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PAK FAH YEOW INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

白花油國際有限公司*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock code: 239)

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

The board of directors of Pak Fah Yeow International Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred as the “Group”) for the six months ended 30 June 2012.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Six months ended 30 June 2012

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2012	2011
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	<i>Notes</i>	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Turnover	3	72,029	58,337
Other revenue		412	563
Changes in inventories of finished goods		(493)	488
Raw materials and consumables used		(14,874)	(13,925)
Staff costs		(12,369)	(11,358)
Depreciation expenses		(1,052)	(893)
Net exchange (loss) gain		(71)	568
Other operating expenses		(14,803)	(14,702)
Profit from operations before fair value changes of financial assets through profit or loss and of investment properties		28,779	19,078

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2012	2011
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	<i>Notes</i>	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Net gain (loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		338	(350)
Revaluation surplus in respect of investment properties		8,690	13,506
Revaluation deficit in respect of investment properties		(2,394)	–
Profit from operations		35,413	32,234
Finance costs	4	(556)	(587)
Profit before taxation	4	34,857	31,647
Taxation	5	(4,631)	(2,779)
Profit for the period, attributable to owners of the Company		<u>30,226</u>	<u>28,868</u>
Other comprehensive income			
Change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets		1,031	–
Revaluation surplus in respect of leasehold land and buildings, net of tax effect of HK\$3,835,000 (2011: HK\$3,837,000)		19,409	19,417
Exchange difference arising from translation of financial statements of overseas subsidiaries		950	4,307
Exchange difference arising from translation of inter-company balances with overseas subsidiaries		(528)	(2,186)
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax, attributable to owners of the Company		<u>20,862</u>	<u>21,538</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period, attributable to owners of the Company		<u>51,088</u>	<u>50,406</u>
Earnings per share			
Basic and diluted	7	<u>11.6 cents</u>	<u>11.1 cents</u>

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 June 2012

		At 30 June 2012 (unaudited) HK\$'000	At 31 December 2011 (audited) HK\$'000
	Notes		
Non-current assets			
Investment properties	8	225,273	218,104
Property, plant and equipment	8	228,429	205,750
Available-for-sale financial assets		9,868	8,261
		<u>463,570</u>	<u>432,115</u>
Current assets			
Inventories		12,267	15,524
Trade and other receivables	9	36,358	28,410
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		28,745	22,838
Pledged bank deposits		8,810	13,585
Bank balances and cash		26,179	6,455
		<u>112,359</u>	<u>86,812</u>
Current liabilities			
Bank borrowings, secured		56,899	72,321
Current portion of deferred income		59	40
Trade and other payables	10	27,516	12,585
Tax payable		4,443	304
Dividends payable		24,576	5,368
		<u>113,493</u>	<u>90,618</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(1,134)</u>	<u>(3,806)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>462,436</u>	<u>428,309</u>

	At 30 June 2012 (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	At 31 December 2011 (audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
<i>Notes</i>		
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term portion of deferred income	8,644	5,958
Provision for long service payments	949	788
Provision for directors' retirement benefits	10,632	10,139
Deferred taxation	27,407	23,556
	47,632	40,441
NET ASSETS	414,804	387,868
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	12,985	12,985
Share premium and reserves	401,819	374,883
TOTAL EQUITY	414,804	387,868

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Six months ended 30 June 2012

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (“Listing Rules”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Stock Exchange”) and the Hong Kong Accounting Standard (“HKAS”) 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”). They do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011 (“2011 annual accounts”).

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment properties, leasehold land and buildings, available-for-sale financial assets and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, which are measured at fair value.

The accounting policies and basis of preparation adopted in these condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those used in the preparation of the 2011 annual accounts.

The new/revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRS”), which collective term includes all individual HKFRS, HKAS and Interpretations issued by the HKICPA, that are effective from the current period does not have any significant effect on the financial position or performance of the Group.

At the date of authorisation of these condensed consolidated financial statements, the HKICPA has issued a number of new/revised HKFRS that are not yet effective for the current period. The Group is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these HKFRS is expected to be in the period of initial application. So far it is concluded that the adoption of them is unlikely to have a significant impact on the Group’s results of operations and financial position.

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the chief operating decision maker – the executive directors for making strategic decisions. The Group’s operating businesses are structured and managed separately according to the nature of their operations. The Group is currently organised into three operating businesses as follows:

- a) Manufacturing and sale of Hoe Hin Brand of products.
- b) Property investment.
- c) Treasury investment.

Each of the Group’s operating businesses represents a strategic business unit subject to risks and returns that are different from those of the other operating business.

For the purposes of assessing the performance of the operating segments and allocating resources between segments, the executive directors assess segment profit or loss before income tax without allocation of finance costs, directors' emoluments, and central administration costs and the basis of preparing such information is consistent with that of the consolidated financial statements.

Business segment

	Manufacturing and sales of Hoe Hin Brand of products (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Property investment – rental income (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Treasury investment – interest income (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Consolidated (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Six months ended 30 June 2012				
Revenue from external customers	66,700	5,151	178	72,029
Segment results	30,211	10,411	778	41,400
Unallocated corporate expenses				(5,987)
Profit from operations				35,413
Finance costs				(556)
Profit before taxation				34,857
Taxation				(4,631)
Profit for the period				30,226

	Manufacturing and sales of Hoe Hin Brand of products (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Property investment – rental income (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Treasury investment – interest income (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Consolidated (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Six months ended 30 June 2011				
Revenue from external customers	53,362	4,585	390	58,337
Segment results	19,120	17,408	980	37,508
Unallocated corporate expenses				(5,274)
Profit from operations				32,234
Finance costs				(587)
Profit before taxation				31,647
Taxation				(2,779)
Profit for the period				28,868

Geographical information

	Hong Kong	Other regions in the PRC	Southeast Asia	North America	United Kingdom	Europe (excluding United Kingdom)	Others	Consolidated
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Six months ended 30 June 2012								
Revenue from external customers	<u>47,109</u>	<u>12,516</u>	<u>8,580</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>3,611</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>72,029</u>
Geographical results	<u>29,340</u>	<u>4,334</u>	<u>6,430</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>1,166</u>	<u>(97)</u>	<u>(59)</u>	<u>41,243</u>
Unallocated corporate expenses								<u>(5,830)</u>
Profit from operations								<u>35,413</u>
Finance costs								<u>(556)</u>
Profit before taxation								<u>34,857</u>
Taxation								<u>(4,631)</u>
Profit for the period								<u><u>30,226</u></u>

	Hong Kong	Other regions in the PRC	Southeast Asia	North America	United Kingdom	Europe (excluding United Kingdom)	Others	Consolidated
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Six months ended 30 June 2011								
Revenue from external customers	<u>30,565</u>	<u>14,296</u>	<u>7,736</u>	<u>2,472</u>	<u>3,209</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>58,337</u>
Geographical results	<u>21,823</u>	<u>3,773</u>	<u>4,949</u>	<u>864</u>	<u>5,523</u>	<u>419</u>	<u>(29)</u>	<u>37,322</u>
Unallocated corporate expenses								<u>(5,088)</u>
Profit from operations								<u>32,234</u>
Finance costs								<u>(587)</u>
Profit before taxation								<u>31,647</u>
Taxation								<u>(2,779)</u>
Profit for the period								<u><u>28,868</u></u>

Certain corporate expenses can be allocated by geographical regions but cannot be allocated by business segment.

4. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012	2011
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
This is stated after charging (crediting):		
(a) Finance costs		
Interest on bank loans, overdrafts and other borrowings wholly repayable within five years	393	406
Interest on bank loan wholly repayable more than five years	163	181
	<u>556</u>	<u>587</u>
	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012	2011
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(b) Other items		
Cost of inventories	21,447	19,894
Dividend income from listed securities	(337)	(509)
Net gain on disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	12	—
	<u>12</u>	<u>—</u>

5. TAXATION

Hong Kong Profits Tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2011: 16.5%) of the estimated assessable profits for the period. Overseas taxation has been provided on the estimated assessable profits for the period at the rates of taxation prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

The charge comprises:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012	2011
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current tax		
Hong Kong Profits Tax	3,922	2,157
Overseas tax	693	606
	<u>4,615</u>	<u>2,763</u>
Deferred tax		
Origination of temporary differences	16	16
	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
	<u>4,631</u>	<u>2,779</u>

6. DIVIDENDS

Dividends attributable to the previous financial year, approved and paid during the period

At the board meeting held on 27 March 2012, the directors proposed a final dividend of HK6.2 cents per share totalling HK\$16,101,000 for the year ended 31 December 2011 (year ended 31 December 2010: HK6.2 cents per share totalling HK\$16,101,000) and no special final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2011 (year ended 31 December 2010: HK2.5 cents per share totalling HK\$6,493,000), which had been reflected as an appropriation of accumulated profits. Upon the approval by shareholders on 28 June 2012, the appropriation was transferred to dividends payable.

Dividends attributable to the period

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012 (unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (unaudited) HK\$'000
First interim dividend	8,051	7,791
Second interim dividend	4,675	4,675
	12,726	12,466

On 28 June 2012, the directors declared the first interim dividend of HK3.1 cents per share totalling HK\$8,051,000 (2011: HK3 cents per share totalling HK\$7,791,000 declared on 28 June 2011), which is payable to the shareholders on the register of members of the Company on 10 August 2012.

On 31 August 2012, the directors declared the second interim dividend of HK1.8 cents per share totalling HK\$4,675,000 (2011: HK1.8 cents per share totalling HK\$4,675,000 declared on 25 August 2011), which is payable to the shareholders on the register of members of the Company on 12 October 2012.

7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to owners of the Company for the period of HK\$30,226,000 (2011: HK\$28,868,000) and the 259,700,000 (2011: 259,700,000) ordinary shares in issue during the period.

Diluted earnings per share equals to basic earnings per share as there were no potential dilutive ordinary shares outstanding during the two periods ended 30 June 2011 and 2012.

8. MOVEMENTS IN INVESTMENT PROPERTIES AND PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The Group's investment properties situated in Hong Kong and leasehold land and buildings situated in Hong Kong were stated at fair value as at 30 June 2012 as estimated by the directors with reference to the valuation provided by independent professional valuers. The Group recorded a surplus on revaluation of the investment properties situated in Hong Kong of HK\$8,690,000 during the period (2011: HK\$11,630,000), which was recognised in the profit from operations. In addition, the Group recorded a surplus on revaluation of the leasehold land and buildings situated in Hong Kong of HK\$23,244,000 during the period (2011: HK\$23,254,000), which was recognised in the properties revaluation reserve.

On the other hand, the Group's investment properties situated in London, the United Kingdom were also stated at fair value as at 30 June 2012 as estimated by the directors with reference to the valuation provided by independent professional valuers, resulted in a deficit on revaluation of HK\$2,394,000 during the period (2011: surplus of HK\$1,876,000), which was recognised in the profit from operations. During the period, the Group also recorded a surplus on exchange realignment of HK\$873,000 (2011: HK\$3,969,000) on the investment properties situated in the United Kingdom which was recognised as part of the exchange difference arising from translation of financial statements of overseas subsidiaries in the exchange reserve.

In the opinion of the directors, the change in fair value of the Group's investment properties situated in the Singapore for the period was not material to the results of the Group.

9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	At 30 June 2012 (unaudited) HK\$'000	At 31 December 2011 (audited) HK\$'000
Trade receivables	34,096	20,978
Bills receivables	566	4,656
Other receivables		
Deposits, prepayments and other debtors	<u>1,696</u>	<u>2,776</u>
	<u>36,358</u>	<u>28,410</u>

The Group allows credit period ranging from 30 days to 240 days to its customers. The ageing analysis of trade receivables by invoice date is as follows:

	At 30 June 2012 (unaudited) HK\$'000	At 31 December 2011 (audited) HK\$'000
Within 30 days	10,249	20,977
31 – 60 days	18,871	1
61 – 90 days	4,976	–
	<u>34,096</u>	<u>20,978</u>

10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	At 30 June 2012 (unaudited) HK\$'000	At 31 December 2011 (audited) HK\$'000
Trade payables	2,698	2,866
Other payables		
Accrued charges and other creditors	9,798	9,719
Advance receipt from customers	15,020	–
	<u>24,818</u>	<u>9,719</u>
	<u>27,516</u>	<u>12,585</u>

The ageing analysis of trade payables is as follows:

	At 30 June 2012 (unaudited) HK\$'000	At 31 December 2011 (audited) HK\$'000
Within 30 days	1,047	1,522
31 – 60 days	604	1,012
61 – 90 days	370	190
More than 90 days	677	142
	<u>2,698</u>	<u>2,866</u>

11. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

Certain of the Group's leasehold land and buildings, investment properties, bank deposits and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss were pledged to secure banking facilities, including bank borrowings, granted to the Group to the extent of HK\$94,509,000 (31 December 2011: HK\$93,544,000), of which HK\$56,899,000 (31 December 2011: HK\$72,321,000) were utilised at the end of the reporting period.

The carrying amounts of the Group's pledged assets are as follows:

	At 30 June 2012 (unaudited) HK\$'000	At 31 December 2011 (audited) HK\$'000
Leasehold land and buildings	95,000	87,000
Investment properties	103,889	105,410
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	27,932	22,007
Bank deposits	8,810	13,585
	<u>235,631</u>	<u>228,002</u>

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In addition to the transactions/information disclosed elsewhere in these financial statements, during the period, the Group had the following transactions with related parties.

	Six months ended 30 June 2012 (unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (unaudited) HK\$'000
Compensation paid to key management personnel, including directors:		
– Salaries and other benefits	5,900	5,537
– Contributions to defined contribution plan	24	30
Royalty paid to a director (<i>Note</i>)	<u>125</u>	<u>125</u>

Note:

On 8 September 2009, a subsidiary, Hoe Hin Pak Fah Yeow Manufactory, Limited (the "Subsidiary") entered into an agreement to acquire certain trademarks relating to White Flower Embrocation registered in Malaysia and Singapore (the "Trademarks") from Mr. Gan Wee Sean at a total consideration of HK\$19,600,000 which is payable by 70 equal annual instalments of HK\$280,000 each. The completion of the transaction is subject to obtaining notices of assignment to be issued by the Malaysia and Singapore Trade Mark Offices. Before the completion of the transaction, the Subsidiary continues licensing the use of the Trademarks at an annual royalty payment of HK\$250,000.

13. CAPITAL COMMITMENT

In 2007, the Group entered into a master agreement with a bank to invest in a private equity fund with commitment of maximum capital injection of US\$1 million (*equivalent to HK\$7.8 million*). As at 30 June 2012, US\$786,000 (*equivalent to approximately HK\$6,129,000*) (31 December 2011: US\$706,000 (*equivalent to approximately HK\$5,507,000*)) was called and paid up. Since the commitment period ended on 31 December 2011, the remaining US\$214,000 (*equivalent to approximately HK\$1,671,000*) (31 December 2011: US\$294,000 (*equivalent to approximately HK\$2,293,000*)) would only be payable under limited situations stipulated in the master agreement.

14. OUTSTANDING LITIGATION

In 2011, the mother and a sister of one of the executive directors of the Company made a claim against three Taiwan registered companies (together the “Defendant”), claiming that the Defendant has no right to use the English and Chinese names and the portrait of Mr. Gan Geok Eng, the founder of our core product Hoe Hin Whiteflower Embrocation, as trade marks and to sell any products associated with such trade marks in Taiwan. There have been several hearings held in respect of the case up to 30 June 2012 and the related legal expenses incurred and borne by the Group in 2011 amounted to HK\$129,000 and no such expense was incurred during the period ended 30 June 2012. Despite that the Group is not a party of the litigation, i.e. neither a plaintiff nor a defendant, and the litigation is not initiated by the Group, management considers that the litigation is brought for the interest of the Group and if won, the Group’s interest would be protected. Therefore, the Board of Directors of the Company has approved that the Group should bear the costs and expenses in relation to the case. Although the final outcome of the case is still uncertain at the moment, the financial impact is not expected to be significant to the Group.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW

Results Overview

For the six months ended 30 June 2012, the Group's turnover increased by 23.5% to HK\$72,029,000 (2011: HK\$58,337,000) mainly due to increased contributions from sales of Hoe Hin brand of products, slightly offset by decreased contributions from treasury investment.

Net revaluation surplus of the Group's investment properties for the period was HK\$6,296,000 (2011: HK\$13,506,000), including a deficit of HK\$2,394,000 (2011: a surplus of HK\$1,876,000) which related to the Group's investment properties in the United Kingdom.

Net profit for the six months ended 30 June 2012 increased by 4.7% to approximately HK\$30,226,000 (2011: HK\$28,868,000).

The revaluation of other properties, which has been accounted for as other comprehensive income, has resulted in a revaluation surplus (net of tax) in this period of HK\$19,409,000 (2011: HK\$19,417,000).

Total comprehensive income attributable to owners for the six months ended 30 June 2012 was approximately HK\$51,088,000 (2011: HK\$50,406,000).

Manufacturing and sales of Hoe Hin Brand of products

Sales of Hoe Hin brand of products (the "Hoe Hin Products") increased by 25.0% to HK\$66,700,000 (2011: HK\$53,362,000).

Hong Kong remained the major market of the Hoe Hin Products which accounted for about 68.4% (2011: 54.9%) of the segment revenue. Mainland China accounted for about 18.7% (2011: 26.8%). Other than Mainland China, North America and Indonesia, contributions from other regions were more than the same period last year. In particular, sales in Hong Kong surged about 55% in anticipation of increasing prices of the Hoe Hin Products. Such increase in sales should not be used as projection for the sales of whole year. Sales in Mainland China, however, declined about 45% as restructuring process carried out for better inventory management and control as disclosed in the chairman's statement for 2011. Sales in the United States slowed down during the period for maintaining a healthy stock level of the distributor.

Segment profit increased by 58.0% to HK\$30,211,000 (2011: HK\$19,120,000), mainly due to increased contributions from Hong Kong and Philippines, partly offset by increased production costs during the period.

Property investment

Revenue for this segment increased by 12.3% to HK\$5,151,000 (2011: HK\$4,585,000). This change mainly represents increased rental income from the Group's investment properties in Hong Kong and the United Kingdom as a result of rent review, partly offset by decreased average exchange rate in translating rental income derived in the United Kingdom.

Net revaluation surplus in respect of the Group's investment properties of HK\$6,296,000 (2011: HK\$13,506,000) was recognised for the period.

As a result, the segment profit decreased by 40.2% to HK\$10,411,000 (2011: HK\$17,408,000).

The Group owns several investment properties in the United Kingdom, Singapore and Hong Kong. Rental income received from these properties will continue to provide a steady stream of turnover and profit for the Group.

Treasury investment

Revenue derived from this segment decreased by 54.4% to HK\$178,000 (2011: HK\$390,000), primarily due to less interest income earned from debt securities. The segment results decreased to a profit of HK\$778,000 (2011: HK\$980,000), mainly attributable to unfavourable changes in exchange rates of bank deposits denominated in foreign currencies and decreased interest income as aforesaid, partly offset by favourable movement in fair value changes on listed investments.

Finance costs

The decrease of HK\$31,000 (5.3%) to HK\$556,000 was mainly due to lower bank loan balances.

Taxation

There was an increase in taxation of HK\$1,852,000 to HK\$4,631,000 for the period, principally due to increased taxable operating profits of subsidiaries in Hong Kong for the period.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND TREASURY POLICIES

The Group continues to adhere to prudent treasury policies. Gearing ratio (interest-bearing borrowings divided by total shareholders funds) as at 30 June 2012 was 13.7% (31 December 2011: 18.6%). Total bank borrowings of the Group amounted to HK\$56.9 million (31 December 2011: HK\$72.3 million), mainly denominated in Pound Sterling, Japanese Yen, United States Dollars and Hong Kong Dollars with floating interest rates.

Current ratio (current assets divided by current liabilities) was 0.99 as at 30 June 2012 (31 December 2011: 0.96).

EXCHANGE RATE EXPOSURES

Most of the Group's business transactions were conducted in Hong Kong dollars and United States dollars. Certain rental income is derived in the United Kingdom and denominated in Pound Sterling. As at 30 June 2012, the Group's debt borrowings were mainly denominated in Pound Sterling, Japanese Yen, United States Dollars and Hong Kong Dollars. The Group also had equity securities denominated in foreign currencies.

The Group considers there is no significant exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations for United States dollars as long as the Hong Kong-United States dollar exchange rate remains pegged. Other than United States dollars whose exchange rate remained relatively stable during the period, the Group's foreign exchange exposure relating to investments in overseas securities and bank balances as at 30 June 2012 were approximately HK\$26.3 million (31 December 2011: HK\$22.3 million) in total, or about 4.6% (31 December 2011: 4.3%) of the Group's total assets. The Group was also exposed to foreign exchange rate changes (net of the underlying debts borrowings) of approximately HK\$70.0 million (31 December 2011: HK\$69.2 million) relating to properties investments in the United Kingdom.

Debts borrowings were either denominated in Hong Kong Dollars or the currencies of the underlying pledged assets. Net foreign exchange exposure, being foreign assets denominated in Japanese Yen in excess of their underlying debt borrowings, was approximately HK\$2.6 million (31 December 2011: HK\$1.1 million).

PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 30 June 2012, certain of the Group's leasehold land and buildings, investment properties, bank deposits and securities with carrying value of approximately HK\$235.6 million (31 December 2011: HK\$228.0 million) were pledged to secure banking facilities granted to the Group to the extent of HK\$94.5 million (31 December 2011: HK\$93.5 million), of which HK\$56.9 million (31 December 2011: HK\$72.3 million) were utilised as at 30 June 2012.

HUMAN RESOURCES

As at 30 June 2012, the Group had a total of 87 (31 December 2011: 95) employees. Fringe benefits such as tuition subsidies and medical allowances are offered to most employees. The Company has a share option scheme for the benefit of its directors and eligible employees of the Group until 26 June 2012. No option has been granted under the scheme since its adoption.

OUTLOOK

The restructuring of inventory management in the Mainland China is still underway and the sales there are expected to be slowed down or suspended in the second half of the year. The progress on the distributorship in Vietnam is expected to be postponed, pending satisfactory review of the potential distributor. Despite comparably less impact than last year, inflationary pressure and rising wages still pose strong challenges to operating overheads. We will monitor it closely to protect margins through cautious pricing strategy and effective cost management.

The present uncertain global economic conditions will continue. Property markets in Hong Kong and London, United Kingdom, however, are expected to remain stable in general. The performance of our existing property leasing would continue to be steady during the second half of the year.

SECOND INTERIM DIVIDEND

The directors resolved to declare a second interim dividend of HK1.8 cents per share in respect of the year ending 31 December 2012 payable to the shareholders on the register of members of the Company on 12 October 2012. The second interim dividend will be dispatched to the shareholders on or about 30 November 2012.

CLOSING OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members will be closed from Tuesday, 9 October 2012 to Friday, 12 October 2012, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the second interim dividend, all completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong share registrar, Tricor Standard Limited at 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 8 October 2012.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the period, there were no purchase, sale or redemption by the Company, or any of its subsidiaries, of the Company's listed shares.

CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company has complied with the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (effective until 31 March 2012) and the Corporate Governance Code (effective from 1 April 2012) ("CG Code") as set out in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Listing Rules") for the six months ended 30 June 2012 except the following deviation.

Code provision A.2.1 stipulates that the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Gan Wee Sean, the Chairman of the board, was appointed as the acting Chief Executive Officer on 21 April 2008 and the Chief Executive Officer on 1 September 2011. Although these two roles are performed by the same individual, certain responsibilities are shared with

executive director to balance the power and authority. In addition, all major decisions are made in consultation with members of the board as well as senior management. The board has three independent non-executive directors who offer different independent perspectives. Therefore, the board is of the view that there are adequate balances of power and safeguards in place. The board would review and monitor the situation on a regular basis and would ensure that the present structure would not impair the balance of power in the Company.

One Independent Non-executive Director did not attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 28 June 2012 due to other commitment. This constitutes a deviation from the code provision of A.6.7 of the CG Code which requires, inter alia, independent non-executive directors and other non-executive directors to attend general meetings.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (“the Model Code”) as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding directors’ securities transactions. Having made specific enquiry of all directors, the directors have confirmed compliance with the required standard set out in the Model Code during the six months ended 30 June 2012.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company comprises the three independent non-executive directors of the Company, and meets at least twice each year. The interim financial report of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2012 has been reviewed by the audit committee. At the request of the directors, the interim financial statements have also been reviewed by the Company’s auditor, Mazars CPA Limited, in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410 “Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity” issued by the HKICPA and an unmodified review report has been issued, which will be included in the interim report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As at the date of this announcement, (i) the executive directors of the Company are Messrs. Gan Wee Sean and Gan Fock Wai, Stephen; and (ii) the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Ms. Ada Wong Ying Kay, Mr. Arnold Ip Tin Chee and Mr. Leung Man Chiu, Lawrence.

By Order of the Board
Pak Fah Yeow International Limited
Gan Wee Sean
Chairman

Hong Kong, 31 August 2012

* *For identification purpose only*