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ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

	Six months end	led 30 June	
	2020 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	2019 <i>RMB</i> ' <i>000</i> (Unaudited)	Variance
REVENUE	23,717	41,563	-43%
GROSS PROFIT	1,149	1,246	-8%
LOSS FOR THE PERIOD ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY	(12,237)	(15,562)	-21%
LOSS PER SHARE (Expressed in RMB cents per share) Basic and diluted	(1.46)	(1.85)	-21%

RESULTS

The Board (the "Board") of Directors (the "Directors") of Pan Asia Environmental Protection Group Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2020, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2019:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	Six months end 2020 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	led 30 June 2019 <i>RMB</i> '000 (Unaudited)
Revenue	4(a)	23,717	41,563
Cost of sales		(22,568)	(40,317)
Gross profit		1,149	1,246
Other income Other net loss Selling and distribution expenses General and administrative expenses Finance costs	5(a)	1,907 (4,980) (315) (8,407) (1,591)	2,127 (5,428) (348) (13,155) (1,361)
Loss before taxation	5	(12,237)	(16,919)
Income tax credit	6		1,357
Loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company Other comprehensive loss for the period		(12,237)	(15,562)
 (after tax and reclassification adjustments) Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss: – Exchange differences on translation of financial statements to presentation currency 		(1,318)	(203)
Total comprehensive loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company		(13,555)	(15,765)
		RMB cents	RMB cents
LOSS PER SHARE Basic and diluted	7	(1.46)	(1.85)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION *AS AT 30 JUNE 2020*

	Note	30 June 2020 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2019 <i>RMB</i> '000 (Audited)
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Right-of-use assets	9	1,815 2,516	2,203 903
		4,331	3,106
Current assets Trade and other receivables Cash and bank balances	10	49,290 1,220,366	54,886 1,203,070
		1,269,656	1,257,956
Current liabilities Trade and other payables Corporate bonds Lease liabilities Tax payable	11	87,412 28,551 917 2,521 119,401	64,190 27,952 926 2,521 95,589
Net current assets		1,150,255	1,162,367
Total assets less current liabilities		1,154,586	1,165,473
Non-current liabilities Corporate bonds Lease liabilities		22,432 1,538	21,302
		23,970	21,302
Net assets		1,130,616	1,144,171
Capital and reserves Share capital Reserves		78,073 1,052,543	78,073 1,066,098
Total equity		1,130,616	1,144,171

NOTES:

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated as an exempted company and registered in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). The addresses of the registered office and principal place of business of the Company are Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands and Room 3702, 37/F, Tower One, Lippo Centre, No. 89 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong, respectively.

The Group is principally engaged in the sales of environmental protection ("EP") products and equipment, undertaking of EP construction engineering services in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") and investment holding.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

(a) Statement of compliance

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

The Company's functional currency is Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$") while the functional currency of most of its subsidiaries is Renminbi ("RMB"). The condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in RMB, as a majority of the Group's transactions are denominated in RMB and rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise indicated.

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments which are measured at fair value, as appropriate.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2020 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the 2020 annual consolidated financial statements. Details of any changes in accounting policies are set out in note 3.

(b) Judgements and estimates

Preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements requires the Directors to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing these condensed consolidated financial statements, significant judgements made by the Directors in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty are the same as those that applied in the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

3. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The HKICPA has issued a number of amendments to HKFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group.

None of the developments have had a material effect on how the Group's results and financial position for the current or prior accounting periods have been prepared or presented in the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements. The Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

4. REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING

(a) Revenue

Revenue represents the fair value of the amounts received and receivables for goods sold, and services rendered, which excludes value-added and other sales taxes, and is after deduction of any goods returns and trade discounts.

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers are as follows:

EP products and equipment segment	Six months end 2020 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	ed 30 June 2019 <i>RMB</i> '000 (Unaudited)
Types of goods or services Sales of goods – Flue gas treatment products and equipment – Water treatment products and equipment	23,717	41,563
Total	23,717	41,563
Timing of revenue recognition A point in time	23,717	41,563

(b) Segment reporting

The Group manages its business by divisions and all those divisions are located in the PRC. In a manner consistent with the way in which the information is reported internally to the Group's Chief Executive Officer, who is the Group's Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM"), for the purposes of resources allocation and performance assessment, the Group's operating and reportable segments under HKFRS 8 *Operating Segments* are organised into two main operating segments including (i) EP products and equipment and (ii) EP construction engineering services. No other operating segments identified by the CODM have been aggregated in arriving at the reportable segments of the Group.

Information regarding the Group's reportable segments as provided to the Group's CODM for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance for the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 2019 is set out below:

	Six months ended 30 June (Unaudited)					
	EP products and equipment		EP construction engineering services		Total	
	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>	2019 <i>RMB`000</i>	2020 RMB'000	2019 <i>RMB</i> '000	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>	2019 <i>RMB`000</i>
Reportable segment revenue from external customers	23,717	41,563	_	_	23,717	41,563
Inter-segment revenue						
Reportable segment revenue	23,717	41,563			23,717	41,563
Reportable segment loss (adjusted EBITDA)	(4,346)	(4,558)			(4,346)	(4,558)
Depreciation Net impairment loss recognised on	56	399	-	_	56	399
– trade receivables	3,230	5,428	-	-	3,230	5,428
 contract assets prepayments 	222 1,700	_	_	_	222 1,700	_

Geographical information

The following table sets out information about the geographical location of the Group's revenue from external customers. The geographical location of customers is based on the location at which the services were provided or the goods were delivered.

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2020		2020 2019
	<i>RMB'000</i>	RMB'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Mainland China (place of domicile)	23,717	41,563	

5. LOSS BEFORE TAXATION

Loss before taxation is arrived at after charging the following:

(a) **Finance costs**

	Six months end	ed 30 June
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interest expenses on corporate bonds	1,569	1,311
Interests on lease liabilities	22	50
	1,591	1,361

(b) Other items

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2020 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	2019 <i>RMB`000</i> (Unaudited)
Cost of inventories	22,568	40,317
Depreciation of		
– property, plant and equipment	389	1,382
- right-of-use assets	815	758
Net impairment loss recognised on		
– trade receivables	3,230	5,428
– contract assets	222	_
– prepayments	1,700	_
Lease expenses related to leases of	,	
low-value assets and short-term leases	94	122

* This item is included in other income in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

[^] These items are included in other net loss in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

	Six months end	Six months ended 30 June	
	2020	2019	
	<i>RMB'000</i>	RMB'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Current tax			
PRC Enterprise Income Tax			
– Provision for the period	-	_	
Deferred tax			
Origination and reversal of			
temporary differences		(1,357)	
Income tax credit	-	(1,357)	

- (i) The Company and its subsidiaries incorporated in the British Virgin Islands are not subject to any income tax pursuant to the rules and regulations of their respective countries of incorporation.
- (ii) PRC Enterprise Income Tax is calculated at 25% of the estimated assessable profits of the Company's subsidiaries established in the PRC during the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 2019.
- (iii) No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the Group did not have assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 2019.
- (iv) The PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law also requires withholding tax of 10% upon distribution of profits by the subsidiaries established in the PRC since 1 January 2008 to its overseas shareholders.

7. LOSS PER SHARE

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

	Six months end 2020 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	ed 30 June 2019 <i>RMB</i> '000 (Unaudited)
Loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company for the purposes of calculating basic and diluted loss per share	(12,237)	(15,562)
	Six months end	ed 30 June
	2020	2019
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the		
purposes of calculating basic loss per share	840,000,000	840,000,000

Diluted loss per share for the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 2019 are the same as the basic loss per share because the exercise of the Company's outstanding share options would have anti-dilutive effect.

8. DIVIDEND

The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2020 (six months ended 30 June 2019: Nil).

9. MOVEMENT IN PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the six months ended 30 June 2019, the Group acquired property, plant and equipment with a total cost of approximately RMB7,000 (six months ended 30 June 2020: Nil).

10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	At 30 June 2020 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	At 31 December 2019 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Trade receivables	80,457	86,433
Less: Impairment loss on trade receivables	(43,389)	(49,597)
	37,068	36,836
Other receivables	87	991
Less: Impairment loss on other receivables		(901)
	87	90
Contract assets	10,337	14,591
Prepayments and deposits	1,764	3,335
Other tax recoverables	34	34
	49,290	54,886

The Group generally allows credit period ranging from 0 to 180 days to its trade customers.

Credit is offered to customers following an assessment of their financial abilities and payment track record. Credit limits are set out for all customers and these can be exceeded only with the approval from management. Management also monitors overdue trade receivables, and follows up collection of these receivables.

The following is an ageing analysis of trade receivables, net of impairment loss, presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period which approximated the respective revenue recognition dates:

	At 30 June 2020 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	At 31 December 2019 <i>RMB</i> '000 (Audited)
Less than six months After six months but less than one year	17,308 19,760	31,730 5,106
	37,068	36,836

11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Included in trade and other payables are trade creditors with the following ageing analysis:

	At 30 June 2020 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	At 31 December 2019 <i>RMB</i> '000 (Audited)
Trade payables		
Less than six months	25,192	17,815
After six months but less than one year	9,815	2,035
After one year but less than two years	10,345	8,310
Over two years	988	988
	46,340	29,148
Accruals and other payables	19,353	18,468
Amount due to a related company (Note)	12,640	7,320
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	78,333	54,936
Other PRC tax payables	9,079	9,254
	87,412	64,190

Note: The amount due to a related company is unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

12. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Proposed acquisition of 99.99% of the issued share capital in Mayee International Holdings Limited ("Mayee International")

On 7 November 2018 and 30 January 2019, the Company entered into a sale and purchase agreement, and a supplemental sale and purchase agreement (the "Acquisition Agreement"), respectively, with an independent third party, Zhongying International Limited ("Zhongying"), pursuant to which the Company has conditionally agreed to acquire, and Zhongying has conditionally agreed to sell 99.99% of the issued share capital of Mayee International at a total consideration of approximately HK\$1,253,220,000. The total consideration will be settled by the Company through payment of cash amounting to approximately HK\$1,013,220,000 and issuance of convertible bonds with a principal amount of HK\$240,000,000. Mayee International and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in property management and leasing of shops in a shopping mall located in Kunming, Yunnan, the PRC. This proposed acquisition constitutes a very substantial acquisition under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules and is therefore subject to the shareholders' approval at an extraordinary general meeting of the Company.

On 28 June 2019, the Company and Zhongying entered into the second supplemental agreement to extend the date for fulfillment of the conditions precedent set out in the Acquisition Agreement to 27 June 2020.

On 31 August 2020, the Company and Zhongying entered into the third supplemental agreement to extend the date for fulfillment of the conditions precedent set out in the Acquisition Agreement to 30 September 2021, please refer to the Company's announcement dated on even date for details.

Further details of this proposed acquisition are set out in the Company's announcements dated 5 December 2018, 30 January 2019, 29 April 2019, 28 June 2019, 30 September 2019, 29 November 2019, 28 February 2020 and 31 August 2020 respectively.

Up to the date of this announcement, the conditions precedent in the Acquisition Agreement have not yet been fulfilled. Accordingly, the proposed acquisition has not yet been completed.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Industry Review

As ramifications from the outbreak of the novel coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") pandemic have continued to unfold around the world since the end of 2019, the global economy has been confronted with increasing uncertainties, and the work progress of EP projects was severely affected during the pandemic.

In March 2020, the General Office of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China ("中共中央辦公廳") and the General Office of the State Council ("國務院辦公廳") issued the "Guiding Opinions on Building a Modern Environmental Governance System" (《關於構建現代 環境治理體系的指導意見》), requesting to strengthen support for the EP industry. There are clear guidelines and requirements for improving the technical equipment level of EP industry, cultivating high-quality environmental protection enterprises, and promoting the "go-global" of technological product production capacity. Under the new guidelines, it is necessary to seize opportunities, meet the challenges, and develop better EP industrial parks. With the implementation of the above guidelines and support, Pan Asia Environmental Protection Group Limited ("Pan Asia" or the "Company") looks forward to embracing the development of EP industry in the next few years.

Financial Review

In the first half of 2020, Pan Asia derived all revenue of the EP products and equipment segment from sales of flue gas treatment products and equipment. The Group achieved a total revenue from operations of RMB23.7 million during the review period, declining by 43% compared to RMB41.6 million in the last period. Gross profit decreased by 8% to RMB1.1 million and gross profit margin increased to 4.8% from 3.0% in the last period. The Group recorded a net loss of RMB12.2 million mainly due to the adverse business environment under the spreading of COVID-19 pandemic in the first quarter of 2020. However, given China's effective control of the pandemic, the situation has gradually recovered since April. The basic and diluted loss per share was RMB1.46 cents.

Interim Dividend

The Board did not recommend payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2020 (six months ended 30 June 2019: Nil) and the capital will be reserved for supporting development of the Group's business operations.

Business Review

Ever since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in the PRC, various local governments have implemented lockdown policies and a number of emergency preventive and control measures to reduce the spread within the country. The Group adopted stringent public health measures to protect the health and safety of employees, including the temporary suspension of operations from January to March 2020, and resulted in the delay of certain projects after the country's COVID-19 situation has become under control.

Since the end of March, the pandemic situation in most areas of the PRC has started stabilising with the gradual lowering of emergency level. The recurrence of COVID-19 pandemic in certain regions were quickly contained, and hence the Group gradually resumed the provision of operations in late-April 2020. During the reporting period, the Group completed a project related to the sales of flue gas treatment equipment from the EP products and equipment business. The Group has more projects to be completed in the second half of the year.

As it disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 22 January 2020, the Group announced that after amicable discussions and careful consideration of all circumstances regarding the acquisition of 51% of the issued share capital of MSC (HONG KONG) LIMITED (碼尚充 (香港) 有限公司), the Group and other parties decided not to proceed with the acquisition.

Prospects

Pan Asia has been exploring potentially profitable projects to enhance its competitiveness. Since the resumption of operations in April, the Group has planned for more projects from the EP products and equipment segment to be completed in the second half of the year. Looking ahead, the Group will continue to pursue its business diversification strategy by tapping into different profitable industries, and look for opportunities to expand its business through more acquisitions of potential businesses to achieve steady and healthy growth. The Group aims to become a highly valuable enterprise, making contributions to the environment and the society, and maximising the return for shareholders.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As at 30 June 2020, the total assets of the Group amounted to RMB1,274.0 million, which were comparable to RMB1,261.1 million as at 31 December 2019. The Group's total liabilities as at 30 June 2020 amounted to RMB143.4 million, representing an increase of RMB26.5 million compared to RMB116.9 million as at 31 December 2019. The main reason for this increase in total liabilities was due to an increase in trade and other payables. The Group's total equity as at 30 June 2020 was RMB1,130.6 million (31 December 2019: RMB1,144.2 million). As at 30 June 2020, the Group's gearing ratio calculated on the basis of the total borrowings over total equity was 4.5% (31 December 2019: 4.3%). The Group's cash and cash equivalents amounted to RMB1,220.4 million as at 30 June 2020 (31 December 2019: RMB1,203.1 million).

EXPOSURE TO FLUCTUATIONS IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Most of the business transactions and liabilities of the Group are denominated in Renminbi and Hong Kong dollars. The Group adopts a conservative financial policy and the majority of its bank deposits are in Renminbi and Hong Kong dollars. As at 30 June 2020, the Group did not have any foreign currency bank liabilities, foreign exchange contracts, interest or currency swaps or other financial derivatives for hedging purposes. Nevertheless, the management continues to monitor the Group's foreign exchange exposure and will take prudent measures as and when appropriate. As at 30 June 2020, the Group did not hold any derivatives for hedging against neither the interest rate nor foreign exchange risks.

CAPITAL COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 30 June 2020, the Group did not have any capital expenditure commitment in respect of the acquisition of property, plant and equipment (31 December 2019: Nil). The Group has provided product warranties to its customers in respect of certain of its EP products and equipment sold for a warranty period ranging from six months to two years after installation. At the same time, the Group has also received product warranties in respect of those EP products and equipment supplied from its suppliers. The Directors believe that the amount of crystalised warranty liabilities will not be significant at the end of the reporting period.

PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 30 June 2020 and 31 December 2019, the Group had no pledge of assets.

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Up to the date of this announcement, there is one proposed acquisition which has not yet been completed. Details of this acquisition are set out in note 12 to this announcement.

RELATIONSHIP WITH EMPLOYEES AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS

As at 30 June 2020, the Group had approximately 88 employees. Salaries of employees were maintained at competitive levels and are reviewed annually, with close reference to the relevant labour markets and economic situations. Remuneration of the Directors is determined based on a variety of factors such as market conditions and the specific responsibilities shouldered by the individual Directors. Apart from providing the basic remuneration and statutory benefits as required by the law, the Group also provides discretionary bonuses based on its results and the performance of the individual employees. The Group also has an employee share option scheme in operation.

The total remuneration cost, including Directors' remuneration, for the six months ended 30 June 2020 was RMB5.9 million (six months ended 30 June 2019: RMB5.7 million). During the period under review, the Group organised professional and vocational training for its employees. The Directors believe that the Group has an admirable relationship with its employees.

In addition, the Group understands that in order to achieve its long-term goals, it is important to maintain good relationships with business partners, shareholders, investors and bankers. An investor relations scheme has been formulated to foster close relationships with its shareholders and investors. Specifically designed activities are held from time to time in order to achieve optimal results.

PURCHASE, SALES 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 for the six months ended 30 June 2020.

REVIEW BY AUDIT COMMITTEE

An audit committee comprising three independent non-executive Directors has been established by the Company to review the financial reporting process and internal control procedures of the Group. The audit committee has reviewed the interim results and report of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2020.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board is committed to achieving high corporate governance standards. The Company's corporate governance practices are based on the principles and code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules.

In the opinion of the Directors, throughout the six months ended 30 June 2020, the Company has complied with the code provisions as set out in the CG Code, save for CG Code provisions A.2.1 and E.1.2.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Code provision A.2.1 stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company are held by Mr. Jiang Xin since 15 September 2017. The Board believes that Mr. Jiang Xin has the requisite experience and knowledge and that vesting in both roles would maintain efficient business operation which is in the best interest of the Group.

The Chairman of the Board Should Attend the Annual General Meeting

Code provision E.1.2 stipulates that the chairman of the board should attend the annual general meeting. Mr. Jiang Xin, the Chairman of the Board was unable to attend the annual general meeting held on 23 June 2020 due to a business trip. Mr. Jiang Xin will use his best endeavours to attend all future shareholders' meetings of the Company.

PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT

This interim results announcement will be published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www. hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.paep.com.cn) and the interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2020 will be despatched to the shareholders and published on the abovementioned websites in due course.

By Order of the Board Pan Asia Environmental Protection Group Limited JIANG Xin Chairman

Hong Kong, 31 August 2020

As at the date of this announcement, the Directors are:

Executive Director:	Independent non-executive Directors:
Mr. JIANG Xin	Mr. LAI Wing Lee
	Mr. LEUNG Shu Sun, Sunny
Non-executive Director:	Professor WANG Guozhen
Mr. FAN Yajun	