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CHEN HSONG HOLDINGS LIMITED

震雄集團有限公司

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 00057)

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
	For the six months ended 30 September		
	2009	2008	Change
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS (HK\$'000)			
Revenue	777,356	1,168,267	-33%
Profit before tax	59,288	134,135	-56%
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company	45,962	113,763	-60%
Total assets	3,173,989	3,290,050	-4%
Shareholders' funds	2,366,321	2,394,592	-1%
Issued share capital	62,917	62,883	0%
Net current assets	1,234,494	1,280,155	-4%
PER SHARE DATA			
Basic earnings per share (HK cents)	7.3	18.1	-60%
Cash dividends per share (HK cents)	2.0	2.0	0%
Net assets per share (HK dollars)	3.8	3.8	0%
KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS			
Return on average shareholders' funds (%)	2.0	4.8	-58%
Return on average total assets (%)	1.5	3.6	-58%

INTERIM RESULTS

The board of directors (the "Board") of Chen Hsong Holdings Limited (the "Company") announces that the unaudited consolidated profit attributable to equity holders of the Company for the six months ended 30 September 2009 amounted to HK\$45,962,000, representing a decrease of 60% as compared with the profit attributable to equity holders of HK\$113,763,000 for the corresponding period last year. Basic earnings per share for the six months ended 30 September 2009 was HK7.3 cents, a decrease of 60% over the corresponding period in 2008 of HK18.1 cents. These unaudited interim results have been reviewed by the Company's Audit Committee.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT*For the six months ended 30 September 2009*

		Six months ended	
		30 September	
		2009	2008
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	<i>Notes</i>	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
REVENUE	2	777,356	1,168,267
Cost of sales		(598,479)	(875,063)
Gross profit		178,877	293,204
Other income and gains, net		12,308	16,876
Selling and distribution expenses		(66,034)	(120,978)
Administrative expenses		(50,356)	(72,160)
Other operating income/(expenses), net		(17,308)	18,739
Finance costs		(905)	(2,684)
Share of profits less losses of associates		2,706	1,138
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	3	59,288	134,135
Tax	4	(13,296)	(18,412)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		45,992	115,723
ATTRIBUTABLE TO:			
Equity holders of the Company		45,962	113,763
Minority interests		30	1,960
		45,992	115,723
DIVIDEND - INTERIM	5	12,583	12,577
EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY	6		
Basic (<i>HK cents</i>)		7.3	18.1
Diluted (<i>HK cents</i>)		7.3	18.1

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME*For the six months ended 30 September 2009*

	Six months ended	
	30 September	
	2009	2008
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	45,992	115,723
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	12,681	4,634
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	58,673	120,357
ATTRIBUTABLE TO:		
Equity holders of the Company	58,628	117,952
Minority interests	45	2,405
	58,673	120,357

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2009

		30 September 2009 (Unaudited) Notes HK\$'000	31 March 2009 (Audited) HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		778,237	771,742
Prepaid land lease payments		54,879	55,735
Goodwill		94,931	94,931
Interests in associates		17,503	14,780
Available-for-sale equity investments		124,057	124,057
Deferred tax assets		69,616	74,321
Deposits for purchases of items of property, plant and equipment		18,468	17,499
Total non-current assets		1,157,691	1,153,065
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories		596,711	704,309
Trade and bills receivables	7	576,260	516,082
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables		50,507	66,297
Cash and bank balances		792,820	445,590
Total current assets		2,016,298	1,732,278
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and bills payables	8	458,883	276,572
Other payables and accruals		265,483	194,122
Bank loans, unsecured		37,409	37,864
Tax payable		20,029	12,462
Total current liabilities		781,804	521,020
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,234,494	1,211,258
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,392,185	2,364,323
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Deferred tax liabilities		12,136	12,169
NET ASSETS		2,380,049	2,352,154
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company			
Issued share capital		62,917	62,883
Reserves	9	2,303,404	2,275,588
Minority interests		2,366,321	2,338,471
Total equity		2,380,049	2,352,154

NOTES:**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The unaudited condensed interim financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard (“HKAS”) 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and Appendix 16 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”).

The accounting policies and basis of preparation adopted in the preparation of these condensed interim financial statements are consistent with those set out in the Group’s audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009, except that the Group has adopted, for the first time for the current period’s financial statements, the following new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”), HKASs and Interpretations (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “New HKFRSs”) issued by the HKICPA that are effective for the annual periods commencing on or after 1 January 2009:

HKFRS 1 and HKAS 27 Amendments	Amendments to HKFRS 1 First-time Adoption of HKFRSs and HKAS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements – Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate
HKFRS 2 Amendments	Amendments to HKFRS 2 Share-based Payment – Vesting Conditions and Cancellations
HKFRS 7 Amendments	Amendments to HKFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Improving Disclosures about Financial Instruments
HKFRS 8	Operating Segments
HKAS 1 (Revised)	Presentation of Financial Statements
HKAS 23 (Revised)	Borrowing Costs
HKAS 32 and HKAS 1 Amendments	Amendments to HKAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation and HKAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements – Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation
HK(IFRIC) - Int 9 and HKAS 39 Amendments	Amendments to HK(IFRIC) – Int 9 Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives and HKAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement – Embedded Derivatives
HK(IFRIC) - Int 13	Customer Loyalty Programmes
HK(IFRIC) - Int 15	Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate
HK(IFRIC) - Int 16	Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation

Apart from the above, the HKICPA has issued Improvements to HKFRSs* which sets out amendments to a number of HKFRSs primarily with a view to removing inconsistencies and clarifying wording.

* Improvements to HKFRSs issued in October 2008 contain amendments to HKFRS 5, HKFRS 7, HKAS 1, HKAS 8, HKAS 10, HKAS 16, HKAS 18, HKAS 19, HKAS 20, HKAS 23, HKAS 27, HKAS 28, HKAS 29, HKAS 31, HKAS 34, HKAS 36, HKAS 38, HKAS 39, HKAS 40 and HKAS 41. Except for the amendment to HKFRS 5 which is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009, other amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009 although there are separate transitional provisions for each standard.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Except for the adoption of HKAS 1 (Revised) and HKFRS 8 resulted in new or amended disclosures, the adoption of the above New HKFRSs has had no significant financial effect on these condensed interim financial statements and there have been no significant changes to the accounting policies applied in these condensed interim financial statements.

HKAS 1 (Revised) introduces changes in the presentation and disclosures of financial statements. The revised standard separates owner and non-owner changes in equity. The statement of changes in equity includes only details of transactions with owners, with all non-owner changes in equity presented as a single line. In addition, this standard introduces the statement of comprehensive income, with all items of income and expense recognized in profit or loss, together with all other items of recognized income and expense recognized directly in equity, either in one single statement, or in two linked statements. The Group has elected to present two statements.

HKFRS 8 which replaces HKAS 14 “Segment Reporting” and specifies how an entity should report information about its operating segments, based on information about the components of the entity that is available to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of allocating resources to the segments and assessing their performance. The standard also requires the disclosure of information about the products and services provided by the segments, the geographical areas in which the Group operates, and revenue from the Group’s major customers. The adoption of the standard has no effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Group. It does, however, result in certain changes in the presentation and disclosures of notes to financial statements.

The HKICPA has also issued a number of new and revised HKFRSs which are not yet effective for the current reporting period. The Group has not early adopted those new and revised HKFRSs in these condensed interim financial statements.

The Group has already commenced an assessment of the impact of these new and revised HKFRSs but is not yet in a position to state whether these new and revised HKFRSs would have a significant impact on its results of operations and financial position.

2. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Revenue, which is also the Group’s turnover, represents the net invoiced value of goods sold during the period, after allowances for returns and trade discounts, excluding intra-group transactions.

The Group is principally involved in the manufacture and sale of plastic injection moulding machines and related products and manages its businesses by geographical areas. Upon adoption of HKFRS 8 “Operating Segments” and in a manner consistent with the way in which information is reported internally to the Group’s chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resources allocation and performance assessment, the Group has identified three reportable operating segments. There were no significant sales between the reportable operating segments.

2. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION *(continued)*

In accordance with HKFRS 8, segment information disclosed in the interim financial report has been prepared in a manner consistent with the information used by the Group's chief operating decision maker for the purpose for assessing segment performance and allocating resources between segments. In this regards, the Group's chief operating decision maker monitors the results attributable to each reportable operating segment on the following base:

Revenue and expenses are allocated to the reportable operating segments with reference to the geographical location of customers.

Information regarding the Group's reportable operating segments as provided to the Group's chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resources allocation and assessment of segment performance for the period is set out below.

	Segment revenue from external customers		Segment results	
	Six months ended		Six months ended	
	30 September		30 September	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Mainland China and Hong Kong	559,054	707,438	60,235	99,107
Taiwan	56,330	154,894	290	14,646
Other overseas countries	161,972	305,935	7,293	44,427
	<u>777,356</u>	<u>1,168,267</u>	<u>67,818</u>	<u>158,180</u>

Reconciliation of results of reportable operating segments to profit before tax is as follows:

Reportable operating segment results	67,818	158,180
Unallocated income and gains	1,785	1,156
Corporate and unallocated expenses	(12,116)	(23,655)
Finance costs	(905)	(2,684)
Share of profits less losses of associates	2,706	1,138
Profit before tax	<u>59,288</u>	<u>134,135</u>

3. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Group's profit before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Six months ended	
	30 September	
	2009	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cost of inventories sold	598,479	875,063
Depreciation	29,914	30,324
Recognition of prepaid land lease payments	929	950
Loss/(gain) on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment	(59)	16
Write-back of provision for inventories, net	(17,116)	(5,229)
Interest income	(1,785)	(1,156)

4. TAX

Hong Kong profits tax has not been provided as the Group did not generate any assessable profits arising in Hong Kong for the period (2008: Nil). Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the countries/jurisdictions in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

	Six months ended	
	30 September	
	2009	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current:		
Charge for the period		
Hong Kong	-	-
Elsewhere	9,132	17,246
Under/(over) provision in prior periods	(5)	274
Deferred	4,169	892
Tax charge for the period	13,296	18,412

5. DIVIDENDS

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2009	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Final dividend in respect of the previous financial year, approved and paid during the interim period, of HK\$0.05 (2008: HK\$0.174) per ordinary share	31,442	108,964
Additional final dividend due to exercise of share options	-	453
	<u>31,442</u>	<u>109,417</u>
Interim dividend declared after the interim period end of HK\$0.02 (2008: HK\$0.02) per ordinary share	<u>12,583</u>	<u>12,577</u>

6. EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the Group's profit attributable to equity holders of the Company for the period of HK\$45,962,000 (2008: HK\$113,763,000) and on the weighted average number of 628,870,103 (2008: 628,359,054) ordinary shares in issue during the period.

The calculation of diluted earnings per share is based on the Group's profit attributable to equity holders of the Company for the period of HK\$45,962,000 (2008: HK\$113,763,000) and on the weighted average number of 628,973,555 (2008: 629,127,143) ordinary shares, being the weighted average number of 628,870,103 (2008: 628,359,054) ordinary shares in issue during the period as used in the basic earnings per share calculation and the weighted average number of 103,452 (2008: 768,089) ordinary shares assumed to have been issued at no consideration on the deemed exercise of all share options outstanding during the period.

7. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES

Trading terms with customers are either cash on delivery, bank bills or on credit. Customers are granted credit at the discretion of the Group, subject to their respective business strength and creditability. The average credit period is about 60 days. The Group adopts strict control policies over credit terms and receivables that serve to minimize credit risk.

In view of the aforementioned and the fact that the Group's trade and bills receivables relate to a large number of diversified customers, there is no significant concentration of credit risk. Trade and bills receivables are non-interest-bearing.

The aged analysis of the trade and bills receivables that are not considered to be impaired is as follows:

	30 September	31 March
	2009	2009
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current (neither past due nor impaired)	385,615	335,172
Less than 90 days past due	106,534	67,482
91 to 180 days past due	24,943	48,536
Over 180 days past due	59,168	64,892
	576,260	516,082

8. TRADE AND BILLS PAYABLES

An ageing analysis of the trade and bills payables as at the balance sheet date is as follows:

	30 September	31 March
	2009	2009
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current	396,252	77,000
1 to 90 days	38,292	48,354
91 to 180 days	9,430	121,595
Over 180 days	14,909	29,623
	458,883	276,572

The trade and bills payables are non-interest-bearing.

9. RESERVES

	<i>HK\$'000</i>
As at 1 April 2008	2,318,240
Profit for the period	113,763
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	4,189
Total comprehensive income for the period	117,952
Issue of new shares	4,920
Equity-settled share option arrangements	14
Final dividend for the year ended 31 March 2008	(109,417)
As at 30 September 2008	2,331,709
As at 1 April 2009	2,275,588
Profit for the period	45,962
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	12,666
Total comprehensive income for the period	58,628
Issue of new shares	630
Final dividend for the year ended 31 March 2009	(31,442)
As at 30 September 2009	2,303,404

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved to declare an interim dividend of HK2.0 cents (2008: HK2.0 cents) per ordinary share for the six months ended 30 September 2009 to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company at the close of business on Monday, 4 January 2010. The interim dividend declared will be paid on or about Wednesday, 13 January 2010.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 30 December 2009 to Monday, 4 January 2010, 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 and transfer forms must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrars in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, at 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 29 December 2009.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

During the six months ended 30 September 2009, the Group registered a decline in total turnover of 33% to HK\$777 million (2008: HK\$1,168 million). Profit attributable to equity holder dropped by 60% to HK\$46 million (2008: HK\$114 million) as compared with the same period of last year. Basic earnings per share also dropped by 60% to HK7.3 cents (2008: HK18.1 cents). The Board has resolved to declare an interim dividend of HK2.0 cents (2008: HK2.0 cents) per share.

The global financial tsunami which started in September 2008 has been termed "once in a century" and "the more serious financial crisis since the Great Depression in the United States". Global economic situation deteriorated rapidly from the very beginning of the crisis, with the U.S. and European markets in rapid shrinkage, a collapse of credit on a global scale, an avalanche of large corporate bankruptcies, and spectacular failures (and subsequent government takeovers) of huge financial institutions. Mainstream economic viewpoints during that time were almost entirely pessimistic, expecting the long crisis to last anywhere from one to three years.

The Group promptly put in place a series of emergency measures – which included credit tightening, inventory reductions, manufacturing slowdown, appropriate reductions in capacity as well as downsizing the manufacturing ranks – with an aim to preserve enough cash to weather this "economic winter," widely expected to last between one to three years. All these measures were progressively implemented during late 2008 and early 2009.

Internal consumption activities in China recovered during the first half of this financial year, benefiting from the Chinese Government's timely RMB4 trillion stimulus package and a sequence of industry support policies (e.g. rural subsidies for appliances and autos, automotive tax breaks). As a result, China became the poster child among all world economies with GDP growth for the first three quarters of 2009 maintaining at 7.7%. Chinese policy leaders also adopted a "stable and relatively rapid" model for near-term internal economic development while insisting on meeting the 8% GDP growth target.

The China domestic market started exhibiting signs of strong recovery ever since May of this year. Although the export sector continues to be extremely weak, domestic consumption (especially in automotive sector) has picked up strongly to become the leading driver of economic activities, which in turn created internal demand for injection moulding machines. Since mid-year, as “China Saves The World” begins to gain traction, some economic analysts started reversing their own forecasts and viewpoints made only half a year ago and to predict a short recession instead – some even to the point of declaring an end of the recession and the start of global recovery.

In the meantime, the Group’s financial health is even stronger at the end of this half-year than at the end of March 2009, with cash on hand close to HK\$800 million. Sensing a sea change in market sentiments and the rapid rise of China’s domestic economic activities, the Group immediately reacted and started increasing manufacturing capacity again in order to satisfy market demand. Nevertheless, it is a long and laborious process to ramp up capacity, to restart supply chains, and to recruit and train adequate new workers. Should the China economy continue its current positive trend of development, the Group expects to raise manufacturing capacity back to levels similar to those before the financial crisis by the end of this financial year (i.e. before March 2010).

MARKET ANALYSIS

Breakdown of turnover, based on the location of customers, for the six months ended 30 September 2009 is as follows:

Customer Location	2009 (HK\$ million)	2008 (HK\$ million)	Change
Mainland China and Hong Kong	559	707	-21%
Taiwan	56	155	-64%
Other overseas countries	162	306	-47%
	777	1,168	-33%

The China market diverged towards two extremes during the first half of this financial year. Firstly, the Chinese Government introduced a RMB4 trillion stimulus package in late 2008 to combat the global financial crisis, most of which were implemented in early 2009. The moderately relaxed monetary policy, coupled with numerous stimulus packages to create internal demand, fueled a rapid increase in domestic economic activity, which was particularly pronounced in automotive and real estate-related industries (e.g. household appliances).

On the other hand, due to protracted weakness in the U.S. and European economies, China exports continued to decline and most export-oriented industries continued to be in dire straits. As export-oriented customers historically formed the Group’s primary customer segment, its shortfall could not be fully compensated despite new sales turnover from domestic demand. As a result, the Group’s China sales dropped by 21% compared to the same period of last year.

Taiwan customers were severely hit by the financial crisis as they are primarily exporters to the U.S. and European markets, with sales turnover declined by 64% compared to same period of last year. The Group does not expect Taiwan sales to improve until the U.S. and European

economies emerged from recession and consumption growth resumed.

International markets are basically the same story, with most countries, few excepted, sustaining full impacts from the global financial crisis and therefore the Group's international sales turnover declined by 47% year-on-year. However, certain countries that early on saw significant fluctuations in currency exchange rates seemed to be improving during recent months, particularly after the current U.S. Dollar weakness and stabilizing world currency markets, yielding new orders for the Group.

MANUFACTURING EFFICIENCY AND CAPACITY

The Group focused its energies in cash preservation during the early stages of the global financial crisis, aiming to weather through a difficult period which would last over one year. Some of the emergency measures put in place for working capital control – such as inventory reduction, reduction of excessive manufacturing capacity, reducing raw materials procurement etc. – were implemented successfully and were reflected in the Group's strong statement of financial position.

As at the end of this financial half-year, the Group had managed to ramp up its manufacturing capacity to around 60% of peak capacity, but still far below the levels before the financial crisis. The Group has decided to redouble its efforts during the second half-year, and target reaching similar peak capacity level by March 2010.

NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND NEW PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT

During the first half-year, the Group completed the commercialization of two key technologies: two platen large-tonnage injection moulding machines, and high-precision, high-energy-saving servo-driven large-tonnage injection moulding machines (SVP-series). New 3,600 to 4,000-ton models were introduced for the two-platen series – an industry first in China, currently the largest for locally-manufactured “true” two-platen designs.

Ever since the launch of the Group's SVP-series of servo-driven injection moulding machines several years ago, it has gained popularity in the marketplace with significant increases in sales volume. During this half-year, the Group extended this energy-saving technology to large- and ultra-large-tonnage machines, from 650-ton to 2,600-ton, to complete the entire range of this popular series to make a better fulfillment of all demands from customers.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

As at 30 September 2009, the Group had net current assets of HK\$1,234 million (2008: HK\$1,280 million), which represented a 4% decrease over last year. Included in the net current assets were the cash and bank balances of HK\$793 million (2008: HK\$320 million), an increase of HK\$473 million over last year, and the bank loans of HK\$37 million (2008: HK\$185 million), a decrease of HK\$148 million. The bank loans were short-term with floating interest rates for payments to suppliers in Japanese yen.

It is the policy of the Group to adopt a consistently prudent financial management strategy, sufficient liquidity is maintained with appropriate levels of borrowings to meet the funding

requirements of the Group's investments and operations.

CHARGE ON ASSETS

As at 30 September 2009, the bills receivables of certain subsidiaries operating in Mainland China of HK\$11 million (2008: Nil) have been pledged for securing certain bills payables issued by financial institutions in Mainland China.

As at 30 September 2009, the bank deposits of certain subsidiaries operating in Mainland China of HK\$45 million (2008: Nil) have been pledged for securing certain bills payables issued by financial institutions in Mainland China.

As at 30 September 2009, the bank deposits of certain subsidiaries operating in Mainland China of HK\$28 million (2008: HK\$30 million) have been pledged for securing certain loans granted by certain financial institutions in Mainland China to certain third parties.

TREASURY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group adopts a prudent and centralized approach in managing its funding. Funds, primarily denominated in Hong Kong dollars, U.S. dollars and Renminbi, are normally placed with banks in short to medium term deposits for working capital of the Group.

As at 30 September 2009, the Group had total foreign currency borrowings equivalent to HK\$37 million (2008: HK\$35 million). The Group, from time to time, assesses the risk exposure on certain volatile foreign currencies and has it covered in appropriate manners to minimize the risk.

HUMAN RESOURCES

As at 30 September 2009, the Group, excluding its associates, had approximately 2,600 (2008: 3,800) full-time employees. The Group offers good remuneration and welfare packages to its employees and maintains market-competitive pay levels. Employees are rewarded based on individual as well as the results performance of the Group. Share options of the Company are granted to selected employees of the Group for rewarding and retaining talents.

The Group conducts regular programmes, including comprehensive educational and professional training, and social activities counselling, to its employees to enhance staff quality, standards of professional knowledge and teamwork spirit.

OUTLOOK OF THE SECOND HALF

The current consensus forecast of leading economists and financial experts is a “weak recovery” for the U.S. and Europe, but rather divided for China. Some economic experts believe that China will “lead the world out of recession” while others believe that China, with internal consumption still relatively immature, has created an asset bubble from lax monetary policies which may be due for a significant correction.

The Group, therefore, adopts a cautious but aggressive attitude towards the future. It will do its best to capture any emerging market opportunities.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company has complied with all the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules throughout the six months ended 30 September 2009, except for Code Provision A.4.2, as the chairman and managing director of the Company shall not be required to retire by rotation according to the provision contained in the Chen Hsong Holdings Limited Company Act, 1991 of Bermuda.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE AND THE CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by directors (the “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”) contained in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules. The Company, having made specific enquiry of all directors, confirms that the directors have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code and the Code for the period under review.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the listed securities of the Company during the six months ended 30 September 2009.

REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

The Audit Committee has reviewed with the Management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal controls and financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 September 2009.

By Order of the Board
Chen CHIANG
Chairman

Hong Kong, 25 November 2009

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Dr. Chen CHIANG, Ms. Lai Yuen CHIANG, Mr. Chi Kin CHIANG, Mr. Stephen Hau Leung CHUNG and Mr. Sam Hon Wah NG and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Johnson Chin Kwang TAN, Mr. Anish LALVANI, Mr. Bernard Charnwut CHAN and Mr. Michael Tze Hau LEE.