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# **TOP FORM INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**

# 黛麗斯國際有限公司\*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 333)

# INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### **INTERIM RESULTS**

The board of directors (the "Board") of Top Form International Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively "Top Form" or the "Group") for the six months ended 31 December 2019 as follows:

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS**

For the six months ended 31 December 2019

		Six months ended 31 December	
	Note	2019 HK\$'000	2018 <i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Revenue</b>	3 -	644,620	606,696
Cost of sales		(537,271)	(506,938)
<b>Gross profit</b>	4(a)	107,349	99,758
Other net income		7,938	6,285
Selling and distribution expenses		(19,545)	(19,566)
General and administrative expenses		(108,661)	(101,646)
Finance costs		(1,606)	(98)
Share of profit of a joint venture		1,553	2,135
Loss before tax	4	(12,972)	(13,132)
Income tax expense	5	(220)	(803)
Loss for the period	_	(13,192)	(13,935)

<sup>\*</sup> For identification purpose only

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)**

For the six months ended 31 December 2019

	Six months ended 31 December		
	Note	2019 HK\$'000	2018 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Attributable to:			
Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	-	(14,539) 1,347	$(11,808) \\ (2,127)$
Loss for the period	-	(13,192)	(13,935)
<b>Loss per share (HK cents)</b> Basic	7	(6.76)	(5.49)

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 31 December 2019

	Six months ended 31 December	
	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$'000
Loss for the period	(13,192)	(13,935)
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b> Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss: Exchange differences arising on translation of		
operations outside Hong Kong		
– subsidiaries	(412)	(3,097)
– a joint venture	(340)	(483)
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of		
income tax	(752)	(3,580)
Total comprehensive income for the period	(13,944)	(17,515)
Attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	(15,332)	(15,201)
Non-controlling interests	1,388	(2,314)
Total comprehensive income for the period	(13,944)	(17,515)

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 December 2019

	Note	At 31 December 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>	At 30 June 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Right-of-use assets Prepaid land lease payments Investment properties Derivative financial instrument Interest in a joint venture Prepayments and deposits Other financial assets	2(b)	182,741 41,395 - 140,292 2,015 22,279 4,567 4,004 397,293	137,642 1,384 143,017 2,015 21,066 1,773  306,897
<b>Current assets</b> Inventories Trade and other receivables Prepaid land lease payments Current tax recoverable Bank balances and cash	8	202,166 229,571 - 128 72,331 504,196	174,099 243,073 48 82 95,269 512,571
Current liabilities			
Trade payables and accrued charges Unsecured bank loans Lease liabilities Current tax payable	9	221,387 56,334 14,396 1,420 293,537	216,236 40,375 66 490 257,167
Net current assets		210,659	255,404
Total assets less current liabilities		607,952	562,301

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)**

At 31 December 2019

	At 31 December 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>	At 30 June 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Non-current liabilities		
Retirement benefit obligations	2,884	1,954
Deferred tax liabilities	35,777	37,165
Lease liabilities	25,414	_
Other payables	18,719	
	82,794	39,119
Net assets	525,158	523,182
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Share capital	107,519	107,519
Reserves	393,061	408,013
Equity attributable to owners		
of the Company	500,580	515,532
Non-controlling interests	24,578	7,650
Total equity	525,158	523,182

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS

For the six months ended 31 December 2019

#### **1 BASIS OF PREPARATION**

This interim results announcement has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, including compliance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34, *Interim financial reporting*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"). It was authorised for issue on 21 February 2020.

The interim financial results has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2019 annual financial statements, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the 2020 annual financial statements. The 2019 annual financial statements represent the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019, which was approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 27 August 2019. Details of any changes in accounting policies are set out in note 2.

#### 2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The HKICPA has issued a new Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard ("HKFRS"), HKFRS 16, *Leases*, and a number of amendments to HKFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group.

Except for HKFRS 16, *Leases*, none of the developments have had a material effect on how the Group's results and financial position for the current or prior periods have been prepared or presented in this interim financial results. The Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

#### HKFRS 16, Leases

HKFRS 16 replaces HKAS 17, *Leases*, and the related interpretations, HK(IFRIC) 4, *Determining whether an arrangement contains a lease*, HK(SIC) 15, *Operating leases – incentives, and HK(SIC)* 27, *Evaluating the substance of transactions involving the legal form of a lease*. It introduces a single accounting model for lessees, which requires a lessee to recognise a right-of-use asset and a lease liability for all leases, except for leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less ("short-term leases") and leases of low value assets. The lessor accounting requirements are brought forward from HKAS 17 substantially unchanged.

The Group has initially applied HKFRS 16 as from 1 July 2019. The Group has elected to use the modified retrospective approach and has therefore recognised the cumulative effect of initial application as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity at 1 July 2019. Comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under HKAS 17.

Further details of the nature and effect of the changes to previous accounting policies and the transition options applied are set out below:

#### (a) Changes in the accounting policies

#### *(i)* New definition of a lease

The change in the definition of a lease mainly relates to the concept of control. HKFRS 16 defines a lease on the basis of whether a customer controls the use of an identified asset for a period of time, which may be determined by a defined amount of use. Control is conveyed where the customer has both the right to direct the use of the identified asset and to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from that use.

The Group applies the new definition of a lease in HKFRS 16 only to contracts that were entered into or changed on or after 1 July 2019. For contracts entered into before 1 July 2019, the Group has used the transitional practical expedient to grandfather the previous assessment of which existing arrangements are or contain leases.

Accordingly, contracts that were previously assessed as leases under HKAS 17 continue to be accounted for as leases under HKFRS 16 and contracts previously assessed as non-lease service arrangements continue to be accounted for as executory contracts.

#### (ii) Lessee accounting

HKFRS 16 eliminates the requirement for a lessee to classify leases as either operating leases or finance leases, as was previously required by HKAS 17. Instead, the Group is required to capitalise all leases when it is the lessee, including leases previously classified as operating leases under HKAS 17, other than those short-term leases and leases of low-value assets.

When the Group enters into a lease in respect of a low-value asset, the Group decides whether to capitalise the lease on a lease-by-lease basis. For the Group, low-value assets are typically office equipment. The lease payments associated with those leases which are not capitalised are recognised as an expense on a systematic basis over the lease term.

Where the lease is capitalised, the lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments payable over the lease term, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, using a relevant incremental borrowing rate. After initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost and interest expense is calculated using the effective interest method. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are not included in the measurement of the lease liability and hence are charged to profit or loss in the accounting period in which they are incurred.

The right-of-use asset recognised when a lease is capitalised is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability plus any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, and any initial direct costs incurred. Where applicable, the cost of the right-of-use assets also includes an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, discounted to their present value, less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, except for right-of-use assets that meet the definition of investment property are carried at fair value.

The lease liability is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, or there is a change in the Group's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or there is a change arising from the reassessment of whether the Group will be reasonably certain to exercise a purchase, extension or termination option. When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

#### (b) Transitional impact

At the date of transition to HKFRS 16 (i.e. 1 July 2019), the Group determined the length of the remaining lease terms and measured the lease liabilities for the leases previously classified as operating leases at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the relevant incremental borrowing rates at 1 July 2019. The weighted average of the incremental borrowing rates used for determination of the present value of the remaining lease payments was 4%.

To ease the transition to HKFRS 16, the Group applied the following recognition exemption and practical expedients at the date of initial application of HKFRS 16:

- (i) the Group elected not to apply the requirements of HKFRS 16 in respect of the recognition of lease liabilities and right-of-use assets to leases for which the remaining lease term ends within 12 months from the date of initial application of HKFRS 16, i.e. where the lease term ends on or before 30 June 2020; and
- (ii) when measuring the lease liabilities at the date of initial application of HKFRS 16, the Group applied a single discount rate to a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics (such as leases with a similar remaining lease term for a similar class of underlying asset in a similar economic environment).

The following table reconciles the operating lease commitments as at 30 June 2019 to the opening balance for lease liabilities recognised as at 1 July 2019:

	1 July 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Operating lease commitments at 30 June 2019 Less: commitments relating to leases exempt from capitalisation: – short-term leases and other leases with remaining lease term ending on	49,674
or before 30 June 2020	(9,288)
– leases of low-value assets	(433)
	39,953
Less: total future interest expenses	(2,723)
Present value of remaining lease payments, discounted using the incremental borrowing rate at 1 July 2019	37,230
Add: finance lease liabilities recognised as at 30 June 2019	66
Total lease liabilities recognised at 1 July 2019	37,296

The right-of-use assets in relation to leases previously classified as operating leases have been recognised at an amount equal to the amount recognised for the remaining lease liabilities, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to that lease recognised in the statement of financial position at 30 June 2019.

So far as the impact of the adoption of HKFRS 16 on leases previously classified as finance leases is concerned, the Group is not required to make any adjustments at the date of initial application of HKFRS 16, other than changing the captions for the balances. Accordingly, instead of "obligations under finance leases", these amounts are included within "lease liabilities", and the depreciated carrying amount of the corresponding leased asset is identified as a right-of-use asset. There is no impact on the opening balance of equity.

Line items in the consolidated statement of financial position impacted by the adoption of HKFRS 16:	amount at	Capitalisation of operating lease contracts <i>HK\$'000</i>	Carrying amount at 1 July 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Property, plant and equipment	137,642	(226)	137,416
Right-of-use assets	-	38,888	38,888
Prepaid land lease payments (non-current)	1,384	(1,384)	-
Total non-current assets	306,897	37,278	344,175
Prepaid land lease payments (current)	48	(48)	-
Current assets	512,571	(48)	512,523
Lease liabilities (current)	66	10,814	10,880
Current liabilities	257,167	10,814	267,981
Net current assets	255,404	(10,862)	244,542
Total assets less current liabilities	562,301	26,416	588,717
Lease liabilities (non-current)	-	26,416	26,416
Total non-current liabilities	39,119	26,416	65,535
Net assets	523,182	-	523,182

The following table summarises the impacts of the adoption of HKFRS 16 on the Group's consolidated statement of financial position:

The analysis of the net book value of the Group's right-of-use assets by class of underlying asset at the end of the reporting period and at the date of transition to HKFRS 16 is as follows:

	At 31 December 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>	At 1 July 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Ownership interests in leasehold land held for own		
use, carried at depreciated cost	1,410	1,432
Other properties leased for own use, carried at		
depreciated cost	39,985	37,230
Plant, machinery and equipment, carried at		
depreciated cost		226
	41,395	38,888

#### **3** SEGMENT INFORMATION

Revenue represents the sale value of goods and is within the scope of HKFRS 15, *Revenue from contracts with customers*. The Group manages its business as a single unit and, accordingly, the manufacturing and sale of ladies' intimate apparel is the only reportable segment and virtually all of the revenue and operating profits is derived from this business segment. The consolidated financial statements are already presented in a manner consistent with the way in which information is reported internally to the Company's executive directors, being the chief operating decision maker, for the purposes of resources allocation and operating performance review.

The chief operating decision maker regularly assesses available production capacity on a plant by plant basis, however, no discrete financial information is available for each plant for the purpose of resources allocation and operating performance review. The chief operating decision maker reviews financial information on a consolidated basis. Accordingly, no separate business segment information is disclosed.

The accounting policies adopted for the preparation of the financial information reviewed by executive directors are the same as those adopted in preparing the Group's financial statements. Segment revenue is the consolidated revenue of the Group. Segment profit or loss is the consolidated profit or loss after tax.

All the Group's assets and liabilities are under the manufacturing business as at 31 December 2019 and 30 June 2019.

#### 4 LOSS BEFORE TAX

Loss before tax has been arrived at after charging/(crediting):

			Six months ended 31 December	
		2019	2018	
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
(a)	Finance costs			
	Interest expense on bank borrowings	986	89	
	Interest on lease liabilities	233	9	
	Other bank charges	387		
		1,606	98	
(b)	Other items			
	Depreciation charge			
	– property, plant and equipment	15,248	11,879	
	- right-of-use assets	5,267	_	
	Reversal of prior year provision	(5,200)	_	
	Release of prepaid land lease payments	-	24	
	Allowance for obsolete inventories (included in cost of			
	sales)	4,473	7,643	
	Exchange gain, net	(3,673)	(2,987)	
	Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	217	347	
	Interest income	(311)	(588)	

#### 5 INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Six months ended 31 December	
	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$'000
Current tax:		
Hong Kong Profits Tax	1,260	39
Other jurisdictions	348	455
	1,608	494
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(1,388)	309
	220	803

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profits for both periods.

Taxation arising from other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

#### 6 DIVIDENDS

No interim dividend declared and paid after the interim period end (Six months ended 31 December 2018: HK\$Nil).

#### 7 LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic loss per share attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the following:

	Six months ended 31 December	
	2019	2018
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Loss for the period attributable to the owners of the Company		
for the purpose of computing basic loss per share	(14,539)	(11,808)
	Number of	Number of
	shares	shares
Number of weighted average of ordinary shares for the purpose		
of computing basic loss per share	215,037,625	215,037,625

No dilutive loss per share has been presented because there are no dilutive potential ordinary shares outstanding for both periods.

#### 8 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Included in the balance are trade receivables of HK\$184,670,000 (at 30 June 2019: HK\$208,369,000). The Group allows an average credit period of 10 days to 120 days to its trade customers.

#### Ageing analysis

At the end of the reporting period, the ageing analysis of trade receivables based on the invoice date is as follows:

	At	At
	<b>31 December 2019</b>	30 June 2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
1 - 90 days	175,510	192,189
91 - 180 days	9,160	16,180
	184,670	208,369

#### 9 TRADE PAYABLES AND ACCRUED CHARGES

Included in the balance are trade payables of HK\$123,005,000 (at 30 June 2019: HK\$123,350,000). Other payables and accrued charges mainly represented accrued freight charges, salaries and other operating expenses.

An ageing analysis of trade payables, based on the payment due date at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	At	At
	31 December 2019	30 June 2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current	97,324	105,355
1 - 30 days past due	17,589	13,796
31 - 60 days past due	7,808	1,863
Over 60 days past due	284	2,336
	123,005	123,350

As the average credit period on purchases of goods is ranged from 30 days to 60 days, a majority of the balances which as disclosed above are within 90 days from the invoice date. The Group has financial risk management policies in place to ensure that all payables are paid within the credit timeframe.

#### 10 EQUITY-SETTLED SHARE-BASED TRANSACTIONS

On 30 September 2019, 5,920,000 share options were granted for HK\$1 consideration to directors and employees of the Company under the Company's share option scheme (no share options were granted during the six months ended 31 December 2018). Each option gives the holder the right to subscribe for one ordinary share of the Company. These share options will vest on 30 September 2022, and then be exercisable until 2024. The exercise price is HK\$1.172, being the average closing price for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant.

No options were exercised during the six months ended 31 December 2019 (2018: Nil).

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# **BUSINESS REVIEW**

Over the last 18 months, as the US China trade dispute escalated, Top Form increased the pace of shifting production of our US exports to our South East Asian plants. Our action has helped to reduce some of the impact from the additional 15% import tariffs levied on brassiere products from China into the US, which went into effect on 1 September 2019. Yet, during this period, the Group still had to absorb some portion of the US import tariffs with our customers for products that required specialized Chinese technology and the support of the Chinese supply chain which we had to ship out of our China factories.

On 20 August 2019, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company entered into a joint venture agreement to set up a seamless manufacturing facility in Thailand. As of 31 December 2019, the seamless manufacturing facility has more than 100 units of circular knitting machines installed and has started trial run in December.

During the period, in monetary terms, 74% of sales were to the US market, 17% to the EU and 9% to the rest of the world. From the supply side, the overseas manufacturing facilities in Southeast Asia accounted for 74% of the global production output whilst China accounted for the remaining 26% during the period.

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

# Revenue

The Group's revenue increased by 6% from HK\$606.7 million to HK\$644.6 million for the six months ended 31 December 2019. This increase in revenue was mainly driven by the robust demand of the fully fused and seamless products, the addition of several new customers during the period, and offset by lower sales to European customers.

# **Gross Profit**

Gross Profit increased from HK\$99.8 million to HK\$107.3 million during the six months period. Gross profit margin improved slightly from 16% to 17%.

# **Selling and Distribution Expenses**

Selling and distribution expenses primarily comprised of freight and transportation costs, employee benefits of sales and sales support personnel, and customer sample costs. The Group's selling & distribution expenses amounted to HK\$19.5 million for the six months ended 31 December 2019, against HK\$19.6 million for the six months ended 31 December 2018.

# **General and Administrative Expenses**

The Group's general and administrative expenses amounted to HK\$108.7 million for the six months ended 31 December 2019, against HK\$101.6 million for the six months ended 31 December 2018. The increase in general and administrative expenses was mainly attributable to the increase in product development costs.

# Loss for the period

The Group recorded a net loss of HK\$13.2 million for the six months ended 31 December 2019, as compared to HK\$13.9 million in the corresponding period last year.

# FINANCIAL POSITION

The financial position of the Group remains healthy with shareholders' funds standing at HK\$501 million as at 31 December 2019 compared with HK\$516 million as at 30 June 2019.

Bank balances and cash stood at HK\$72.3 million with short term bank borrowings of HK\$56.3 million. Total credit facilities available to the Group amounted to HK\$110 million and gearing ratio was 19.2%. As at 31 December 2019 and 30 June 2019, the Group did not have assets pledged for bank borrowings.

The Group strives to improve the working capital management and focus on the overall cash conversion cycle days which are calculated by adding the inventory turnover days and receivables turnover days and subtracting the payables turnover days. For the six months ended 31 December 2019, the cash conversion cycle days were 54 days as compared to 57 days for the year ended 30 June 2019.

	For the six months/year ended	
	<b>31 December</b>	30 June
	2019	2019
	(Days)	(Days)
Inventory turnover days	64	57
Receivables turnover days	56	60
Payables turnover days	66	60
Cash conversion cycle days	54	57

Capital expenditure during the period amounted to HK\$60 million of which the majority was for the establishment of seamless manufacturing facility and also the expansion of overseas factory capacity.

# FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK

The Group is mainly exposed to fluctuations in exchange rates of Euro, HK dollars, RMB, US dollars and Thai Baht. Majority of the sales revenue are denominated in US dollars, the foreign exchange exposure in respect of US dollars against HK dollars is considered minimal as HK dollars pegged with US dollars. The Group manages its foreign exchange exposure by performing regular review and by taking prudent measures to minimize the currency translation risk.

# **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2019, the Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities.

# **OUTLOOK AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

On 15 January 2020, a truce to the 18-month trade conflict emerged as the USA and China signed the "Phase 1" deal as both sides seeks to de-escalate the trade tension that has affected global trade for a better part of two years. While the immediate effect for Top Form was the lowering of the additional import tariffs of 15% on our brassiere products to 7.5%, we expect this additional tariff will remain in force for the foreseeable future.

As the threat of increased trade tension between US and China subsides the world is now reckoning with another global crisis arising from coronavirus originating from China. While the Group has taken proactive steps to work with customers and suppliers to minimize the impact to our overall business the unprecedented measures being put in place by the Chinese government to contain the virus are expected to cause significant disruption to global supply chain and we foresee our operations will be negatively affected during the second half of this financial year.

Against the backdrop of major disruptive events around the world, the Group expects these turbulences will certainly have an adverse impact to our near term financial results. Yet, in spite of that, we continue to see positive signs emerging from our major strategic initiatives including, expanding our manufacturing footprints and technology in South East Asia, investing in people, product innovation and design, and information technology, and broadening our markets by on boarding major global brands and retailers. During the immediate term, the Group remains focused on driving operational efficiency across all of our operations, and continuing to ramp up our overseas manufacturing capacity, including our newly developed Myanmar factory and seamless manufacturing facility.

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's shares during the six months ended 31 December 2019.

# **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

The Board has resolved not to declare an interim dividend for the six months ended 31 December 2019 (six months ended 31 December 2018: HK\$Nil).

# AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee comprises Ms. Leung Churk Yin, Jeanny, Mr. Leung Ying Wah, Lambert and Mr. Lin Sun Mo, Willy, all of whom are independent non-executive Directors of the Company.

The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed financial reporting matters, internal controls and risk management systems.

The Company's unaudited interim financial report for the six months ended 31 December 2019 has been reviewed by the Audit Committee and KPMG, auditors of the Company.

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company has, during the six months ended 31 December 2019, complied with the code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code, Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), except for the following deviations:

# **Code Provisions A.4.1 and A.4.2**

Code Provision A.4.1 provides, inter alia, that Non-executive Directors should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election.

Non-executive Directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term. They are, however, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company at least once every three years in accordance with the Company's Bye-laws.

Code Provision A.4.2 provides that every director, including those appointed for a specific term, should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.

The Chairman shall not, while holding such office, be subject to retirement by rotation or be taken into account in determining the number of Directors to retire each year. In the opinion of the Board, it is important for the stability and growth of the Company that there is, and is seen to be, continuity of leadership in the role of Chairman and, in consequence, the Board is of the view that the Chairman should not be subject to retirement by rotation or hold office for a limited term at the present time.

# MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange as its own code for dealing in securities of the Company by the Directors. Based on specific enquiry made with all Directors, the Company considers that the Directors complied with the required standard as set out in the Model Code throughout the period under review.

Employees who are likely to be in possession of inside information of the Company are also subject to compliance with guidelines on no less exacting terms than the Model Code.

# **EMPLOYEES**

As at 31 December 2019, the Group had employed approximately 8,589 employees (30 June 2019: approximately 8,853 employees). The remuneration policy and package of the Group's employees are structured by reference to the prevailing market conditions and statutory requirements as appropriate. The Group also provides other staff benefits such as medical insurance, mandatory provident fund contributions and a share option scheme to its employees.

By order of the Board **Top Form International Limited Wong Chung Chong** *Chairman* 

Hong Kong, 21 February 2020

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Wong Chung Chong, Mr. Wong Kai Chung, Kevin and Mr. Wong Kai Chi, Kenneth as executive directors; Mr. Fung Wai Yiu, Mr. Lucas A.M. Laureys and Mr. Herman Van de Velde as non-executive directors; and Ms. Leung Churk Yin, Jeanny, Mr. Leung Ying Wah, Lambert and Mr. Lin Sun Mo, Willy as independent non-executive directors.