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TAKSON HOLDINGS LIMITED

第一德勝控股有限公司^{*}

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONDENSED INTERIM RESULTS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2015**

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Takson Holdings Limited (the “Company”) presents the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the six months ended 30th September, 2015 (the “Review Period”), together with the comparatives. These condensed consolidated interim financial information have been reviewed by the Company’s audit committee, but have not been reviewed by the Company’s auditor.

^{*} *for identification purpose only*

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30th September, 2015

		Unaudited Six months ended 30th September,	
		2015	2014
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Turnover	3	149,548	235,297
Cost of sales		<u>(113,405)</u>	<u>(193,683)</u>
Gross profit		36,143	41,614
Other income		708	294
Selling, distribution and marketing expenses		(8,466)	(9,794)
Administrative expenses		<u>(16,335)</u>	<u>(13,147)</u>
Operating profit		12,050	18,967
Finance costs	4	<u>(1,515)</u>	<u>(1,848)</u>
Profit before taxation	5	10,535	17,119
Income tax	6	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Profit for the period		<u>10,535</u>	<u>17,119</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period		<u>10,535</u>	<u>17,119</u>
Profit for the period attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		<u>10,535</u>	<u>17,119</u>
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		<u>10,535</u>	<u>17,119</u>
Earnings per share attributable to the equity holders of the Company during the period			
— basic (HK cents)	7	<u>1.36</u>	<u>2.21</u>
— diluted (HK cents)	7	<u>1.36</u>	<u>2.21</u>

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30th September, 2015

		Unaudited 30th September, 2015 <i>HK\$'000</i>	Audited 31st March, 2015 <i>HK\$'000</i>
	<i>Note</i>		
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		11,353	11,204
Leasehold land		15,714	15,959
Investment properties		82,326	82,326
Deferred tax assets		5,356	5,356
		<u>114,749</u>	<u>114,845</u>
Current assets			
Inventories		2,936	6,339
Trade and bills receivables	9	5,585	3,268
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables		9,886	30,699
Bank deposit (pledged)		4,509	4,500
Cash and cash equivalents		42,080	8,413
		<u>64,996</u>	<u>53,219</u>
Total assets		<u><u>179,745</u></u>	<u><u>168,064</u></u>
EQUITY			
Capital and reserves attributable to the Company's equity holders			
Share capital		77,540	77,540
Reserves		(1,793)	(12,328)
Total equity		<u>75,747</u>	<u>65,212</u>

		Unaudited	Audited
		30th	31st
		September,	March,
		2015	2015
<i>Note</i>		<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Obligations under finance leases		382	659
Post employment benefits		263	263
Deferred tax liabilities		4,721	4,721
		<u>5,366</u>	<u>5,643</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	10	4,770	892
Other payables and accrued charges		2,551	4,500
Bank borrowings and obligations under finance leases		91,311	91,817
		<u>98,632</u>	<u>97,209</u>
Total liabilities		<u>103,998</u>	<u>102,852</u>
Total equity and liabilities		<u>179,745</u>	<u>168,064</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(33,636)</u>	<u>(43,990)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>81,113</u>	<u>70,855</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the condensed consolidated interim financial information.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Basis of preparation

The condensed consolidated interim financial information has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “Listing Rules”) and with Hong Kong Accounting Standard (“HKAS”) 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

2. Accounting policies

The accounting policies and method of the computation used in the preparation of the Interim Financial Statements are consistent with those used in the annual report for the year ended 31st March, 2015. The Group has adopted new or revised standards, amendments to standards and interpretation of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards which are effective for accounting period commencing on or after 1st April, 2015. The adoption of such new or revised standards, amendments to standards and interpretation does not have material impact on the Interim Financial Statements and does not result in substantial changes to the Group’s accounting policies. The Group has not early applied the new and revised HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective. The Directors anticipate that the application of these new standards, amendments and interpretations will have no material impact on the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

3. Turnover and segment information

The Group is principally engaged in the sourcing, subcontracting, marketing and selling of outerwear garments and sportswear products, and property investment. Revenue recognised during the period is as follows:

By business segments:

	Six months ended 30th September, 2015 HK\$'000		
	Export business	Property investment	Total
Turnover	<u>148,220</u>	<u>1,328</u>	<u>149,548</u>
Segment operating profit/(loss)	<u>21,280</u>	<u>(5,831)</u>	15,449
Unallocated corporate expenses			<u>(3,399)</u>
Operating profit			12,050
Finance costs	<u>(1,442)</u>	<u>(73)</u>	<u>(1,515)</u>
Profit before taxation			10,535
Income tax			<u>—</u>
Profit for the period			<u>10,535</u>

Six months ended
30th September, 2014
HK\$ '000

	Export business	Property investment	Total
Turnover	233,708	1,589	235,297
Segment operating profit/(loss)	24,311	(4,000)	20,311
Unallocated corporate expenses			(1,344)
Operating profit			18,967
Finance costs	(1,775)	(73)	(1,848)
Profit before taxation			17,119
Income tax			—
Profit for the period			17,119

By geographical segments:

	Turnover	
	Six months ended	
	30th September,	
	2015	2014
	<i>HK\$ '000</i>	<i>HK\$ '000</i>
United States of America	143,701	227,894
Canada	4,519	5,814
Others	1,328	1,589
	149,548	235,297

4. Finance costs

	Export business		Property investment		Total	
	Six months ended		Six months ended		Six months ended	
	30th September,		30th September,		30th September,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest on bank loans	1,427	1,752	73	73	1,500	1,825
Interest element of finance lease obligations	15	23	—	—	15	23
	<u>1,442</u>	<u>1,775</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>1,515</u>	<u>1,848</u>

5. Profit before taxation

Profit before taxation is stated after crediting and charging the following:

	Export business		Property investment		Total	
	Six months ended		Six months ended		Six months ended	
	30th September,		30th September,		30th September,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Crediting						
Interest income	152	294	—	—	152	294
Rental income	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,328</u>	<u>1,589</u>	<u>1,328</u>	<u>1,589</u>
Charging						
Cost of inventories sold	113,405	193,683	—	—	113,405	193,683
Amortisation of leasehold land	—	—	245	245	245	245
Depreciation Owned property, plant and equipment	166	184	124	132	290	316
Leased property, plant and equipment	155	182	—	—	155	182
Operating lease rentals in respect of land and buildings	1,165	1,035	—	—	1,165	1,035
Staff costs, including directors' emoluments	<u>7,407</u>	<u>5,875</u>	<u>6,587</u>	<u>5,015</u>	<u>13,994</u>	<u>10,890</u>

6. Income tax

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as the Group had available tax losses brought forward to offset the assessable profits generated during the period (2014: HK\$ NIL).

7. Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

	2015	2014
Profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company (<i>HK\$'000</i>)	<u>10,535</u>	<u>17,119</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (<i>thousands</i>)	<u>775,406</u>	<u>775,406</u>
Basic earnings per share (<i>HK cents per share</i>)	<u>1.36</u>	<u>2.21</u>
Diluted earnings per share (<i>HK cents per share</i>)	<u>1.36</u>	<u>2.21</u>

8. Interim dividend

The directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30th September, 2015 (2014: HK\$ NIL).

9. Trade and bills receivables

At 30th September, 2015, the ageing analysis of trade and bills receivables are as follows:

	30th September, 2015 <i>HK\$'000</i>	31st March, 2015 <i>HK\$'000</i>
0 – 30 days	5,290	109
1 to 2 months	150	800
Over 3 months	<u>145</u>	<u>2,359</u>
	<u>5,585</u>	<u>3,268</u>

All trade and bills receivable were denominated in US dollars.

Majority of the Group's export sales are generally on open account of 30 days and letter of credit at sight. The Group considers that the trade and bills receivables as at 30th September, 2015 are fully recoverable and believes that no impairment allowance is necessary.

10. Trade payables

At 30th September, 2015, the ageing analysis of trade payables are as follows:

	30th September, 2015 HK\$'000	31st March, 2015 HK\$'000
0 – 30 days	4,105	147
1 to 3 months	—	212
4 to 6 months	—	118
Over 6 months	665	415
	<u>4,770</u>	<u>892</u>

All trade payables are denominated in US dollars.

Payment terms with suppliers are generally on letters of credit and open account. Certain suppliers grant credit terms between 30 to 60 days.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Group results

The Group recorded a turnover of HK\$149.6 million in the Review Period, representing a decrease of 36.4% compared to the corresponding previous period. Gross profit margin increased from 17.7% in the corresponding previous period to 24.2% in the Review Period. Net profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company was approximately HK\$10,535,000, representing a decrease of approximately 38.4% from the corresponding previous period.

Business overview

Export business

In the Review Period, the Group changed its focus to Original Design Manufacturer (“ODM”) business with higher value added to leverage the production capacity of its sub-contracting factories. Outerwear garments with more functionalities, special designs and innovation were offered to the market. Seasonal promotion programmes were phased out to spare the production lines for the upmarket collection. Total turnover in the Review Period decreased by 36.5% to HK\$148.2 million compared with the corresponding previous period. Gross profit margin increased from approximately 17.7% in the corresponding previous period to approximately 23.5% in the Review Period. Selling, distribution and marketing expenses decreased by 13.5% to HK\$8.5 million due to less spending in product development of lower end items. Administrative expenses increased by 24.3% mainly due to increase in payroll cost and bonus payment to retain staff of all grades. Finance cost decreased by 18.0% due to lower utilization of banking lines for its export business and lower interest rate negotiated with the Group’s main banks.

Property investment

The Group continued to lease its investment properties in Hong Kong and China and recorded rental income of HK\$1.33 million compared to HK\$1.59 million in the corresponding previous period. The decrease in rental income was due to the granting of rent free period to a new tenant of office units in Hong Kong during the review period. As at the end of the Review Period, all investment properties were fully let out.

Prospects

With the success of its ODM business, the Group will put more resources in expanding its ODM business which offers reasonable margins. Over the last few years, the Group has been trying to develop more product lines for selling in spring/summer season to reduce its reliance in fall/winter season. Such effort is not yet fruitful, hence orders for delivery in the second half year will be significantly less than the first half year. With the gradual recovery of the US economy, the Group will continue to solicit more orders from its existing and new customers. The Group's success in creating high customer satisfaction with quality goods and one-stop buying over the last few years would enable it to meet the challenges ahead and to further expand its business base and volume. The property investment business continues to provide a steady stream of income to the Group. The Board is optimistic of the future of the Group.

Liquidity and financial resources

The Group generally finances its operations with its own working capital, trade facilities and revolving bank loans provided by its principal bankers in Hong Kong. Total net cash inflow from operations amounted to approximately HK\$36.4 million for the Review Period (2014: HK\$23.3 million).

As at 30th September, 2015, the Group's net borrowings comprised bank loans and obligations under finance leases, the aggregate amount of which was approximately HK\$91.7 million (as at 31st March, 2015: HK\$92.5 million). Among the total outstanding amounts of bank loans and obligations under finance leases as at 30th September, 2015, 77 % (as at 31st March, 2015: 84%) are repayable within one year, 3% (as at 31st March, 2015: 3%) are repayable in the second year and the remaining balance are repayable in the third to fifth year. The Group's loans from a bank are subject to floating interest rates while obligations under finance leases are subject to fixed interest rates.

The ratio of current assets to current liabilities of the Group was 0.66 as at 30th September, 2015 compared to 0.55 as at 31st March, 2015. The Group's gearing ratio as at 30th September, 2015 was 0.58 (as at 31st March, 2015: 0.61) which is calculated based on the Group's total liabilities of HK\$ 104.0 million (as at 31st March, 2015: HK\$102.8 million) and the Group's total assets of HK\$179.7 million (as at 31st March, 2015: HK\$168.1 million). As at 30th September, 2015, the Group's total cash and bank balances amounted to HK\$42.1 million compared to HK\$8.4 million as at 31st March, 2015.

The monetary assets and liabilities and business transaction of the Group are mainly carried out and conducted in Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi, and United States dollars. The Group maintains a prudent strategy in its foreign exchange risk management, with the foreign exchange risks being minimized through balancing the monetary assets versus monetary liabilities, and foreign currency revenue versus foreign currency expenditure.

Charge of assets

As at 30th September, 2015, the investment properties and leasehold land and buildings in Hong Kong and the PRC held by the Group with an aggregate carrying value of approximately HK\$105.0 million (as at 31st March, 2015: HK\$105.4 million) and a fixed deposit of HK\$4.5 million (as at 31st March, 2015: HK\$4.5 million) were pledged as first legal charge for the Group's banking facilities.

Contingent liabilities and litigation

The Company has executed corporate guarantees with respect to banking facilities made available to its subsidiaries. As at 30th September, 2015, the facilities utilised amounted to HK\$91.7 million (as at 31st March, 2015: HK\$92.5 million).

The Group entered into two derivative foreign contracts. The first contract would result in losses if exchange rate of RMB fell below 6.282 against US\$1 on each of the 6 expiration dates commencing 26th October, 2015 whereas the second contract would result in losses if exchange rate of RMB fell below 6.60 against US\$1 on each of the 14 expiration dates commencing 26th April, 2016; the maximum exposure for the first contract is US\$2 million times the then USD/RMB spot rate on each expiration date less RMB12.56 million whereas the maximum exposure for the second contract is US\$2.4 million times the then USD/RMB spot rate on each expiration date less RMB15.84 million.

Except for the foregoing, as at 30th September, 2015, the Group had no other significant contingent liabilities or pending litigation.

Employees

As at 30th September, 2015, the Group had a total of 49 employees, as compared to 50 employees as at 31st March, 2015. Staff costs including directors' remuneration were approximately HK\$14.0 million and HK\$10.9 million for the Review Period and the six months ended 30th September, 2014 respectively.

The Group remunerates its employees (including Directors) primarily with reference to the industry practices, including contributory provident funds, insurance and medical benefits. The emoluments of the Directors are determined by the Remuneration Committee, having regard to the Company's operating results, individual performance and comparable market statistics. The Group has also adopted a discretionary bonus scheme for the management and the staff with awards which are determined annually based upon the performance of the Group and individual employees.

The Company operates a share option scheme (the “Scheme”) whereby the board of Directors may at their absolute discretion, grant options to employees and executive directors of the Company and any of its subsidiaries to subscribe for shares in the Company. The subscription price, exercisable period and the maximum number of options to be granted are determined in accordance with the prescribed terms of the Scheme.

Purchase, sale or redemption of shares

The Company has not redeemed any of its shares during the Review Period. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased or sold any of the Company’s shares during the Review Period.

Compliance with the code on corporate governance practices

The Company has complied with all the code provisions as set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the “Code”) contained in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “Listing Rules”) for the Review Period, except for the deviations discussed below.

Code provision A.2.1

Code provision A.2.1 stipulates that the roles of the chairman and chief executive officer of the Company should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual.

The Company has deviated from the Code provision A.2.1 and the roles of the chairman and the chief executive officer of the Company are now performed by the same person. Mr. Wong Tek Sun, Takson now assumes the roles of both the chairman and the chief executive officer of the Company. The Board intends to maintain this structure for the time being as it believes that this structure can provide the Group with strong and consistent leadership and allows more effective planning and execution of long-term business strategies.

Code provision A.4.1

Code provision A.4.1 stipulates that non-executive Directors should be appointed for a specific term and are subject to re-election.

The Company has deviated from the Code provision A.4.1. The non-executive Directors (including independent non-executive Directors) are not appointed for a specific term but are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting pursuant to Bye-law 87 of the Company’s Bye-laws.

The Board believes that, despite the absence of specified term of non-executive Directors, the Directors are committed to representing the long-term interests of the shareholders of the Company.

Model code for securities transactions by directors

The Company has adopted the Model Code as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules, as the code of conduct regarding securities transactions of the Directors. Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, they all confirmed that they have complied with the Model Code during the Review Period.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee comprises two independent non-executive directors, Mr. Wong Kwok Tai and Dr. Motwani, Manoj Kumar, and a non-executive director, Mr. Wong Tak Yuen.

The written terms of reference which describe the authority and duties of the Audit Committee were prepared and adopted with reference to “A Guide for The Formation of An Audit Committee” published by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The Audit Committee provides an important link between the Directors and the Company’s auditor in those matters coming within the scope of the audit of the Group. It also reviews the effectiveness of the external audit, the internal controls, risk evaluation and financial reporting matters including review of the interim report and the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information for the Review Period with the Directors.

Publication of interim results and interim report

This announcement is published on the HKEx website (<http://www.hkex.com.hk>) and the Company’s website (<http://www.takson.com>). The 2015-16 interim report containing all the information required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange will be published on the HKEx website and the Company’s website in due course.

By Order of the Board
Wong Tek Sun, Takson
Chairman

Hong Kong, 27th November, 2015

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises two executive directors, namely Mr. Wong Tek Sun, Takson and Ms. Pang Shu Yuk, Adeline Rita; three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Cunningham, James Patrick, Mr. Wong Kwok Tai and Dr. Motwani, Manoj Kumar and two non-executive directors, namely Mr. Wong Tak Yuen and Ms. Pang She Kwok, Szwina.