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HONG KONG RESOURCES HOLDINGS COMPANY LIMITED

香港資源控股有限公司

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability
and carrying on business in Hong Kong as HKRH China Limited)*
(Stock code: 2882)

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Hong Kong Resources Holdings Company Limited (the “**Company**”) announces the unaudited interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “**Group**”) for the six months ended 31 December 2013 (the “**Period**”).

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 31 December 2013

		6 months ended 31 December 2013 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	6 months ended 31 December 2012 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
	<i>Notes</i>		
Turnover	3	852,677	1,645,070
Cost of sales		(625,365)	(1,308,365)
Gross profit		227,312	336,705
Other income		22,878	11,527
Selling expenses		(196,495)	(222,484)
General and administrative expenses		(86,771)	(74,345)
Impairment loss on trade receivables recognised		(710)	—
Other operating expenses		(10,606)	(13,431)

		6 months ended 31 December 2013 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	6 months ended 31 December 2012 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
	<i>Notes</i>		
(Loss) profit from operations		(44,392)	37,972
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments		4,601	428
Finance costs	4	(28,467)	(32,424)
Share of results of associates		(1,302)	(1,673)
Share of results of joint ventures		(13)	(3,158)
(Loss) profit before taxation	5	(69,573)	1,145
Taxation	6	(344)	(18,236)
Loss for the period		(69,917)	(17,091)
Other comprehensive income:			
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange difference arising on translation		4,380	9,036
Total comprehensive expense for the period		(65,537)	(8,055)
Loss for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		(69,720)	(17,091)
Non-controlling interests		(197)	—
		(69,917)	(17,091)
Total comprehensive expense for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		(65,340)	(8,055)
Non-controlling interests		(197)	—
		(65,537)	(8,055)
Loss per ordinary share	8		
Basic		(HK\$0.023)	(HK\$0.008)
Diluted		(HK\$0.023)	(HK\$0.008)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2013

		31 December 2013 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	30 June 2013 HK\$'000 (Audited)
	Notes		
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		64,290	72,570
Deposits for acquisition of property, plant and equipment		5,693	3,368
Other receivables and deposits paid	9	12,714	16,887
Loan to related parties		101,657	98,746
Settlement options in relation to the loan to related parties		26,211	26,211
Intangible assets		172,386	171,186
Goodwill		5,274	—
Interests in associates		—	6,217
Interests in joint ventures		3,526	3,539
Derivative financial asset		4,601	—
Deferred tax assets		13,979	—
		410,331	398,724
Current assets			
Inventories		782,278	874,618
Trade and other receivables and deposits paid	9	211,521	270,389
Loan receivable		63,283	—
Amount due from a joint venture		963	1,442
Amount due from an associate		26,400	10,347
Tax recoverable		127	10,610
Pledged bank deposits		413,497	302,171
Bank balances and cash		110,187	122,639
		1,608,256	1,592,216

		31 December 2013 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	30 June 2013 HK\$'000 (Audited)
	<i>Notes</i>		
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables, accruals and deposits received	10	310,623	296,373
Amounts due to joint ventures		3,767	3,592
Amount due to a non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary		439	—
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		22,285	49,923
Convertible bonds	11	—	223,910
Obligations under finance leases		242	232
Bank and other borrowings		597,485	585,329
Gold loans	12	363,923	129,059
Tax liabilities		6,797	8,293
		1,305,561	1,296,711
Net current assets		302,695	295,505
Total assets less current liabilities		713,026	694,229
Non-current liabilities			
Bank and other borrowings		54,505	18,768
Obligations under finance leases		256	389
Deferred tax liabilities		42,233	37,888
		96,994	57,045
NET ASSETS		616,032	637,184
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	13	31,711	29,541
Reserves		580,200	611,089
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		611,911	640,630
Non-controlling interests		4,121	(3,446)
TOTAL EQUITY		616,032	637,184

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 31 December 2013

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments that are measured at fair values.

Except as described below, the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2013 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2013.

Application of new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards

In the current interim period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following new or revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) issued by the HKICPA that are relevant for the preparation of the Group’s condensed consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2009-2011 Cycle
Amendments to HKFRS 7	Disclosures – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities
Amendments to HKFRS 10, HKFRS 11 and HKFRS 12	Consolidated Financial Statements, Joint Arrangements and Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities: Transition Guidance
HKFRS 10	Consolidated Financial Statements
HKFRS 11	Joint Arrangements
HKFRS 12	Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities
HKFRS 13	Fair Value Measurement
HKAS 19 (as revised in 2011)	Employee Benefits
HKAS 27 (as revised in 2011)	Separate Financial Statements
HKAS 28 (as revised in 2011)	Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures
HK(IFRIC) – Int 20	Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine

Except as described below, the application of the new and revised HKFRSs in the current interim period has had no material effect on the amounts reported in these condensed consolidated financial statements and/or disclosures set out in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

New and revised standards on consolidation, joint arrangements, associates and disclosures

In the current interim period, the Group has applied for the first time the package of five standards on consolidation, joint arrangements, associates and disclosures comprising HKFRS 10 “Consolidated Financial Statements”, HKFRS 11 “Joint Arrangements”, HKFRS 12 “Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities”, HKAS 27 (as revised in 2011) “Separate Financial Statements” and HKAS 28 (as revised in 2011) “Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures”, together with the amendments to HKFRS 10, HKFRS 11 and HKFRS 12 regarding transitional guidance.

HKAS 27 (as revised in 2011) is not applicable to the Group as it deals only with separate financial statements.

The impact of the application of these standards is set out below.

Impact of the application of HKFRS 10

HKFRS 10 replaces the parts of HKAS 27 “Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements” that deal with consolidated financial statements and HK(SIC) – Int 12 “Consolidation – Special Purpose Entities”. HKFRS 10 changes the definition of control such that an investor has control over an investee when (a) it has power over the investee, (b) it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and (c) has the ability to use its power to affect its returns. All three of these criteria must be met for an investor to have control over an investee. Previously, control was defined as the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. Additional guidance has been included in HKFRS 10 to explain when an investor has control over an investee.

The application of HKFRS 10 did not have significant impact on amounts reported in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Impact of the application of HKFRS 11

HKFRS 11 replaces HKAS 31 “Interests in Joint Ventures”, and the guidance contained in a related interpretation, HK(SIC) – Int 13 “Jointly Controlled Entities – Non-Monetary Contributions by Venturers”, has been incorporated in HKAS 28 (as revised in 2011). HKFRS 11 deals with how a joint arrangement of which two or more parties have joint control should be classified and accounted for. Under HKFRS 11, there are only two types of joint arrangements – joint operations and joint ventures. The classification of joint arrangements under HKFRS 11 is determined based on the rights and obligations of parties to the joint arrangements by considering the structure, the legal form of the arrangements, the contractual terms agreed by the parties to the arrangement, and, when relevant, other facts and circumstances. A joint operation is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement (i.e. joint operators) have rights to the assets, and obligations for the liabilities, relating to the arrangement. A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement (i.e. joint venturers) have rights to the net assets of the arrangement. Previously, HKAS 31 had three types of joint arrangements – jointly controlled entities, jointly controlled operations and jointly controlled assets. The classification of joint arrangements under HKAS 31 was primarily determined based on the legal form of the arrangement (e.g. a joint arrangement that was established through a separate entity was classified as a jointly controlled entity).

The initial and subsequent accounting of joint ventures and joint operations are different. Investments in joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method (proportionate consolidation is no longer allowed). Investments in joint operations are accounted for such that each joint operator recognises its assets (including its share of any assets jointly held), its liabilities (including its share of any liabilities incurred jointly), its revenue (including its share of revenue from the sale of the output by the joint operation) and its expenses (including its share of any expenses incurred jointly). Each joint operator accounts for the assets and liabilities, as well as revenues and expenses, relating to its interest in the joint operation in accordance with the other applicable standards.

The directors reviewed and assessed the classification of the Group’s interests in joint arrangements in accordance with the requirements of HKFRS 11. The directors concluded that the Group’s interests in joint arrangements, which were classified as jointly controlled entities under HKAS 31 and were accounted for using the equity method, should be classified as joint ventures under HKFRS 11 and continued to be accounted for using the equity method. The application of HKFRS 11 did not have significant impact on amounts reported in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

HKFRS 12 “Disclosure of interest in other entities”

HKFRS 12 is a new disclosure standard and is applicable to entities that have interests in subsidiaries, joint arrangements, associates and/or unconsolidated structured entities. In general, the application of HKFRS 12 has resulted in more extensive disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.

The directors concluded that the application of HKFRS 12 will not result in more disclosure in the consolidated financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2014 as the joint ventures are not material to the Group.

HKFRS 13 “Fair Value Measurement”

The Group has applied HKFRS 13 for the first time in the current interim period. HKFRS 13 establishes a single source of guidance for, and disclosures about, fair value measurements. The scope of HKFRS 13 is broad: the fair value measurement requirements of HKFRS 13 apply to both financial instrument items and non-financial instrument items for which other HKFRSs require or permit fair value measurements and disclosures about fair value measurements, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of HKFRS 2 “Share-based Payment”, leasing transactions that are within the scope of HKAS 17 Leases, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value (e.g. net realisable value for the purposes of measuring inventories or value in use for impairment assessment purposes).

HKFRS 13 defines the fair value of an asset as the price that would be received to sell an asset (or paid to transfer a liability, in the case of determining the fair value of a liability) in an orderly transaction in the principal (or most advantageous) market at the measurement date under current market conditions. Fair value under HKFRS 13 is an exit price regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. Also, HKFRS 13 includes extensive disclosure requirements.

HKFRS 13 requires prospective application. In accordance with the transitional provisions of HKFRS 13, the Group has not made any new disclosures required by HKFRS 13 for the comparative period. Other than the additional disclosures, the application of HKFRS 13 has not had any material impact on the amounts recognised in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

3. TURNOVER AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

(a) Turnover

An analysis of the Group’s turnover for the period is as follows:

	6 months ended 31 December 2013 HK\$’000 (Unaudited)	6 months ended 31 December 2012 HK\$’000 (Unaudited)
Sales of goods	789,366	1,627,389
Licence income	54,509	3,464
Franchise income	8,802	14,217
	852,677	1,645,070

(b) Segment information

Information reported to the executive directors of the Company, being the chief operating decision makers, for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on types of goods and geographical location. This is the basis upon which the Group is organised.

Specifically, the Group's operating and reportable segments under HKFRS 8 Operating Segments are as follows:

- a. Retail and franchising operations for selling gold and jewellery products in Mainland China;
- b. Retail operations for selling gold and jewellery products in Hong Kong and Macau.

Major products of the Group include gold products and jewellery products.

The following is an analysis of the Group's turnover and results by operating segments for the period under review.

For the six months ended 31 December 2013 (unaudited)

	Reportable segment				
	Retail and franchising operations for selling gold and jewellery products in Mainland China	Retail operations for selling gold and jewellery products in Hong Kong & Macau	Total	Others (note)	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
REVENUE					
External sales	758,720	93,297	852,017	660	852,677
RESULT					
Segment results	578	(8,434)	(7,856)	(3,686)	(11,542)
Other income					22,878
Unallocated staff related expenses					(17,834)
Other unallocated corporate expenses					(14,179)
Advertising, promotion and business development expenses					(21,893)
Equity-settled share-based payments					(1,822)
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments					4,601
Finance costs					(28,467)
Share of results of associates					(1,302)
Share of results of a joint venture					(13)
Loss before taxation					(69,573)
Taxation					(344)
Loss for the period					(69,917)

For the six months ended 31 December 2012 (unaudited)

	Reportable segment		Total	Others (note)	Consolidated
	Retail and franchising operations for selling gold and jewellery products in Mainland China	Retail operations for selling gold and jewellery products in Hong Kong & Macau			
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
REVENUE					
External sales	1,504,661	128,390	1,633,051	12,019	1,645,070
RESULT					
Segment results	95,273	6,126	101,399	(2,839)	98,560
Other income					11,527
Unallocated staff related expenses					(23,557)
Other unallocated corporate expenses					(21,895)
Advertising, promotion and business development expenses					(26,328)
Equity-settled share-based payments					(335)
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments					428
Finance costs					(32,424)
Share of results of associates					(1,673)
Share of results of joint ventures					(3,158)
Profit before taxation					1,145
Taxation					(18,236)
Loss for the period					(17,091)

Segment profit (loss) represents the profit (loss) of each segment without allocation of other income, central administration costs, marketing and promotion expenses, corporate staff and directors' salaries, equity-settled share-based payments, change in fair value of derivative financial instruments, finance costs, share of results of associates and joint ventures, and taxation. This is the measure reported to the chief operating decision makers for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

Note: Others represent other operating segments that are not reportable, which include wholesale of diamonds in the PRC, online marketing and e-commerce.

4. FINANCE COSTS

	6 months ended 31 December 2013 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	6 months ended 31 December 2012 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Interests on:		
Bank and other borrowings wholly repayable within 5 years	13,070	11,094
Gold loans	5,612	5,551
Finance leases	11	27
Other finance costs	3,317	211
Effective interest on convertible bonds	6,457	15,541
	28,467	32,424

5. (LOSS) PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

	6 months ended 31 December 2013 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	6 months ended 31 December 2012 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
(Loss) profit before taxation has been arrived at after charging (crediting):		
Advertising, promotion and business development expenses	21,893	26,328
Change in fair value of gold loans	(13,535)	(634)
Change in fair value of financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	(6,403)	(4,855)
Cost of inventories recognised as an expense	645,303	1,313,854
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	11,944	11,911
Equity-settled share-based payments	1,822	335
Exchange gain, net	(2,691)	(6,975)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,229	1,701
Impairment losses on other receivables	–	1,415
Interest income	(13,968)	(1,412)
Operating lease rentals		
– contingent rental	63,490	81,952
– minimum lease payments	24,521	24,956

6. TAXATION

	6 months ended 31 December 2013 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	6 months ended 31 December 2012 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Current tax:		
Hong Kong Profits Tax	596	739
PRC Enterprise Income Tax	11,322	18,706
	11,918	19,445
Overprovision in prior years:		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax	(1,940)	–
Deferred taxation	(9,634)	(1,209)
	344	18,236

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% (six months ended 31 December 2012: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the period.

Pursuant to the Enterprise Income Tax Law and Implementation Rules of the PRC, a subsidiary of the Company established in the PRC is subject to an income tax rate of 25% during the period.

In addition, according to the Arrangement Between the Mainland of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, royalties derived by a subsidiary of the Group incorporated in Hong Kong is entitled to a reduced withholding PRC Enterprise Income Tax at 7% provided that it is the “beneficial owner” of the payment as required under Guoshuihan [2009] No. 601.

No provision for the Macau Complementary Tax has been made as the Group has no assessable profit in Macau for the period.

7. DIVIDENDS

The Board has resolved not to declare an interim dividend in respect of the six months ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012 to the holders of ordinary shares of the Company.

8. LOSS PER ORDINARY SHARE

	6 months ended 31 December 2013 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	6 months ended 31 December 2012 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Loss:		
Loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company	(69,720)	(17,091)
Dividends on preference shares	—	(4)
Loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of basic and diluted loss per ordinary share	(69,720)	(17,095)
	Number of '000 (Unaudited)	Number of '000 (Unaudited)
Number of shares:		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic and diluted loss per ordinary share	3,071,401	2,273,298

Note:

The weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of calculating basic and diluted earnings per ordinary share for the six months ended 31 December 2012 had been adjusted for the effect of bonus element in connection with rights issue of the Company on 30 January 2013.

The computation of diluted loss per ordinary share for the six months ended 31 December 2013 did not assume the exercise of the share options and bonus warrants because their exercise price is higher than the average share price.

The computation of diluted loss per ordinary share for the six months ended 31 December 2012 did not assume the exercise of the share options because their exercise price is higher than the average share price. In addition, the computation did not assume the conversion of the Company's outstanding convertible bonds and preference shares since their conversion would result in a decrease in loss per ordinary share for the six months ended 31 December 2012.

9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND DEPOSITS PAID

	31 December 2013 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	30 June 2013 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Non-current other receivables and deposits paid:		
Rental and other deposits	5,742	4,775
Other receivables from a joint venture	–	10,000
Interest receivables from related parties	6,972	2,112
	<u>12,714</u>	<u>16,887</u>
Current trade and other receivables and deposits paid comprise:		
Trade receivables	180,759	220,407
Less: allowance for doubtful debts	(27,710)	(27,000)
	<u>153,049</u>	<u>193,407</u>
Other receivables and deposits paid	58,472	76,982
	<u>211,521</u>	<u>270,389</u>

Retail sales are usually made in cash, through credit cards or through reputable and dispersed department stores. The Group generally allows a credit period of 30 to 90 days to its debtors.

Included in trade receivables at 31 December 2013 are trade receivables from a joint venture amounting to HK\$4,485,000 (30 June 2013: HK\$4,485,000).

The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables presented based on the invoice date, net of allowance, at the end of the reporting period.

	31 December 2013 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	30 June 2013 HK\$'000 (Audited)
0-30 days	134,983	176,494
31-60 days	9,087	6,602
61-90 days	1,766	978
Over 90 days	7,213	9,333
	<u>153,049</u>	<u>193,407</u>

Included in the allowance for doubtful debts are individually impaired trade receivables from an independent customer of HK\$27,710,000 (30 June 2013: HK\$27,000,000). the Group took legal action against this debtor and made impairment loss of HK\$27,710,000 (30 June 2013: HK\$27,000,000) based on the court finding on 22 September 2013. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES, ACCRUALS AND DEPOSITS RECEIVED

	31 December 2013 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	30 June 2013 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Trade payables	102,880	72,752
Deposits received from customers (note a)	36,308	46,359
Franchisee guarantee deposits (note b)	64,189	58,494
Other payables, accruals and other deposits	107,246	118,768
	<u>310,623</u>	<u>296,373</u>

Notes:

(a) Deposits received from customers represent deposits and receipts in advance from the franchisees and customers for sales of inventories.

(b) Franchisee guarantee deposits represent deposits from the franchisees for use of the trademarks “3D-GOLD”.

The following is an aged analysis of trade payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period.

	31 December 2013 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	30 June 2013 HK\$'000 (Audited)
0-30 days	65,987	42,480
31-60 days	20,065	7,987
61-90 days	6,688	4,976
Over 90 days	10,140	17,309
	<u>102,880</u>	<u>72,752</u>

11. CONVERTIBLE BONDS

(i) Convertible bonds

Convertible bonds due 2013 (“CB 2013”)

During the current interim period, the Company redeemed the CB 2013 at HK\$237,600,000, representing 110% of the outstanding principal amount on maturity date of 14 September 2013 in accordance with the term of the relevant subscription agreement for the issue of CB 2013.

Convertible bonds due 2012 (“CB 2012”)

During the six months ended 31 December 2012, the Company redeemed the CB 2012 at HK\$151,800,000, representing 110% of the outstanding principal amount on maturity date of 2 August 2012 in accordance with the term of the relevant subscription agreement for the issue of CB 2012.

The effective interest rates of CB 2013 and CB 2012 are 12.02% and 10.74%, respectively.

(ii) Derivative financial instruments

The fair value of the derivatives embedded in CB 2013 at 31 December 2012 and 30 June 2013 are based on valuation carried out on those dates by an independent valuer. The change in fair value of HK\$428,000 has been credited to profit or loss for the six months ended 31 December 2012.

The inputs used in the binomial option pricing model adopted by the independent professional valuer in determining the fair values of CB 2013, at the respective dates were as follows:

CB 2013

	At 31 December 2012	At 30 June 2013	At 31 December 2013
Share price	HK\$0.27	HK\$0.18	N/A
Exercise price	HK\$1.58	HK\$1.37	N/A
Expected dividend yield	0.00%	0.00%	N/A
Volatility	48.80%	43.51%	N/A

12. GOLD LOANS

Gold loans are borrowed to reduce the impact on of fluctuations in gold prices on gold inventories, and were designated as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

As at 31 December 2013 and 30 June 2013, the gold loans are denominated in RMB, interest bearing at a weighted average rate of 4.91% (30 June 2013: 5.13%) per annum with original maturity of 12 months, and secured by inventories with a carrying amount of HK\$708,771,000 (30 June 2013: HK\$439,588,000).

The gain arising from change in fair value of gold loans of HK\$13,535,000 (six months ended 31 December 2012: HK\$634,000) has been recognised in profit or loss for the period from 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013. Fair values of the gold loans have been determined by reference to the quoted bid prices of gold on the Shanghai Gold Exchange at the end of reporting period.

13. SHARE CAPITAL

	Notes	Number of shares '000	Amount HK\$'000
Authorised:			
At 1 July 2013 and 31 December 2013			
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each		4,000,000	40,000
Preference shares of HK\$0.01 each		3,000,000	30,000
		<u>7,000,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
Ordinary shares issued and fully paid:			
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each			
At 1 July 2013		2,954,099	29,541
Issue of new shares by way of a placing	(a)	217,000	2,170
Exercise of warrants	(b)	40	–
		<u>3,171,139</u>	<u>31,711</u>
At 31 December 2013		<u>3,171,139</u>	<u>31,711</u>
Total:			
At 1 July 2013		<u>2,954,099</u>	<u>29,541</u>
At 31 December 2013		<u>3,171,139</u>	<u>31,711</u>

Notes:

- (a) The Company issued 217,000,000 ordinary shares in September 2013 by way of a placing at a placing price of HK\$0.18 per placing share.
- (b) During the current period, the Company issued 40,420 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 at the exercise price of HK\$0.245 per ordinary share pursuant to the exercise of the bonus warrants granted by the Company.

14. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	31 December	30 June
	2013	2013
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Capital expenditure in respect of property, plant and equipment contracted for but not provided in the condensed consolidated financial statements	5,836	5,375

15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2013, the Group had an outstanding financial guarantee amounting to HK\$3,000,000 (30 June 2013: HK\$3,000,000) issued to a bank in respect of a banking facility granted to a joint venture.

The directors of the Company considered that the fair value of this financial guarantee contract at their initial recognition is insignificant.

16. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 31 December 2013, the Group's inventories, bank deposits, trade receivables and other receivables with a carrying amount of HK\$708,771,000 (30 June 2013: HK\$439,588,000), HK\$413,497,000 (30 June 2013: HK\$302,171,000), HK\$149,831,000 (30 June 2013: HK\$184,609,000) and HK\$12,436,000 (30 June 2013: HK\$28,067,000), respectively were pledged to banks as securities to obtain the banking facilities granted to subsidiaries of the Group.

In addition, the Group's inventories with a carrying amount of RMB4,000,000 (equivalent to HK\$5,063,000) (30 June 2013: RMB4,000,000 (equivalent to HK\$5,024,000)) was pledged to an independent third party as securities for other borrowing of HK\$3,797,000 (30 June 2013: HK\$3,768,000) to the Group.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

OVERVIEW

The Group is principally engaged in retailing and franchising operations for selling gold and jewellery products in Hong Kong, Macau and other regions (“**Mainland China**”) in the People’s Republic of China (the “**PRC**”).

Following the various measures being taken since the first quarter of 2013, the management has endeavored to focus on improving the operations of the Group, primarily on: (i) enhancing the sales network by stocking up profit making stores and closing down non-performing stores, (ii) improving the franchisee system to strengthen the retail operations, (iii) exercising tight costs control; and (iv) economizing on cash flow.

As a result of the closure of non-performing stores and the change in franchise system, the turnover and gross profit has decreased by 48% and 32%, respectively, for the Period to HK\$853 million and HK\$227 million, respectively. Despite of such decreases, the implemented initiatives have resulted in positive impact to the Group’s financial position, whereby, the overall gross profit margin has increased from 20% to 27% for the Period.

Sales from retailing and franchising of gold and jewellery products in Mainland China have remained to be the major source of income, which accounted for over 89% of turnover. The turnover of the Group for the Period amounted to HK\$853 million (2012: HK\$1,645 million), a decrease of 48% from Last Period. Mainland China recorded turnover of HK\$759 million, also a decrease of 50% from Last Period, while Hong Kong and Macau recorded turnover of HK\$93 million, also a decrease of 28% from Last Period. We have recorded a decline in overall same-store-growth of 48% (Last Period: 35%), of which same-store-growth in Mainland China declined by 49% (Last Period: 34%) and same-store-growth in Hong Kong and Macau declined by 27% (Last Period: 25%).

During the Period, the business model for the franchisee operation has changed from sales of goods to the receipt of license fees, i.e., franchisee made direct purchases with the authorised suppliers of the Group. This change has resulted in turnover from sales of goods to franchisee to decrease by HK\$1,047 million, while license fee increased by HK\$51 million. As license fee received is reflected directly in gross profit, this attributes to an increase in gross profit margin from 20% to 27% to the current Period. Through working closely with our franchisees to improve their profitability, we expect improvements in the Group’s financial results.

In addition to the change in business model for the franchisee's operations, the increase in the Group's overall gross profit margin was due to the increase in gem-set jewellery sales, which yielded a higher return than the sales of gold jewellery. Sales of our principal products, gold products and gem-set jewellery, consisted of 62% (Last Period: 66%) and 20% (Last Period: 18%), respectively of total turnover.

In line with the decrease in turnover, the Group's selling and distribution expenses have decreased to HK\$196 million (Last Period: HK\$222 million), while the Group's general and administrative expenses have increased to HK\$87 million (Last Period: HK\$74 million). The Group has implemented cost cutting policy, yet the reduction is off-set by the inflation experienced in the Mainland China.

Based on the current operation, the retail value of the 3D-GOLD brand, that is sales made by all 3D-GOLD stores, including self operated and franchise stores, amounted to HK\$1,720 million for the Period, an increase of 9% from last year. In addition to (i) and (iv) above, various retrenchment measures have been taken and discussed in the "Business Review" section, whereby via working closely with our franchisees, through time, the brand value will be appreciated and reflected in the Group's financial results.

The priority of the management for the Period continues to focus on improving operational performance. The proactive initiatives in the first quarter of 2013 have not yet achieved positive result in the Group's financial position for the Period, where the financial performance of the Group for the Year seems to be still under pressure and has recorded a loss for the Period of HK\$70 million (2012: HK\$17 million).

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved not to recommend an interim dividend in respect of the 6 months ended 31 December 2013 to the holders of ordinary shares of the Company.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

Retail Operations

Overall turnover from the Hong Kong and Macau retail operations has reached HK\$93 million (Last Period: HK\$128 million) and HK\$759 million (Last Period: HK\$1,505 million) from the Mainland China operations. The decrease in turnover for the Period was mainly due to the closure of non-performing stores and change in business model for franchisee, as compared to the Last Period.

As at 31 December 2013, the Group had 7 points-of-sale in Hong Kong, 3 points-of-sale in Macau and 414 points-of-sale in Mainland China under the brandname “3D-GOLD”. Of the points-of-sale in Mainland China, 109 were self-operated points-of-sale and 305 were franchisee points-of-sale. During the Period, 46 new shops and counters were opened in Mainland China and 38 loss making stores were closed.

Over 80% of our self-operated points-of-sale are located at department stores in Mainland China at prime shopping districts and are subject to turnover rent. The Hong Kong and Macau operations are, on the other hand, subject to fixed rentals.

Our strategy in Mainland China is to continue to focus on the growth of franchisee stores, with a target of establishing 30% self-operated stores and 70% franchisee stores in the long run. Our model gives us the option to leverage on the capital, local knowledge and premises of our franchisees: a flexible and fast roll out strategy that requires minimal capital outlay from the Group. Our model enables the management to make critical decisions at times of market changes with minimal adverse impact on the Group.

With a view to improve the profitability, the management has focused on the following areas with various measures: (i) adjusting the sales network by growing on profit making stores and eliminating non-performing stores, (ii) introducing a new regional franchisee system to strengthen the retail operations, (iii) continuing to develop and promote new series products, (iv) launching an Enterprise Resources Planning System, (v) persisting costs control; and (vi) improving cash flow.

The opening, renewal and closing of our points-of-sales in Hong Kong, Macau, and Mainland China will be reviewed periodically to ensure consistence with our overall business plan and strategies. Our growth plans will be continuously adjusted, and monitored based on the financial returns, marketing benefits and strategic advantages. Prospectively, the Mainland China market is deemed to remain the key growth driver in the future.

E-Commerce and Corporate Gifts

To further broaden the sales channel, the Group has launched an e-commerce platform “Zun1” (www.zun1.com) and social network platform (www.54qn.cn) to capture the high ground in the fast emerging cyber market in Greater China and other regions. The Group has continued its investment in this e-commerce platform, and expects it can generate return and synergy in the future years.

Inspired by the promising market potential and increasing popularity of unique corporate gifts in China, the Group has expanded into the corporate gift market, while continuing on the strategic plan for our retail operations.

Brand Recognition and Marketing Programme

During the Period, besides the regular marketing activities, The Group has sponsored a wide range of events: the Title Sponsor of the “Vivian Lai’s ALL FOR LOVE Charity Concert”, Prize Sponsor of the “International KamCha Competition 2013 (HK Style Milk Tea)”, Prize Sponsor of the “McDonald’s Monopoly 2013”.

In addition, in July 2013, the Brand 3D-GOLD has opened its first 3D-GOLD Jewellery Boutique Store in Shenzhen. Also, in December 2013, the Brand 3D-GOLD has won the recognition of the Gold Prize (Top 10) in the Jewellery Category and the Special Awards of Fashion Brand 2013 granted by World Brand Lab.

Products and awards

The Brand 3D-GOLD has continued to enlarge its product portfolio in China by launching the “3D-GOLD x Dorian Ho Wedding Collection” and “3D-GOLD x Alice Wild • Love Alice Collection” in July and August, 2013 respectively.

Outlook

Looking ahead, we are positive about the business outlook in the medium to long run, despite short term market volatilities. With over 89% of the turnover from Mainland China, the Group remains confident of the growth of the gold and jewellery retail market for the years ahead; while continuing to promote our brand to secure even higher recognition and trust, as well as spreading our good reputation on product design, quality, value and authenticity.

In addition, reference is made to the joint announcement by the Company and Luk Fook Holdings (International) Limited (“Luk Fook Holdings”) dated 28 January 2014. On 28 January 2014, the Company, Luk Fook 3D Management Company Limited (“**Luk Fook**”) and China Gold Silver Group Company Limited (“**CGS**”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into an agreement pursuant to which, among other things, the Company agreed to sell 1,667 ordinary shares of US\$1.00 each in the issued share capital of CGS (which represents 50% of the issued share capital of CGS as at 28 January 2014), to Luk Fook, upon and subject to the terms and conditions thereof. Since Luk Fook Holdings is one of the leading jewellery retailers in Hong Kong and the PRC, the Directors believe that the expertise of Luk Fook Holdings will benefit the Company and CGS in developing the brand name of “3D-Gold” in the long run. Accordingly, the Directors expect the result of the Group will improve in the future.

The management expects the next financial year to be a period of transition, with the aim of stabilizing our business performance. The strategic direction we are taking is to restore the long term sustainable growth and profitability of the Group. The market volatilities may result in, however, uncertainty on our short term performance. We will continue to enhance the process controls, improve our brand positioning, assist our franchisees to improve profitability, introduce products with higher gross profit margins, and maintain effective cost controls.

Ultimately, we look forward to achieving our goal, which will result in growth and value to our investors and other stakeholders. We expect the operating cash flow to improve, along with our franchisee profitability.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Liquidity, Financial Resources and Capital Structure

The Group centralizes funding for all its operations through the corporate treasury based in Hong Kong. As at 31 December 2013, the Group had total cash and cash equivalents amounting to HK\$524 million (30 June 2013: HK\$425 million) whilst total net assets were HK\$616 million (30 June 2013: HK\$637 million). The Group's net gearing ratio as at 31 December 2013 was 80% (30 June 2013: 84%), being a ratio of total borrowing of HK\$1,016 million (30 June 2013: HK\$958 million) less pledged bank deposits and bank balances and cash of HK\$524 million (30 June 2013: HK\$425million) to total equity of HK\$616 million (30 June 2013: HK\$637 million). After taking into account the gold inventories of HK\$348 million (30 June 2013: HK\$394 million), the Group's adjusted net gearing ratio as at 31 December 2013 was 23% (30 June 2013: 22%), being a ratio of total borrowing less pledged bank deposits, bank balances and cash and gold inventories to total equity. As at 31 December 2013, the Group has available unutilized revolving banking facilities of HK\$250 million (30 June 2013: HK\$9 million).

Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

Capital commitments and contingent liabilities of the Group as at 31 December 2013 are set out in notes 14 and 15.

Pledge of Assets

Pledge of assets of the Group as at 31 December 2013 is set out in note 16.

Financial Risk and Exposure

Except for the financial derivatives set out on the condensed consolidated statement of financial position and in notes 11 and 12, the Group did not have any outstanding material foreign exchange contracts, interest or currency swaps, or other financial derivatives as at 31 December 2013.

Employees and Remuneration Policy

As at 31 December 2013, the Group had 2,452 employees (30 June 2012: 2,516). The Group's remuneration policy is periodically reviewed by the Remuneration Committee and the Board. Remuneration is determined with reference to market conditions, company performance, and individual qualifications and performance.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

During the Period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE PROVISIONS ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Company's code on corporate governance practices was adopted with reference to the code provisions on Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report (the "**CG Code**") contained in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Listing Rules**").

The Company principally complied with the CG Code throughout the Period, except for the following deviations:

CG Code A.2.1 stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The Company does not at present have any office with the title "chief executive". The Board is of the view that currently vesting the roles of chairman and chief executive in Dr. Wong, Kennedy Ying Ho provides the Group with strong and consistent leadership and allows for more effective and efficient business planning and decisions as well as execution of long term business strategies.

CG Code A.4.1 stipulates that the non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election. The Company has not fixed the term of appointment for non-executive director and independent non-executive directors. However, all non-executive director and independent non-executive directors are subject to retirement by rotation at least every three years and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company pursuant to the Company's bye-laws. As such, the Board considers that sufficient measures have been taken to ensure the Company's corporate governance practices are no less exacting than those in the CG Code.

The current corporate governance practices of the Company will be reviewed and updated in a timely manner in order to comply with the Listing Rules.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “**Model Code**”) set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules. All directors of the Company have confirmed, following specific enquiry by the Company, that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code throughout the Period.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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 a review of the unaudited interim financial statements for the Period. At the request of the Board, the Company's external auditor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, has carried out a review of the unaudited interim financial statements in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagement 2410 “*Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*”.

As at the date of this announcement, the Audit Committee comprises three independent non-executive directors, namely, Ms. Estella Yi Kum Ng, Mr. Fan, Anthony Ren Da, Mr. Wong Kam Wing and a non-executive director, Dr. Hui Ho Ming, Herbert.

PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS AND DESPATCH OF INTERIM REPORT

This results announcement is published on the websites of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (www.hkex.com.hk) and the Company (www.hkrh.hk). The interim report 2013 containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be dispatched to the Company's shareholders and available on the above websites in due course.

By order of the Board of
Hong Kong Resources Holdings Company Limited
Dr. Wong, Kennedy Ying Ho, BBS, J.P.
Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 February 2014

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Dr. Wong, Kennedy Ying Ho, BBS, J.P., Mr. Lam Kwok Hing, Wilfred J.P., Ms. Wong Wing Yan, Ella and Mr. Cheung Pak To, Patrick, BBS as executive directors, Dr. Hui Ho Ming, Herbert, J.P. as non-executive director and Mr. Fan, Anthony Ren Da, Ms. Estella Yi Kum Ng and Mr. Wong Kam Wing as independent non-executive directors.