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瑋俊生物科技有限公司*

Wai Chun Bio-Technology Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 660)

UNAUDITED ANNUAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (“**Directors**”) of Wai Chun Bio-Technology Limited (the “**Company**”) hereby announces the unaudited consolidated financial results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “**Group**”) for the year ended 31 December 2019 together with the comparative figures for 2018 as follows:

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2018 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Turnover	4	579,231	480,852
Cost of sales		(530,374)	(465,330)
Gross profit		48,857	15,522
Other revenue		1,375	7,032
Selling expenses		(11,745)	(7,456)
Administrative expenses		(21,370)	(22,716)
Equity-settled share-based payment		–	(39,864)
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries		67	–
Impairment losses, net of reversal	5	(1,284)	537
Finance costs	6	(6,009)	(6,060)
Profit (loss) before tax		9,891	(53,005)
Income tax expense	7	(75)	(149)
Profit (loss) for the year	8	9,816	(53,154)
Profit (loss) for the year attributable to:			
– Owners of the Company		(2,737)	(53,617)
– Non-controlling interests		12,553	463
		9,816	(53,154)
Loss per share	9	HK cents	HK cents
– Basic		(0.02)	(0.32)
– Diluted		(0.02)	(0.32)

* For identification purposes only

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2018 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Profit (loss) for the year	9,816	(53,154)
Other comprehensive (expense) income		
<i>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>		
Exchange differences arising from translation of foreign operations	<u>(212)</u>	<u>26</u>
Other comprehensive (expense) income, net of income tax	<u>(212)</u>	<u>26</u>
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the year	<u>9,604</u>	<u>(53,128)</u>
Total comprehensive income (expense) attributable to:		
– Owners of the Company	(2,854)	(53,603)
– Non-controlling interests	<u>12,458</u>	<u>475</u>
	<u>9,604</u>	<u>(53,128)</u>

Note:

Due to the recent epidemic of the COVID-19 and the curbing and quarantine policies adopted and/or implemented by the Chinese government, HLM CPA Limited, the auditor of the Company, encountered significant practical difficulties in compiling its report as it was unable to go to certain locations of the Company (including Shandong) for performing audit work. Accordingly, it was unable to complete the audit of the Group's annual results for the year ended December 1, 2019 by March 31, 2020 in accordance with the requirements of the Rules Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2018 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		49,765	42,728
Prepaid land lease payments		–	29,635
Right-of-use assets		28,972	–
		<u>78,737</u>	<u>72,363</u>
Current assets			
Inventories		38,845	28,490
Prepaid land lease payments		–	696
Trade and bills receivables	10	27,615	22,140
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables		26,275	18,509
Tax refundable		12	–
Bank balances and cash		5,409	4,537
		<u>98,156</u>	<u>74,372</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	11	74,822	62,570
Accruals and other payables		33,362	27,010
Contract liabilities		5,122	6,241
Tax payables		–	46
Borrowings		55,659	62,565
		<u>168,965</u>	<u>158,432</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(70,809)</u>	<u>(84,060)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>7,928</u>	<u>(11,697)</u>

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
(CONTINUED)

At 31 December 2019

	2019 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2018 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Non-current liability		
Loans from the ultimate holding company	<u>43,608</u>	<u>33,586</u>
Net liabilities	<u>(35,680)</u>	<u>(45,283)</u>
Capital and reserves		
Share capital – ordinary shares	41,477	41,477
Share capital – convertible preference shares	542	542
Reserves	<u>(91,919)</u>	<u>(89,064)</u>
Capital deficiency attributable to owners of the Company	(49,900)	(47,045)
Non-controlling interests	<u>14,220</u>	<u>1,762</u>
Capital deficiency	<u>(35,680)</u>	<u>(45,283)</u>

1. GENERAL

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability and its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”). In the opinion of the directors of the Company, the ultimate holding company of the Company is Wai Chun Investment Fund (“**Wai Chun IF**”), which is a private limited company incorporated in the Cayman Islands. Its ultimate controlling party is Mr. Lam Ching Kui (the “**Ultimate Controlling Party**”), who is the chairman of the Board of Directors and an executive director of the Company. The address of the registered office of the Company is P.O. Box 31119, Grand Pavilion, Hibiscus Bay, 802 West Bay Road, Grand Cayman KY1-1205, Cayman Islands, and the principal place of business of the Company is 13/F, Admiralty Centre 2, 18 Harcourt Road, Admiralty, Hong Kong.

Pursuant to a special resolution passed on 19 August 2019 and the Certificate of Incorporation on Change of Name issued by the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands on 3 September 2019, the Company changes its English name and Chinese name from “Wai Chun Mining Industry Group Company Limited 偉俊礦業集團有限公司” to “Wai Chun Bio-Technology Limited 瑋俊生物科技有限公司”.

The principal activities of the Group are the manufacture and sale of modified starch and other biochemical products and general trading including the trading of electronic parts and components and electrical appliances.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars (“**HK\$**”), which is also the functional currency of the Company. In addition, the functional currencies of certain group entities that operate outside Hong Kong are determined based on the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group entities operate.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2019, the Group incurred a net loss attributable to the owners of the Company of approximately HK\$2,737,000 and as at that date, the Group had net current liabilities and net liabilities of approximately HK\$70,809,000 and HK\$35,680,000 respectively, and also, the Group’s capital deficiency attributable to owners of the Company was approximately HK\$49,900,000. These conditions indicate the existence of material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt on the Group’s ability to continue as a going concern and therefore, the Group may not be able to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

In order to ensure the Group’s ability to operate as a going concern, the Directors of the Company have implemented various measures as follow:

- (i) As at 31 December 2019, the Company has drawn down loan of approximately HK\$43,608,000 and undrawn loan facilities of approximately HK\$87,392,000 granted by Wai Chun IF, its ultimate holding company, which is provided on a subordinated basis, i.e. Wai Chun IF will not demand the Company for repayment of such loans until all the other liabilities of the Group had been satisfied;
- (ii) In addition to the loan facilities granted by Wai Chun IF as stated above, the Ultimate Controlling Party has also undertaken to provide adequate funds to enable the Group to meet its liabilities and to settle financial obligations to third parties as and when they fall due so that the Group can continue as a going concern and carry on its business without a significant curtailment of operations for the twelve months from the date of this announcement;

- (iii) The Company has planned and is in negotiation with potential investors to raise sufficient funds through fund raising arrangement; and
- (iv) The Directors will continue to implement measures aiming at improving the working capital and cash flows of the Group including closely monitoring general administrative expenses and operating costs.

The Directors have carried out a detailed review of the cash flow forecast of the Group for the coverage period to twelve months from the date of this announcement taking into account the impact of above measures, the Directors of the Company believe that the Group will have sufficient cash resources to satisfy its future working capital and other financing requirements as and when they fall due in the next twelve months from the date of this announcement, and accordingly, are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the unaudited consolidated financial statements on a going concern basis.

Should the Group be unable to continue in business as a going concern, adjustments would have to be made to write down the value of assets to their recoverable amounts, to provide for future liabilities which might arise and to reclassify non-current assets and liabilities to current assets and liabilities respectively. The effects of these potential adjustments have not been reflected in these unaudited consolidated financial statements.

As set out in the paragraphs above, the Group intends to pursue strategic acquisitions that can enable the Company to capture new business opportunities in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") market and to strengthen the revenue and profit fundamentals. The Company has been actively identifying projects with growth potential for acquisitions or investments and has engaged in discussions with various parties for such acquisitions or investments.

3. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs")

New and Amendments to HKFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year

In the current year, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following new and amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA which are mandatory effective for the annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2019 for the preparation of the Group's unaudited consolidated financial statements:

HKFRS 16	Leases
HK(IFRIC) – Int 23	Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments
Amendments to HKFRS 9	Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation
Amendments to HKAS 19	Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement
Amendments to HKAS 28	Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures
Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2015 – 2017 Cycle

The new and amendments to HKFRSs have been applied in accordance with the relevant transition provisions in the respective standards and amendments which results in changes in accounting policies, amounts reported and/or disclosures as described below.

Impacts and changes in accounting policies of application on HKFRS 16 Leases

The Group has applied HKFRS 16 for the first time in the current year. HKFRS 16 superseded HKAS 17 Leases ("HKAS 17"), and the related interpretations.

The Group has used the following elective practical expedients when applying HKFRS 16 at 1 January 2019:

- Applied the short-term lease exemptions to leases with a lease term that ends within 12 months from the date of initial application
- Used hindsight in determining the lease term where the contract contains options to extend/terminate the lease

Prepaid land lease payment in respect of the land use right in the PRC should be regrouped as right-of-use assets under HKFRS 16.

Summary of effects arising from initial application of HKFRS 16

The adjustments to the opening balances (affected items only) below resulted from the initial application of HKFRS 16 as at 1 January 2019. The prior-period amounts were not adjusted.

	Prepaid land lease payments <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Right-of-use assets <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Closing balance at 31 December 2018 – HKAS 17	30,331	N/A
Effect arising from initial application of HKFRS 16		
Reclassification from prepaid land lease payment	<u>(30,331)</u>	<u>30,331</u>
Opening balance at 1 January 2019	<u><u>–</u></u>	<u><u>30,331</u></u>

Financial Impact on Initial Application of HKFRS 16

On transition to HKFRS 16, the Group has taken advantage of the practical expedients to leases previously classified as operating leases under HKAS 17 to account for leases with a remaining term of twelve months or less from the date of initial application as short-term leases (i.e. not recognised “**on balance sheet**”) and using hindsight when determining the lease term if the contract contains options to extend or terminate the lease.

As at 31 December 2018, the Group had operating lease commitment of HK\$591,000 for which the lease term ends within 12 months of the date of initial application and the leases do not include a renewal option. Accordingly, the Group has not recognised any right-of-use assets nor lease liabilities as at 1 January 2019 but to account for payments on these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the remaining lease term.

New and amendments to HKFRSs issued but not yet effective

The Group has not applied the following new and amendments to HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective:

HKFRS 17	Insurance Contracts ²
Amendments to HKFRS 3	Definition of a Business ⁴
Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7	Interest Rate Benchmark Reform ¹
Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture ³
Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8	Definition of Material ¹

¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020

² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021

³ Effective date to be determined

⁴ Effective for business combinations and asset acquisitions for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2020

In addition to the above new and amendments to HKFRSs, a revised Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting was issued in 2018. Its consequential amendments, the Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in HKFRS Standards, will be effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020.

The Directors of the Company do not anticipate that the application of these new and amendments to HKFRSs will have any material impact on the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The chief operating decision maker (“**CODM**”) has been identified as the Group’s senior executive management. The CODM reviews the Group’s internal reporting for resource allocation and assessment of performance.

For management purposes, the Group’s reportable segments under HKFRS 8 are as follows:

Modified starch and other biochemical products	– Manufacture and sale of modified starch and other biochemical products
General trading	– Trading of electronic parts, components and electrical appliances.

The reportable segments have been identified on the basis of internal management reports prepared in accordance with accounting policies conforming to HKFRSs and these reports are regularly reviewed by the CODM of the Company.

Segment results represents loss incurred or profit earned by each segment without allocation of other revenue, central administration costs (including Directors’ salaries) and finance costs.

Business segments***Unaudited Segment revenues and results***

The following is an analysis of the Group's unaudited revenues and results by reportable and operating segment:

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Modified starch and other biochemical products <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	General trading <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Segment revenue	558,343	20,888	579,231
Segment results	27,754	101	27,855
Other revenue			1,375
Central administration costs			(13,397)
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries			67
Finance costs			(6,009)
Profit before tax			9,891
Income tax expense			(75)
Profit for the year			9,816

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	Modified starch and other biochemical products <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)	General trading <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Segment revenue	442,961	37,891	480,852
Segment results	4,025	184	4,209
Other revenue			2,548
Central administration costs			(13,838)
Equity-settled share-based payment			(39,864)
Finance costs			(6,060)
Loss before tax			(53,005)
Income tax expense			(149)
Loss for the year			(53,154)

5. IMPAIRMENT LOSSES, NET OF REVERSAL

	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2018 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Impairment loss on trade and bills receivables	1,496	–
Impairment loss on deposit, prepayments and other receivables	–	116
Reversal of impairment loss on trade and bills receivables	(212)	(312)
Reversal of impairment loss on deposit, prepayments and other receivables	–	(341)
Total	<u>1,284</u>	<u>(537)</u>

6. FINANCE COSTS

	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2018 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Interests on:		
– Bank loans and bank overdrafts	2,805	3,769
– Loans from the ultimate holding company	2,413	1,884
– Short-term loan from an independent third party	161	161
– Bills payables	630	246
Total	<u>6,009</u>	<u>6,060</u>

7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2018 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
The income tax expense comprises:		
Current income tax:		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax	<u>75</u>	<u>149</u>

8. PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR

	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2018 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Profit (loss) for the year has been arrived at after charging (crediting):		
Auditor's remuneration	500	500
Equity-settled share-based payment	–	39,864
Amortisation of prepaid land lease payments	–	725
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	694	–
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries	(67)	–
Staff costs (including Directors' emoluments and retirement benefit costs)	<u>9,132</u>	<u>5,727</u>

9. LOSS PER SHARE

(a) Basic loss per share

The calculation of the basic loss per share is based on loss attributable to owners of the Company of approximately HK\$2,737,000 (2018: approximately HK\$53,617,000) and the number of 16,590,685,376 ordinary shares (2018: 16,590,685,376 ordinary shares) in issue.

	2019 <i>Number of shares</i> (Unaudited)	2018 <i>Number of shares</i> (Audited)
Number of ordinary shares		
Issued ordinary shares at 1 January	16,590,685,376	16,590,685,376
Effect of conversion of convertible preference shares	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
Number of ordinary shares at 31 December	<u>16,590,685,376</u>	<u>16,590,685,376</u>

(b) Diluted loss per share

Diluted loss per share is calculated by adjusting the number of ordinary shares outstanding due to the effect of all dilutive potential ordinary shares and the Group's loss attributable to owners of the Company.

The Company has dilutive potential ordinary shares attributable to share options and convertible preference shares. The calculation of diluted loss per share in the current year does not assume the exercise of the share options and the conversion of convertible preference shares since their exercise would result in a decrease in loss per share. Accordingly, the diluted loss per share is same as the basic loss per share.

10. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES

	2019 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2018 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Trade receivables	33,689	27,646
Bills receivables	901	186
	34,590	27,832
Less: Provision for impairment	(6,975)	(5,692)
Total	27,615	22,140

The Group allows average credit period of 30 to 180 days to its customers. Receivables that were current relate to customers for whom there was no recent history of default. As at 31 December 2019, the Group has assessed the recoverability of the receivables past due and made a provision for impairment. The provision for impairment is made unless the Group has concluded that recovery is remote, in which case the unrecovered loss is written off against trade and bills receivables and the provision for impairment directly. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

The ageing analysis of trade and bills receivables based on the invoice dates and net of provision for impairment, as at the reporting date, is as follows:

	2019 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2018 HK\$'000 (Audited)
0-30 days	21,555	14,515
31-60 days	4,667	4,870
61-90 days	358	310
91-180 days	1,035	2,445
Total	27,615	22,140

As at 31 December 2019, included in the trade and bills receivables were an aggregate amount of HK\$27,615,000 which are not past due and regarded as having low default risk by the management of the Company based on regular repayment history in the ECL assessment.

11. TRADE PAYABLES

	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2018 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Trade payables	74,822	62,570

The average credit period on purchases of goods ranges from 30 to 180 days. The Group has financial risk management policies to ensure that all payables are paid within the credit timeframe. The following is an ageing analysis of trade payables based on the invoice dates:

	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2018 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
0-30 days	27,306	16,413
31-60 days	31,341	31,188
61-90 days	12,987	3,420
91-180 days	2,078	9,173
Over 180 days	1,110	2,376
Total	74,822	62,570

12. EVENTS AFTER REPORTING PERIOD

Impact of Novel Coronavirus Outbreak to the Group

In view of the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a number of provinces and municipalities in the PRC have taken emergency public health measures and various actions to curb the spread of the outbreak. As a result, the Group's business operation has been affected.

Proposed issue of convertible bonds

On 23 January 2020, the Company entered into the Subscription Agreement with Chinese Success (a connected person of the Company) pursuant to which Chinese Success conditionally agreed to subscribe for and the Company conditionally agreed to issue the Convertible Bonds in the principal amount of HK\$44,085,368. The proposed issue of convertible bonds has not yet completed up to the date of this announcement.

Proposed share consolidation

On 24 January 2020, the Company is aware that the ordinary shares of the Company (the "Shares") have been trading at a price range level below HK\$0.10 for a period of time, and that there is a possibility that the trading price of the Shares would approach the extremity of HK\$0.01, being the lowest acceptable trading price of the securities of an issuer as referred to under Rule 13.64 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, so the Board proposes to implement a share consolidation of the Shares. The further announcement about the details of the proposed share consolidation has not yet been made by the Company up to the date of this announcement.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the year ended 31 December 2019, the Group recorded a revenue of approximately HK\$579,231,000 from operations (2018: approximately HK\$480,852,000), representing an increase of approximately 20.4% as compared to that of 2018. The Group recorded a gross profit and gross profit margin of approximately HK\$48,857,000 (2018: approximately HK\$15,522,000) and 8.4% (2018: 3.2%) respectively, representing increase of approximately 214.7% and increase of 5.2% respectively as compared to 2018.

Administrative expenses decreased by 5.92% from approximately HK\$22,716,000 in 2018 to approximately HK\$21,370,000 in current year. Selling expenses recorded an increase of 57.5% from approximately HK\$7,456,000 in 2018 to approximately HK\$11,745,000 in current year.

Loss attributable to owners of the Company for the year amounted to approximately HK\$2,737,000 (2018: approximately HK\$53,617,000). The decrease in the loss was mainly due to the share based payment expenses of approximately HK\$39,864,000 recognised for the 1,595,468,537 share options granted under the Company's share option scheme on 16 July 2018.

Modified starch and other biochemical products business

The segment has recorded a turnover approximately HK\$558,343,000 (2018: approximately HK\$442,961,000) during the year. Increase in market demand has caused an increase in turnover, the segment has generated a segment profit in current year approximately HK\$27,754,000 as compared to the segment profit in 2018 approximately HK\$4,025,000. The increase in profit is mainly due to the demand in market and well control on both production cost and operating cost. Therefore, turnover has increased by 26% while segment profit has increased by 589.5% when compared that to 2018.

General trading business

The general trading business recorded a revenue of approximately HK\$20,888,000 (2018: approximately HK\$37,891,000) and a segmental profit of approximately HK\$101,000 in 2019 (2018: approximately HK\$184,000 respectively).

Financial Resources and Position

As at 31 December 2019, the Group had net current liabilities of approximately HK\$70,809,000 (2018: approximately HK\$84,060,000) and cash and cash equivalents of approximately HK\$5,409,000 (2018: approximately HK\$4,537,000). The Group's cash and cash equivalents are mainly denominated in Hong Kong Dollars, Renminbi and United States Dollars. As at 31 December 2019, the current ratio of the Group was approximately 0.58 times (2018: approximately 0.47 times).

Total debts of the Group amounted to approximately HK\$99,267,000 (2018: approximately HK\$96,151,000), comprising borrowings of approximately HK\$55,659,000 (2018: approximately HK\$62,565,000) and loans from the ultimate holding company of approximately HK\$43,608,000 (2018: approximately HK\$33,586,000). All the above-mentioned borrowings are denominated in Hong Kong Dollars and Renminbi. All of these borrowings are interest bearing at prevailing market interest rates. The net debts (net of cash and cash equivalents) to total assets ratio of the Group is approximately 53.1% (2018: approximately 62.4%), representing an decrease of approximately 9.3% as compared to 2018.

The Group had future minimum lease payments under a non-cancellable operating lease in respect of rented premises amounting to approximately HK Nil (2018: approximately HK\$591,000). On the basis of the undrawn loan facilities of approximately HK\$87,392,000, granted by its ultimate holding company, Wai Chun Investment Fund (“**Wai Chun IF**”) which will be provided on a subordinated basis, the Directors believe that the Group has sufficient financial resources for its operations. The Directors will remain cautious in the Group’s liquidity management.

Foreign Currency Fluctuation

For the year ended 31 December 2019, the Group conducted its business transactions principally in Renminbi and US dollars. The Group has not experienced any material difficulties or negative impact on its operations as a result of fluctuations in currency exchange rates. Accordingly, the Directors considered that the foreign exchange exposure is relatively limited and no hedging of exchange risk is required. As an internal policy, the Group continues to implement a prudent policy on financial management policy and does not participate in any high risk speculative activities. Nevertheless, the management will continue to monitor the foreign exchange exposure and will take prudent measures when needed.

Pledge of Assets and Contingent Liabilities

As at 31 December 2019, the Group had not provided any financial guarantee and did not have any material contingent liabilities. As at 31 December 2019, the Group’s right-of-use assets with carrying amount of approximately HK\$18,228,000 (2018: prepaid land lease payments with carrying amount of approximately HK\$19,078,000) were pledged to secure the bank borrowings.

Dividend

The Board has resolved not to recommend the payment of final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2019.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

During the year under review, the Group continued to engage in the manufacture and sale of modified starch and other biochemical products and general trading.

The business of manufacture and sales of modified starch, and other biochemical products recorded segment profit of approximately HK\$27,754,000 (2018: approximately HK\$4,025,000). The increase in profit is mainly due to the demand of market and well control on both production cost and operating cost. The business of general trading recorded segment profit of approximately HK\$101,000 during the year (2018: approximately HK\$184,000).

The Group will continue to pursue strategic acquisitions that can enable the Company to capture new business opportunities in the PRC market and to strengthen the revenue and profit fundamentals. The Company has been actively identifying projects with growth potential for acquisitions or investments and has been in discussions with various parties for such acquisitions or investments.

In order to ensure the Group's financial ability to operate as a going concern, the Directors of the Company have been implementing various measures including the provision of loan facilities by the ultimate holding company, conducting negotiation with potential investors to raise sufficient funds; and will continue to implement measures aiming at improving the working capital and cash flows of the Group including closely monitoring general administrative expenses and operating costs.

OTHER INFORMATION

Employees

As at 31 December 2019, the Group had a total of 160 employees, the majority of whom are situated in the PRC. In addition to offer competitive remuneration packages to employees, discretionary bonuses and share options may also be granted to eligible employees based on individual performance.

The Group also encourages its employees to pursue a balanced life and provides a good working environment for its employees to maximise their potential and contribution to the Group.

The remuneration committee of the Company, having regard to the Company's operating results, individual performance and comparable market statistics, decides the emoluments of the Directors. No Director, or any of his associates, and executive, is involved in dealing his own remuneration.

Material Acquisition and Disposal of Subsidiaries

There was no material acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2019.

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 listed securities during the year ended 31 December 2019.

Code on Corporate Governance Practices

The Company has adopted the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code (“**CG Code**”) as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules as its own code of corporate governance. During the year ended 31 December 2019, the Company has complied with the relevant code provisions set out in the CG Code except for the deviation from code provision A.2.1 and A.5.5(2), which are explained below.

Code provision A.2.1 provides that the roles of the chairman and chief executive officer should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual. The Company does not at present separate the roles of the chairman and chief executive officer. Mr. Lam Ching Kui is the chairman and chief executive officer of the Company. He has extensive experience in project management and securities investments and is responsible for the overall corporate strategies, planning and business development of the Group. The balance of power and authorities are ensured by the operation of the Board which comprises experienced and high caliber individuals with sufficient number thereof being independent non-executive Directors.

Code provision A.5.5(2) provide that where the board proposes a resolution to elect an individual as an independent non-executive director at the general meeting, it should set out in the circular to shareholders and/or explanatory statement accompanying the notice of the relevant general meeting why the board believes the individual would still be able to devote sufficient time to the board if the proposed independent non-executive director will be holding his seventh (or more) listed company directorship.

The Company did not disclose in its circular dated 30 April 2019 the fact that Mr. To Yan Ming, Edmond (“**Mr. To**”), an Independent Non-executive Director, holds more than seven listed company directorships and the reasons why the Board believes that Mr. To should be re-elected due to an inadvertent oversight. Mr. To has confirmed that he is aware of the responsibilities of being a director of a public listed company in Hong Kong and will be able to dedicate sufficient time and attention to the Board in discharging his duties as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company. Mr. To has participated in the Company's meetings and has attained 100% attendance record in 2018 and provided the Company with many useful opinions.

Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuer (the “**Model Code**”) set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors. All directors have confirmed, following specific enquiries by the Company that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code throughout the year ended 31 December 2019.

Audit Committee

The Company has an audit committee (the “**Audit Committee**”) which was established in accordance with the requirements of the Listing Rules for the purpose of reviewing and providing supervision over the Group’s financial reporting process and internal controls. The Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited Group consolidated financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Review of Unaudited Annual Results

For the reasons explained above under the note on page 2 of the announcement, the unaudited annual results contained herein have not yet been agreed with the Company’s auditors. An announcement relating to the audited results will be made when the auditing process has been completed in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The audit committee of the Company has reviewed the unaudited annual results contained herein.

Further Announcement

Following the completion of the auditing process, the Company will issue further announcement in relation to the audited results for the year ended December 31, 2019 as agreed by the Company’s auditors and the material differences (if any) as compared with the unaudited annual results contained herein. In addition, the Company will issue further announcement as and when necessary if there are other material development in the completion of the auditing process.

Publication of Annual Report

The annual report of the Company will be published on the website of the Company and the website of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, and dispatched to the shareholders of the Company in due course.

The financial information contained herein in respect of the annual results of the Group has not been audited and has not been agreed with the auditors. Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

By Order of the Board
Wai Chun Bio-Technology Limited
LAM Ching Kui
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 27 May 2020

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises:

Executive Director:

LAM Ching Kui (*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*)

Independent Non-executive Directors:

CHAN Chun Wai, Tony

HAU Pak Man

LI Jinyuan