machinist.