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HAILIANG INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

海亮國際控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 2336)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

The board of directors (the “Board”) of Hailiang International Holdings Limited (the “Company”) hereby announces the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) for the six months ended 30 June 2018 together with comparative figures as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS – UNAUDITED

For the six months ended 30 June 2018

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2018	2017
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue	3	306,536	267,823
Cost of sales		(297,692)	(262,113)
Gross profit		8,844	5,710
Other income	4(a)	7,456	6,897
Other net gain/(loss)		202	(89)
Selling and distribution expenses		(474)	(676)
Administrative expenses		(10,417)	(9,092)
Profit from operations		5,611	2,750
Finance costs	4(b)	(18)	(4)
Profit before taxation	4	5,593	2,746
Income tax credit	5	400	969
Profit for the period		5,993	3,715
Attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		5,386	3,812
Non-controlling interests		607	(97)
		5,993	3,715
Earnings per share	7		
Basic (HK cent per share)		0.33	0.24
Diluted (HK cent per share)		0.33	0.24

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME – UNAUDITED

For the six months ended 30 June 2018

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit for the period	<u>5,993</u>	<u>3,715</u>
Other comprehensive (expenses)/income for the period, net of tax:		
<i>Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:</i>		
Fair value change on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	(27,950)	1,747
<i>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>		
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	<u>(11,993)</u>	<u>17,195</u>
Other comprehensive (expenses)/income for the period	<u>(39,943)</u>	<u>18,942</u>
Total comprehensive (expenses)/income for the period	<u><u>(33,950)</u></u>	<u><u>22,657</u></u>

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION – UNAUDITED

As at 30 June 2018

	Notes	As at 30 June 2018 HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2017 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	32,935	33,836
Intangible assets		2	22
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		57,807	85,757
Deferred tax assets		9,733	9,494
		<u>100,477</u>	<u>129,109</u>
Current assets			
Inventories		21,861	7,076
Properties for sale under development	9	214,101	224,166
Trade and bill receivables	10	78,113	23,641
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		5,019	5,681
Due from a non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary		1,115	1,130
Pledged bank deposits		2,549	2,677
Bank and cash balances		111,799	165,189
		<u>434,557</u>	<u>429,560</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	11	24,105	18,583
Accruals, other payables and deposits received		13,296	9,134
Due to a controlling shareholder of the Company		94,144	93,779
Obligations under finance leases		58	60
Current taxation		1,180	880
		<u>132,783</u>	<u>122,436</u>
Net current assets		<u>301,774</u>	<u>307,124</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>402,251</u>	<u>436,233</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Obligations under finance leases		42	74
NET ASSETS		<u>402,209</u>	<u>436,159</u>
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		16,111	16,111
Reserves		372,910	407,277
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		389,021	423,388
Non-controlling interests		13,188	12,771
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>402,209</u>	<u>436,159</u>

Notes:

1. Basis of preparation

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard (“HKAS”) 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the “HKICPA”) and the applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “Listing Rules”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”). It was authorised for issue on 24 August 2018.

The interim financial report is unaudited, but has been reviewed by ZHONGHUI ANDA 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.

The interim financial results should be read in conjunction with the annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017. The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of the interim financial results are consistent with those used in the annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017, except as stated below.

Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard (“HKFRS”) 15, *Revenue from contracts with customers*

Revenue is measured based on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer with reference to the customary business practices and excludes amounts collected on behalf of third parties. For a contract where the period between the payment by the customer and the transfer of the promised product or service exceeds one year, the consideration is adjusted for the effect of a significant financing component.

The Group recognises revenue when it satisfies a performance obligation by transferring control over a product or service to a customer. Depending on the terms of a contract and the laws that apply to that contract, a performance obligation can be satisfied over time or at a point in time. A performance obligation is satisfied over time if:

- the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Group’s performance;
- the Group’s performance creates or enhances an asset that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced; or
- the Group’s performance does not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

If a performance obligation is satisfied over time, revenue is recognised by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation. Otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the customer obtains control of the product or service.

The interim financial results have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by certain financial instruments which are carried at their fair values, and are presented in Hong Kong dollars which is the functional currency of the Company.

2. Adoption of new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards

In the current period, the Group has adopted all the new and revised HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA that are relevant to its operations and effective for its accounting year beginning on 1 January 2018. HKFRSs comprise Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards; HKASs; and Interpretations. The adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs did not result in significant changes to the Group's accounting policies, presentation of the Group's financial statements and amounts reported for the current period and prior years.

The Group has not applied the new and revised HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective. The directors of the Company (the "Directors") anticipated that the application of these new and revised HKFRSs will have no material impact on the interim financial results.

3. Revenue and segment reporting

The Group has three operating and reportable segments as follows:

- Sale of metals and semiconductors and related products
- Development and provision of electronic turnkey device solutions
- Property development

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as those adopted in the annual audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2017. Segment profit or loss do not include intercompanies income and expenses, unallocated corporate other income and other net gain, unallocated corporate expenses, finance costs and income tax credit. Segment assets do not include intercompanies assets and unallocated corporate assets. Segment liabilities do not include intercompanies liabilities and unallocated corporate liabilities. This is the measure reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resources allocation and performance assessment.

(a) Disaggregation of revenue

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by major products or services and geographical location of customers is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of HKFRS 15		
Disaggregated by major products or services		
– Sale of metals and semiconductors and related products	280,819	242,583
– Development and provision of electronic turnkey device solutions	23,903	23,481
– Property development	1,814	1,759
	306,536	267,823
Disaggregated by geographical location of customers		
– Hong Kong	280,819	242,583
– The People's Republic of China (the "PRC") except Hong Kong	22,493	23,481
– Australia	1,814	1,759
– Other countries	1,410	–
	306,536	267,823

(b) Information about reportable segment revenue, profit or loss, assets and liabilities

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by timing of revenue recognition, as well as information regarding the Group's reportable segments as provided to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resources allocation and assessment of segment performance for the period is set out below.

	Sale of metals and semiconductors and related products		Development and provision of electronic turnkey device solutions		Property development		Total	
	Six months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Disaggregated by timing of revenue recognition								
Point in time	280,819	242,583	23,903	23,481	–	–	304,722	266,064
Over time	–	–	–	–	1,814	1,759	1,814	1,759
Revenue from external customers	<u>280,819</u>	<u>242,583</u>	<u>23,903</u>	<u>23,481</u>	<u>1,814</u>	<u>1,759</u>	<u>306,536</u>	<u>267,823</u>
Segment profit/(loss) before finance costs and income tax credit	<u>3,911</u>	<u>2,886</u>	<u>1,164</u>	<u>(242)</u>	<u>(1,107)</u>	<u>(912)</u>	<u>3,968</u>	<u>1,732</u>
	As at 30 June 2018 HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2017 HK\$'000 (Audited)	As at 30 June 2018 HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2017 HK\$'000 (Audited)	As at 30 June 2018 HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2017 HK\$'000 (Audited)	As at 30 June 2018 HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2017 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Segment assets	163,654	167,426	57,072	44,687	229,973	241,430	450,699	453,543
Segment liabilities	<u>95,187</u>	<u>96,993</u>	<u>32,989</u>	<u>21,269</u>	<u>3,936</u>	<u>3,394</u>	<u>132,112</u>	<u>121,656</u>

(c) **Reconciliation of reportable segment profit or loss**

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Total profit of reportable segments	3,968	1,732
Unallocated amounts:		
Unallocated corporate other income and other net gain	6,609	6,000
Unallocated corporate expenses	(4,966)	(4,982)
Profit from operations	5,611	2,750
Finance costs	(18)	(4)
Profit before taxation	5,593	2,746

4. Profit before taxation

The Group's profit before taxation for the period is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(a) Other income		
Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income – investments held at the end of the reporting period	6,370	6,089
Rental income	765	733
Sundry income	321	75
	7,456	6,897
(b) Finance costs		
Interest expenses on obligations under finance leases	3	4
Interest expenses on short-term borrowings	15	–
	18	4

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(c) Staff costs (including Directors' remuneration)		
Salaries, bonus and allowances	9,640	8,255
Retirement benefits scheme contributions	480	438
	10,120	8,693
(d) Other items		
Cost of inventories sold	296,311	260,687
Net foreign exchange (gain)/loss	(224)	89
Amortisation	20	25
Depreciation	834	741
Research and development costs (other than amortisation)	1,118	20
Operating lease charges on land and buildings	1,306	1,028

Cost of inventories sold included staff costs, depreciation and operating lease charges totalling approximately HK\$3,972,000 (six months ended 30 June 2017: approximately HK\$3,299,000) which are included in the amounts disclosed separately above.

Research and development costs included staff costs and depreciation totalling approximately HK\$926,000 (six months ended 30 June 2017: Nil) which are included in the amounts disclosed separately above.

5. Income tax credit

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current tax – Hong Kong Profits Tax		
Provision for the period	182	–
Current tax – Overseas		
Provision for the period	140	–
Deferred tax	(722)	(969)
	(400)	(969)

Hong Kong Profits Tax has been provided at a rate of 16.5% on the estimated assessable profits for the six months ended 30 June 2018. No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax had been made for the six months ended 30 June 2017 as the Group did not have any assessable profits during that period.

Taxation for overseas subsidiaries for the six months ended 30 June 2018 is charged at the appropriate current rates of taxation ruling in the relevant countries. No provision for overseas tax had been made for the six months ended 30 June 2017 as the Group did not have any assessable profits arising outside Hong Kong during that period.

Deferred tax assets amounted to approximately HK\$722,000 (six months ended 30 June 2017: approximately HK\$969,000) in respect of cumulative tax loss was recognised during the six months ended 30 June 2018, as it is probable that future taxable profit against which the loss can be utilised will be available in the relevant jurisdiction.

6. Dividends

The Board has resolved not to declare the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2018 (six months ended 30 June 2017: Nil).

7. Earnings per share

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit:		
Profit for the purpose of calculating basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company	5,386	3,812
	'000	'000
Number of shares:		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic and diluted earnings per share	1,611,111	1,611,111

The basic and diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2018 and 2017 were the same as the Company had no dilutive potential ordinary shares in issue during the periods.

8. Property, plant and equipment

During the six months ended 30 June 2018, the Group acquired items of property, plant and equipment with a cost of approximately HK\$27,000 (six months ended 30 June 2017: approximately HK\$29,822,000). Items of machinery with a net book value of HK\$40,000 were disposed of during the six months ended 30 June 2018 (six months ended 30 June 2017: Nil), resulting in a loss on disposal of HK\$22,000 (six months ended 30 June 2017: Nil).

9. Properties for sale under development

Movements of properties for sale under development are as follows:

	<i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 January 2017	204,964
Additions	153
Exchange differences	<u>19,049</u>
At 31 December 2017 (audited) and 1 January 2018	224,166
Additions	677
Exchange differences	<u>(10,742)</u>
At 30 June 2018	<u>214,101</u>

As at 30 June 2018, the properties for sale under development included the payment for the land and the related professional and governmental fees in relation to the acquisition of a piece of land in Australia which was approved by the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders") on 10 February 2015 (details of the relevant agreement are set out in the circular of the Company dated 24 January 2015). The amounts were not expected to be recovered within twelve months from the end of the reporting period. They were included in the Group's current assets in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position as it is expected that the properties will be realised in the Group's normal operating cycle for properties development.

10. Trade and bill receivables

The Group's trading terms with its customers of the business of sale of semiconductors and related products, and development and provision of electronic turnkey device solutions are mainly on credit. The credit terms generally range from 15 to 120 days. Each customer has a maximum credit limit. For new customers, including new customers identified in the business of sale of metals, payment in advance is normally required. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables in order to minimise credit risk. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by the senior management. All trade and bill receivables are expected to be recovered or recognised within one year.

The ageing analysis of trade and bill receivables, based on the invoice date, and net of allowance, is as follows:

	As at 30 June 2018 HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2017 HK\$'000 (Audited)
30 days or less	71,603	17,690
31 days to 60 days	2,269	2,937
61 days to 90 days	2,155	1,045
91 days to 120 days	48	342
Over 120 days	2,038	1,627
	78,113	23,641

The balance of trade and bill receivables included an amount of approximately HK\$545,000 (31 December 2017: approximately HK\$246,000) in relation to bill receivables as at 30 June 2018.

11. Trade payables

	As at 30 June 2018 <i>HK\$'000</i>	As at 31 December 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
30 days or less	16,589	9,991
31 days to 60 days	4,847	3,682
61 days to 90 days	1,198	865
91 days to 120 days	576	785
Over 120 days	895	3,260
	<u>24,105</u>	<u>18,583</u>

12. Capital commitments outstanding not provided for in the interim financial report

	As at 30 June 2018 <i>HK\$'000</i>	As at 31 December 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Authorised but not contracted for:		
Capital contribution to a subsidiary	<u>1,659</u>	<u>1,681</u>

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved not to declare the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2018 (six months ended 30 June 2017: Nil).

BUSINESS OVERVIEW

For the six months ended 30 June 2018, the Group continued to engage in the business of sale of metals, and development and provision of electronic turnkey device solutions. At the same time, the Group is proactively engaging in the business of property development in Australia with optimised strategy with opportunities in Sydney.

RESULTS OF THE GROUP

For the six months ended 30 June 2018, the Group reported revenue of HK\$306,536,000, representing a 14% increase as compared with the same period in 2017 (30 June 2017: HK\$267,823,000) and gross profit of HK\$8,844,000, representing a 55% increase as compared with the same period in 2017 (30 June 2017: HK\$5,710,000). The Group reported profit of HK\$5,993,000 for the six months ended 30 June 2018 (30 June 2017: HK\$3,715,000) and other comprehensive expenses of HK\$39,943,000 (30 June 2017: other comprehensive income of HK\$18,942,000), comprising exchange losses arising from translating foreign operations of HK\$11,993,000 (30 June 2017: exchange gains of HK\$17,195,000) and unrealised fair value loss on the investment in the ordinary shares of China Jinjiang Environment Holding Company Limited (the “Jinjiang Shares”) of HK\$27,950,000 (30 June 2017: fair value gain of HK\$1,747,000), which led to the result that the Group recorded total comprehensive expenses of HK\$33,950,000 for the six months ended 30 June 2018 (30 June 2017: total comprehensive income of HK\$22,657,000). The profit attributable to owners of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2018 was HK\$5,386,000 (30 June 2017: HK\$3,812,000); whereas basic earnings per share was HK0.33 cent (30 June 2017: HK0.24 cent).

In general, the improvement in the Group’s operations performance compared to the same period in 2017 was mainly attributable to the better segment margins of the Group’s principal businesses as a result of the management’s efforts in locating sales and controlling costs. On the other hand, the significant fair value loss on the investment in the Jinjiang Shares recognised under the other comprehensive expenses of the Group resulted from the decreased share price as well as the depreciation of Singapore dollars against Hong Kong dollars since the beginning of 2018. Also, the significant exchange losses arising from translating foreign operations recognised under the other comprehensive expenses of the Group was mainly due to the depreciation of Australian dollars against Hong Kong dollars since the beginning of 2018.

BUSINESS REVIEW

Sale of Metals and Semiconductors and Related Products

The Group principally performs a supply and procurement function of standardised semiconductors and related products for its customers mainly for applications in computer, consumer electronic and telecommunication products, and also sells used transmission equipment containing recyclable semiconductor components. In addition, leveraging on the market experience of 海亮集團有限公司 (literally translated as Hailiang Group Co., Limited), the Group has been selling metals such as copper and nickel for customers in Hong Kong since 2015.

This segment recorded segment profit of HK\$3,911,000 during the six months ended 30 June 2018 (30 June 2017: HK\$2,886,000), and segment margin of 1.4% (30 June 2017: 1.2%), as a result of the improvement in revenue and profitability.

The electronic market in China remains highly competitive and volatile as impacted by continuing overcapacity. The Group's business of sale of semiconductors and related products encountered further weakening demand from business partners and customers and did not generate any revenue for the Group for the period under review. Facing this adversity, the Group focused on the more profitable metal trading business. Benefited from the Group's experience and sales network established since 2015, this segment has achieved increased revenue of HK\$280,819,000 (30 June 2017: HK\$242,583,000), which represented approximately 92% of the Group's total revenue for the six months ended 30 June 2018 (30 June 2017: 91%). These customers are private companies incorporated in Hong Kong with whom the Group has established business relationship since 2015. After thorough operation and credibility evaluation, the Group granted credit term to selected customers with continuous monitoring. As the Group maintains strict credit controls on its customers in order to protect the interest of the Group and its stakeholders, it considers that the risks associated with reliance on these major customers are minimal.

Development and Provision of Electronic Turnkey Device Solutions

The results of the Group's business of development and provision of electronic turnkey device solutions was mainly driven by the results of a subsidiary in the PRC which is 50.21% owned by the Group and is principally engaged in the manufacturing and sale of microcontrollers for home electrical appliances. Despite the unfavourable business environment world-wide, contributed by the enhanced sales efforts and management, this business segment achieved moderately improved results with an increase in segment revenue by 1.8% to HK\$23,903,000 (30 June 2017: HK\$23,481,000), segment profit of HK\$1,164,000 (30 June 2017: segment loss of HK\$242,000) and segment margin of 18.6% (30 June 2017: 10.0%).

Property Development

Property development in Australia going forward

The Group conducts its business of property development by establishing a property development operation in Australia. For the six months ended 30 June 2018, segment revenue of HK\$1,814,000 (30 June 2017: HK\$1,759,000) was recorded, while segment loss of HK\$1,107,000 (30 June 2017: HK\$912,000) was recorded which mainly comprised the operating and administrative expenses incurred. The increase in segment loss was mainly attributable to the increase in operating expenses, partly offset by the increased revenue of HK\$1,814,000 (30 June 2017: HK\$1,759,000) from development management fee arising from the provision of development management services to Maxida International Alexandra Property Australia Pty Ltd (“Maxida Australia”) and increased rental income of HK\$765,000 (30 June 2017: HK\$733,000) arising from the land in Australia (the “Site”) acquired by the Group in February 2015, which was completed on 10 December 2015. Details of the relevant agreement in relation to the acquisition of the Site and the delay in development are set out in the circular and the announcement of the Company dated 24 January 2015 and 30 November 2015, respectively.

As at the date of this announcement, the Group has not yet obtained the relevant development consents in relation to the Site due to the fact that the rezoning process took longer than expected to complete as a result of the following:

In 2015, the Department of Planning and Environment of the New South Wales Government of Australia (the “Department”) issued the draft precinct plans (the “Draft Plans”) for the region in which the Site is located. After public consultation conducted in 2016, the Department decided to revise the Draft Plans and the draft Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor Strategy (the “Corridor Strategy”). Due to a prolonged transitional period of government reform caused by the parallel State and Federal election and amalgamation of local councils, the revised Draft Plans and the revised Corridor Strategy were only completed and released for public consultations in July 2017. The final Corridor Strategy was reported and endorsed by Canterbury/Bankstown Council (the “Council”) in May 2018.

Due to the significant size of the Site and the uniqueness of the employment zoning, the Council will require further preparation of a planning proposal and the development control plan prior to any potential development consent released.

The Group continues to take a proactive approach in advocating the rezoning of the Site by actively meeting the Department and the local council, and the newly elected Mayor.

Following the submission of a planning proposal, the rezoning and development consent would be expected within a 12 to 18 month timeframe.

Development management services to Maxida Australia

On 5 August 2016, the Group entered into a development management agreement with Maxida Australia, pursuant to which Maxida Australia agreed to engage Hailiang Property Group Australia Pty Ltd (“Hailiang Australia”), a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, to manage the real estate development project in relation to two pieces of land in Australia. Hailiang Australia is entitled to an annual development management fee in the amount of AUD600,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$3,628,000) per each 12 months of engagements. Details of the relevant agreement are set out in the announcement of the Company dated 5 August 2016.

During the period under review, the Group recognised revenue from the development management fee of HK\$1,814,000 (30 June 2017: HK\$1,759,000), which was recorded as part of the Group’s revenue in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2018.

Investment in the Jinjiang Shares

On 25 July 2016, Sable International Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, applied for the subscription of 21,431,000 ordinary shares of China Jinjiang Environment Holding Company Limited (中國錦江環境控股有限公司) (“China Jinjiang”) at an aggregate subscription price of SGD19,287,900 (equivalent to approximately HK\$111,727,000). The quotation of and dealing in the Jinjiang Shares on the Main Board of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited commenced on 3 August 2016. Details of the subscription are set out in the announcement and the circular of the Company dated 25 July 2016 and 25 October 2016, respectively. As at 30 June 2018, the Group held approximately 1.49% of the total issued share capital of China Jinjiang (31 December 2017: approximately 1.75%).

The Jinjiang Shares are recorded as financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, and are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. During the period under review, an unrealised fair value loss on the investment in the Jinjiang Shares of HK\$27,950,000 was recorded under other comprehensive expenses in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2018 (30 June 2017: unrealised fair value gain of HK\$1,747,000), which were mainly attributable to (i) an approximately 31.4% decrease in the market price of the Jinjiang Shares (30 June 2017: approximately 3.5%) since the beginning of 2018; and (ii) an exchange loss due to an approximately 1.8% depreciation of Singapore dollars against Hong Kong dollars (30 June 2017: approximately 5.5% appreciation).

The Group is optimistic about the prospects of China Jinjiang, the principal business of which includes waste incineration and power generation in the PRC, which involves burning of municipal solid waste at high temperature, and, during the process, the heat energy generated is transformed to high temperature steam to initiate the rotation of turbines for power generation. Having considered the financial performance, business development and prospects of China Jinjiang, the Group believes that the investment is attractive and will enable the Group to generate sustainable and attractive returns for the Shareholders.

Save as disclosed above, the Group did not make any significant investments or acquisitions during the six months ended 30 June 2018.

PROSPECTS

In the long term, the Group will continue to pursue development of our project in Sydney, Australia to enhance the growth prospect of the Group. In the meantime, the Group is continuously strengthening its sales and marketing force in relation to metal trading business with emphasis on serving the needs of different customers in different geographical markets so as to achieve further growth and establish its foothold in overseas markets.

The Group will continue to develop its existing businesses and will also proactively seize new business opportunities with bright prospects and good returns aiming to create value to the Shareholders.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Liquidity, Financial Resources and Capital Structure

As at 30 June 2018, the Group had current assets of HK\$434,557,000 (31 December 2017: HK\$429,560,000) comprising bank and cash balances of HK\$111,799,000 (31 December 2017: HK\$165,189,000) (excluding pledged bank deposits for bank guarantee facility) and net current assets of HK\$301,774,000 (31 December 2017: HK\$307,124,000). The Group's current ratio, calculated based on current assets over current liabilities of HK\$132,783,000 (31 December 2017: HK\$122,436,000), maintained at a healthy level of 3.27 times (31 December 2017: 3.51 times) as at the end of the period under review.

As at 30 June 2018, the Group's equity attributable to owners of the Company was HK\$389,021,000 (31 December 2017: HK\$423,388,000).

The Group's gearing ratio represented its total borrowings (including obligations under finance leases) over the sum of equity attributable to owners of the Company and total borrowings of the Group. As at 30 June 2018, the Group had no bank borrowings (31 December 2017: Nil) while obligations under finance leases amounted to HK\$100,000 (31 December 2017: HK\$134,000), which was denominated in Australian dollars with fixed interest rate, and the Group's equity attributable to owners of the Company amounted to HK\$389,021,000 (31 December 2017: HK\$423,388,000). The Group's gearing ratio was therefore maintained at a low level of approximately 0.03% as at 30 June 2018 (31 December 2017: 0.03%).

The Group continues to maintain a prudent approach in managing its financial requirements. In the long run, the Group will continue to finance its operations and future acquisitions, if any, by internal resources and/or external debt and/or by equity financing.

Current ratio and gearing ratio are two financial indicators that the Group focuses on. The Group believes these two measures provide a comprehensive indication of the Group's financial leverage, which have great impact on both the capital structure and stability and performance of the Group.

Changes in Share Capital

During the period under review, there was no change in the issued share capital of the Company. As at 30 June 2018, the issued share capital of the Company was HK\$16,111,107.67 divided into 1,611,110,767 shares of HK\$0.01 each.

Income Tax

The effective tax rate for the period under review was 7.2% (30 June 2017: 35.3%) with the recognition of deferred tax credit of HK\$722,000 (30 June 2017: HK\$969,000) on tax losses which are probable to be utilised in the relevant jurisdiction in the foreseeable future.

Foreign Currency Exposures

During the period under review, the monetary assets and liabilities and business transactions of the Group were mainly carried out and conducted in Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi, United States dollars, Australian dollars and Singapore dollars. The Group's exposure to United States dollars is minimal as Hong Kong dollars is pegged to United States dollars, and the exposure to Renminbi was minimised via balancing the Renminbi monetary assets versus the Renminbi monetary liabilities. Nevertheless, financial performance of the Group may be affected by the fluctuation of Australian dollars and Singapore dollars. Furthermore, as the financial statements of the Group are presented in Hong Kong dollars, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency, the Group will be subject to exchange rate fluctuation on translation of Australian dollars, Singapore dollars and Renminbi into Hong Kong dollars. However, the Group anticipates that future currency fluctuations will not cause material operational difficulties or liquidity problems. The Group did not enter into any arrangements for the purpose of hedging against the potential foreign exchange risks during the period under review.

The Group will monitor closely on its foreign currency exposure to ensure appropriate measures, such as hedging, are taken promptly when required.

Contingent Liabilities

The Group had no significant contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2018 (31 December 2017: Nil).

Pledge of Assets

As at 30 June 2018, bank deposit and motor vehicle with carrying amounts of HK\$2,549,000 (31 December 2017: HK\$2,677,000) and HK\$139,000 (31 December 2017: HK\$162,000), respectively, were pledged to the banks to secure the bank guarantee facility and the finance lease facility granted to the Group, respectively.

Capital Expenditures and Capital Commitments

Capital expenditures incurred by the Group during the six months ended 30 June 2018 amounted to HK\$27,000 (30 June 2017: HK\$29,822,000).

As at 30 June 2018, the Group had capital commitments authorised but not contracted for that not provided for in the financial statements of the Group amounted to HK\$1,659,000, which represented capital contribution to a subsidiary (31 December 2017: HK\$1,681,000). The commitments will be financed by internal resources and/or external debts of the Group and/or by equity financing.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES

As at 30 June 2018, the Group had approximately 196 employees including the Directors (31 December 2017: approximately 150). Total staff costs for the period under review, including Directors' remuneration, was HK\$10,120,000 (30 June 2017: HK\$8,693,000). The Group remunerated its employees based on their performance, experience and prevailing market conditions. Benefits plans provided by the Group include provident fund scheme, medical insurance, subsidised training programme, share option scheme and discretionary bonuses.

The Group made contributions to the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme for its staff in Hong Kong. The employees of the Company's subsidiaries established in the PRC are members of central pension schemes operated by the local municipal governments. The employees of the Australian subsidiaries of the Company received a superannuation guarantee contribution as required by the Australian government.

IMPORTANT EVENT AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

There is no important event affecting the Group which has occurred since the end of the reporting period.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

During the six months ended 30 June 2018, in the opinion of the Board, the Company has complied with all the applicable code provisions (the "Code Provisions") of the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, except for the following deviations with the reasons as explained below:

Code Provision A.1.1

The Code Provision A.1.1 of the CG Code stipulates that the board should meet regularly and board meetings should be held at least four times a year at approximately quarterly intervals. During the six months ended 30 June 2018, one regular Board meeting was held. Although the Board meeting held during the period was not convened on a quarterly basis, the Board considered that sufficient meeting had been held within appropriate interval during the six months ended 30 June 2018 in which the Directors actively participated in considering the business operations and corporate actions of the Group. In addition, the Board has established an audit committee (the "Audit Committee"), a remuneration committee and a nomination committee to oversee particular aspects of the Company's affairs.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules (the "Model Code") as its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors. Having made specific enquiry with the Directors, all of them confirmed that they had complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 June 2018.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The interim financial results of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2018 are unaudited but have been reviewed by the Company's auditor, ZHONGHUI ANDA CPA Limited and the Audit Committee, and are duly approved by the Board under the recommendation of the Audit Committee.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the six months ended 30 June 2018, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

PUBLICATION OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT

This announcement is published on the website of the Company (www.hailianghk.com) and the website of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk). The interim report of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2018 will be despatched to the Shareholders and made available on the above websites in due course.

By Order of the Board
Hailiang International Holdings Limited
Cao Jianguo 曹建國
Chairman

Hong Kong, 24 August 2018

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises three Executive Directors, namely Mr. Cao Jianguo (曹建國先生) (Chairman), Mr. Feng Luming (馮櫓銘先生) (Chief Executive Officer) and Dr. Jin Xiaozheng (金曉錚博士); and five Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Chang Tat Joel, Mr. Ho Gilbert Chi Hang, Mr. Tsui Kun Lam Ivan, Dr. Chan Wing Mui Helen and Mr. Wang Cheung Yue.