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# ASIAN CITRUS HOLDINGS LIMITED

# 亞洲果業控股有限公司\*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 73)

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of Asian Citrus Holdings Limited (the "Company") announces the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") for the six months ended 31 December 2020 (the "Review Period") together with its comparative figures for the six months ended 31 December 2019.

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

	For the six ended 31 I 2020 (unaudited) RMB Million		% change
Reported financial information Revenue Other income Profit/(loss) before tax Profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders Basic earnings/(loss) per share (RMB)	120.2 7.8 8.6 6.3 0.50 cents	116.9 6.7 -1.0 -2.8 -0.23 cents	2.8 16.4 960.0 325.0 317.4
FINANCIAL POSITION			
	As at 31 December 2020 (unaudited) RMB Million	As at 30 June 2020 (audited) RMB Million	% change
Total assets Net current assets Cash and cash equivalents Shareholders' fund Current ratio (x)	160.6 58.9 13.7 136.3 3.43	159.1 52.7 31.5 129.7 2.80	0.9 11.8 -56.5 5.1 22.5

# **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to present the latest development, progress and interim results of the Group for the Review Period to the shareholders of the Company.

## REVIEW

2020 was a challenging year, the global economy is in serious recession as the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a global health crisis and no country is spared. Many countries continue to flatten the spread of the COVID-19 by using lockdown to protect susceptible population that has had adverse impact on the economic activity. The global economy has only achieved a vulnerable recovery from the depths of the COVID-19. With renewed waves and new variants of the COVID-19 undermining efforts to return to normal, most countries need longer time to reach output at pre-pandemic levels. In the "World Economic Outlook Reports" issued by International Monetary Fund in January 2021, GDP in China is expected to grow at a rate of 8.1% in 2021.

With the persevering efforts of the Directors and senior management of the Company, significant progress had been made and the Company published the audited annual results announcement of the Group for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 (the "FY2019/20 Results Announcement") on 31 August 2020 with a view to resume the trading in shares of the Company as soon as practicable. In view of the business operations and financial position of the Group as disclosed in the FY2019/20 Results Announcement, the Company has demonstrated compliance with the Rule 13.24 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") and has fulfilled this resumption condition. As all the resumption conditions have been satisfied, the Company has made an application to the Stock Exchange for resumption of trading in shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 1 September 2020. Details of these matters are disclosed in the "Management Discussion and Analysis" section under the subsection headed "Other Significant Events" in this announcement.

The principal activities of the Group include the Plantation Business and the Fruit Distribution Business. For the Group's operations, a total revenue of approximately RMB120.2 million was recorded for the Review Period, representing a slight increase of approximately 2.8% as compared to the total revenue of approximately RMB116.9 million for the six months ended 31 December 2019. The operating results has turned around from a net operating loss of approximately RMB2.8 million for the six months ended 31 December 2019 to a net operating profit of approximately RMB6.3 million for the Review Period. The significant improvement in the operating profit of the Group was contributed to the stringent cost control on cultivation and other administrative expenses through the implementation of different measures to improve its processes, the Group continued to develop its Plantation Business on the cultivation of a variety of fruits as well as to develop its Fruit Distribution Business on the distribution of a variety of premium fruits under its own brand "Royalstar 新雅奇". The Company strives to enhance the revenue and the shareholder value of the Company in the foreseeable future.

## **PROSPECT**

The Plantation Business of the Group involves plantation of oranges and cooperation with the local farmers in plantation of various types of fruits. The Group continues to closely monitor the reform of its Plantation Business through the deploying procedures to improve its plantation technology and processes at the plantation, such as cost control and productivity management, and through diversified fruit projects by providing professional/technical advisory services to local farmers in exchange for certain management income. The Company considers that the Plantation Business will continue to perform steadily in accordance with its business plan.

The Fruit Distribution Business of the Group involves distribution of various types of high-quality fruits in the PRC by sourcing from quality suppliers, with value-added services for processing and distributing under its own brand "Royalstar 新雅奇" to the customers. The Group also continues to receive recurring orders from various customers and cooperate with its suppliers seamlessly for its Fruit Distribution Business. It is expected that the scale of the Fruit Distribution Business and market penetration of the high-quality fruits under its own brand "Royalstar 新雅奇" will continue to grow at a steady pace. The Company is moving forward to establish a comprehensive distribution centre, which would enhance the efficiency on processing fruits to achieve economies of scale by increasing the handling capacity of each distribution and the storage capacity, taking into account of the increasing trend in the sales volume under the Fruit Distribution Business in the foreseeable future.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the trade war negotiation between the PRC and the United States had slowed down the economic growth of China to a rate of 2.3% in 2020, the Company considers that, as long as the impacts persist, the market demand for high-quality fruits will experience a temporary decline due to consumers' spending sentiment is still sluggish and certain customers of the Fruit Distribution Business request for longer credit periods on sales transactions. The Group will remain conservative and formulate different sales strategies with prudent attitude towards market changes caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021. Nevertheless, the Directors will take precautionary measures to mitigate any possible impact of economic downturn faced by the Group as well as to enhance the long-term profitability and sustainability of the Group.

## APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our sincerest gratitude to our valued shareholders, customers and business partners for your persistent support and trust in the Company. I would also like to express my deepest thankfulness to our strong management team and staff for their enduring dedication to the Group during the past years. We look forward to creating a prosperous future of the Group from 2021.

Ng Ong Nee

Chairman

26 February 2021

## **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS**

## **BUSINESS REVIEW**

During the Review Period, the principal business activities of the Group include the Plantation Business and the Fruit Distribution Business (as defined below).

The Plantation Business is principally engaged in the planting, cultivation and sales of agricultural produce in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") market (the "Plantation Business"). Currently, the agricultural produces, mainly oranges, are planted and cultivated by the Group at the Hepu Plantation located in Guangxi, the PRC (the "Hepu Plantation") and subsequently wholesaled to certain distributors in the PRC.

The Fruit Distribution Business is principally engaged in the distribution of various high-quality fruits in the PRC (the "Fruit Distribution Business"). The Group selects quality suppliers and provides technical and professional advisory services to them for improvement in cultivation yield. Driven by the demand of the customers for different types of fruits, the Group sources various types of fruits from those quality suppliers and then distributes the fruits to its customers, after necessary processing for the fruits (e.g. grading, cleaning, waxing, packing and labelling), under the Group's own brand "Royalstar 新雅奇" at a premium price.

The Group has continued to procure additional new customers across different cities in the PRC for further expansion of its Fruit Distribution Business as well as to secure additional supply agreements for enhancement of the variety of its fruits offered to customers. The recognition of the Group's own brand "Royalstar 新雅奇" and the strengthened relationships with the Group's suppliers and customers together attribute to the development in the scale of operation and market penetration of the Group's businesses.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

## Revenue

The Group recorded total revenue of approximately RMB120.2 million (six months ended 31 December 2019: RMB116.9 million) for the Review Period.

The Group's operations can be divided into two segments, namely (i) Plantation Business; and (ii) Fruit Distribution Business. Below is an analysis of the revenue by segment.

	For the six months ended 31 December		
	2020	2019	% Change
	RMB'000	RMB'000	_
Plantation Business	6,373	4,919	29.6%
Fruit Distribution Business	113,805	111,998	1.6%
Total	120,178	116,917	2.8%

For the Review Period, the Group recorded revenue of approximately RMB6.4 million (six months ended 31 December 2019: RMB4.9 million) from the Plantation Business during the harvest season of the winter oranges in the Hepu Plantation started and completed in December 2020.

For the Review Period, the Group recorded revenue of approximately RMB113.8 million (six months ended 31 December 2019: RMB112.0 million) from the Fruit Distribution Business, representing a slight increase by approximately 1.6% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

## Other income

For the Review Period, the Group recorded other income in the amount of approximately RMB7.8 million (six months ended 31 December 2019: RMB6.7 million), which were mainly generated from various business cooperation agreements with independent farmers; government subsidy received under the Employment Support Scheme from The Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; and gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment.

# Realised gain arising from change in fair value of biological assets less costs to sell

For the Review Period, realised gain arising from change in fair value of the biological assets less costs to sell, which represented the net increase of fair value of the oranges when the Group's oranges became mature and were harvested, amounting to approximately RMB5.1 million (six months ended 31 December 2019: RMB2.6 million) was recognised.

## Staff costs

For the Review Period, the staff costs of the Group amounted to approximately RMB4.5 million (six months ended 31 December 2019: RMB6.2 million). The decrease in staff costs by approximately 27.4% was mainly attributable to the reduction of the rental expenses for the directors' accommodation and the total number of staff of the Group.

# Distribution and other operating expenses

For the Review Period, the distribution and other operating expenses of the Group amounted to approximately RMB0.8 million (six months ended 31 December 2019: RMB0.7 million), which comprised of service charges for import of fruits agent and transportation expenses.

# General and other administrative expenses

For the Review Period, the general and other administrative expenses of the Group amounted to approximately RMB5.4 million (six months ended 31 December 2019: RMB8.7 million), which comprised primarily of office administration expenses, legal and professional fees, plantation security charges, impairment losses recognised in respect of trade and other receivables, etc. These expenses decreased by approximately 37.9% mainly due to (i) the decrease in legal and professional fees incurred for various corporate matters, including the resumption of trading in the shares of the Company; and (ii) stringent cost control measures implemented by the Group.

# **Income tax expense**

For the Review Period, income tax expense of the Group amounted to approximately RMB2.3 million (six months ended 31 December 2019: RMB1.8 million), which comprised the enterprise income tax charged and payable by the Group under the Fruit Distribution Business on the profit earned in the PRC.

## Profit from operation and profit attributable to shareholders for the Review Period

For the Review Period, profit from operation of the Group and profit attributable to shareholders of the Company was approximately RMB6.3 million (six months ended 31 December 2019: loss from operation of the Group and loss attributable to shareholders of the Company was approximately RMB2.8 million), represented a significant increase by approximately 3.3 times as compared to the six months ended 31 December 2019, which was mainly due to (i) the increase in other income; and (ii) the decrease in depreciation of property, plant and equipment, staff costs and general and other administration expenses as explained above.

## **DIVIDEND**

The Board did not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Review Period (six months ended 31 December 2019: Nil).

## **CAPITAL**

As at 31 December 2020, the total number of issued shares of the Company (the "**Shares**") was 1,249,637,884 shares.

# LIQUIDITY AND FINANCE RESOURCES

# Liquidity

As at 31 December 2020, the Group did not have liabilities in respect of debt instruments nor bank borrowings. The net cash position of the Group was approximately RMB13.7 million as at 31 December 2020 (30 June 2020: RMB31.5 million).

As at 31 December 2020, the current ratio and quick ratio were 3.43 and 3.22 respectively (30 June 2020: 2.80 and 2.73 respectively).

# **Funding and treasury policy**

During the Review Period, the Group had sufficient funds for the operation and would continue to adopt stringent cost control and conservative treasury policies in the running the businesses.

## **Charge on assets**

None of the Group's assets were pledged as at 31 December 2020 (30 June 2020: Nil).

# **Capital commitments**

As at 31 December 2020, the Group did not have any capital commitments (30 June 2020: RMB70,000).

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK

The Group is exposed to foreign currency risk primarily through its cash and cash equivalents being denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the operation to which they related. The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily Hong Kong dollars.

The Group has relatively limited transactions denominated in foreign currencies, hence its exposure to exchange rate fluctuation is currently minimal and the Group does not need to use any derivative contracts to hedge against its exposure to foreign exchange risk. Management manages the foreign exchange risk by closely monitoring the movement of the currency exchange rate from time to time.

## EMPLOYEES OF THE GROUP

The Group has adopted a competitive remuneration package since it aims to attract, retain and motivate high calibre individuals. Remuneration packages are performance-linked and business performance, market practices and competitive market conditions are all taken into consideration in determining remuneration. Remuneration packages, which are reviewed annually, include salaries/wages and other employee benefits, such as accommodation, discretionary bonuses, mandatory provident fund contributions and share options.

As at 31 December 2020, the Group had 29 (30 June 2020: 36) permanent employees.

#### CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Group did not have any contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2020 (30 Jun 2020: Nil).

#### OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## (1) Resumptions Conditions

At the request of the Company, trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange has been suspended with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 29 September 2016.

As disclosed in the announcements of the Company dated 27 January 2017 and 6 September 2018, the Stock Exchange imposed the following resumption conditions on the Company before the making of any request by the Company for the resumption of trading in the Shares (the "**Resumption Conditions**"):

- (A) publish all outstanding financial results under the Rules Governing the Listing Securities (the "Listing Rules") on the Stock Exchange and address any audit qualifications;
- (B) clarify, address and take appropriate actions on the allegations;
- (C) demonstrate the Company's compliance with Rule 13.24 of the Listing Rules; and
- (D) inform the market of all material information for shareholders and investors to appraise the Company's position.

## (2) Fulfillment of all Resumption Conditions

Resumption Conditions A and B – publish all outstanding financial results under the Listing Rules on the Stock Exchange and address any audit qualifications; and clarify, address and take appropriate actions on the allegations, respectively

On 9 September 2019, the Company received a letter from the Listing Department stating that it was satisfied that the Company had fulfilled the Resumption Conditions A and B. For further details on the Resumption Conditions A and B, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 26 March 2019, 4 April 2019, 9 May 2019, 3 June 2019, 30 July 2019, 2 August 2019 and 31 August 2020.

# Resumption Condition C – demonstrate the Company's compliance with Rule 13.24 of the Listing Rules

As disclosed in the annual results announcement of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2020 (the "FY2019/20"), a total revenue of approximately RMB451.8 million was recorded, representing a significant increase of approximately 7.6 times as compared to the total revenue of approximately RMB52.8 million for the year ended 30 June 2019 and the operating results had turned around from a net operating loss (excluding gain on disposal of subsidiaries) of approximately RMB38.9 million for the year ended 30 June 2019 to a net operating profit of approximately RMB24.8 million for the FY2019/20, representing a significant improvement in the financial performance of the Group.

## Plantation Business

Currently, the agricultural produces are planted and cultivated by the Group at the Hepu Plantation under two business models, namely (1) cooperation with a cooperator in plantation of oranges and (2) cooperation with a cooperator and the local farmers in plantation of various types of fruit. The produces are wholesaled to certain distributors in the PRC.

Through continuously improving its plantation technology and processes at the Hepu Plantation by deploying procedures including soil enhancement measures, pest control, pruning of trees, and nutrition, quarantine and quality inspections, the Group has gradually shifted part of its focus to producing oranges at premium quality under model (1). At the same time, the Group has also been actively implementing its diversified fruit projects under model (2) by providing professional/technical advisory services to local farmers in exchange for certain management income. The Group has also successfully enhanced the consumer awareness of its own brand in the PRC and overseas by way of expanding the sales network of oranges under the brand of "Royalstar 新雅奇". Such brand has contributed to the competitiveness of the Group in the PRC fruit market and built a reputation for quality.

## Fruit Distribution Business

To capture the business opportunity of identified unmet demands (of distributors from the Plantation Business) and to leverage the "Royalstar 新雅奇" brand name and the existing knowledge and expertise of the Group's veteran management team in the industry, the Group has expanded its distribution offering to other types of fruit since September 2018. Under the Fruit Distribution Business, which is principally engaged in the distribution of various high-quality fruits in the PRC, the Group utilises its knowledge of the local landscape of quality fruit supplies, deploys its technical know-how for quality control and improvement, and distributes the different types of fruits under the Group's premium brand "Royalstar 新雅奇" through its network of distributors.

The plantation industry and fruit distribution market in Mainland China are both fragmented. The former with a vast number of growers and the latter with distributors scattered and dispersed amongst different provinces in the PRC. There are very few domestic institutional players in the market. Therefore, it can be costly for a distributor to source premium and quality fruits and to run through the selection process in an efficient manner and at the same time, it is difficult for growers to secure stable sales channels.

On the supply side, the Group selects quality suppliers and provides technical and professional advisory services to improve their cultivation yield. On the distribution side, the Group utilises its existing network of distributors accumulated from the Plantation Business and solicits quality distributors through various fruit exhibition and fairs in the PRC. The Group's existing distributors include large sized regional distributors and chain-retailers, whom the Group has built strong relationship with, evidenced by the willingness of the distributors to enter into long-term sales agreements with the Group.

By being close to both the demand and supply sides, the Group is able to source various types of fruit as required by the distributors in a timely manner and ensure quality of the fruit. The Group then performs the necessary processing for the fruits (e.g. grading, cleaning, waxing, packing and labelling) which are subsequently distributed to the distributors under the Group's brand "Royalstar 新雅奇" at a premium price.

In view of the current business operations and financial position of the Group as elaborated above, the Company has demonstrated compliance with Rule 13.24 of the Listing Rules and fulfilled this Resumption Condition.

# Resumption Condition D – inform the market of all material information for shareholders and investors to appraise the Company's position

Since the suspension of trading of the Shares, the Company has kept its shareholders and investors informed of all material information to appraise the Company's position by way of announcements published on the website of the Stock Exchange.

# (3) Resumption of trading in the Shares

As all the resumption conditions have been satisfied, the Company has made an application to the Stock Exchange for resumption of trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 1 September 2020.

# (4) Acquisition of Land and Properties

On 21 October 2020, Shenzhen First Class Fruits Company Limited (深圳市冠華水果商城有限公司) (the "**Potential Purchaser**"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a non-legally binding memorandum of understanding (the "**MOU**") with 高錫武 (Mr. Gao Xiwu\*), an independent third party, relating to the potential acquisition of the Target Land and Properties (as defined below).

Pursuant to the MOU, the Potential Purchaser intends to acquire, or to nominate a member of the Group to acquire, and Mr. Gao Xiwu intends to dispose of, the entire interest in a building complex comprising four building blocks as plant, office premises, warehouse and staff quarters located at the junction of Dongcun Road and Xingqiao Road, Longgang District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, the PRC (中國廣東省深圳市龍崗區東村路與興橋路交界) (the "Target Land and Properties") free from encumbrances.

On 28 October 2020, an earnest money of RMB5 million was paid by the Group to Mr. Gao Xiwu pursuant to the MOU.

On 19 January 2021, 深圳市冠佳利實業有限公司 (Shenzhen Guanjiali Industrial Limited\*) ("Shenzhen Guanjiali"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a sale and purchase agreement (the "Sale and Purchase Agreement") with Mr. Gao Xiwu, in respect of the sale and purchase of the Target Land and Properties at an aggregate consideration of RMB57 million, which shall be settled by cash to be financed by the net proceeds from the Placing (as defined below).

# (5) The placing of new shares under the specific mandate

On 19 January 2021, the Company entered into a placing agreement (the "Placing Agreement") with Cinda International Securities Limited (the "Placing Agent"), pursuant to which the Placing Agent has conditionally agreed to procure, on a best-effort basis, not less than six places, who and whose ultimate beneficial owner shall be independent third parties, to subscribe for up to 1,250,000,000 placing shares (the "Placing Shares") at the placing price of HK\$0.08 per placing share (the "Placing"). Placing Shares will be allotted and issued pursuant to a Specific Mandate to be sought from the shareholders of the Company at the special general meeting (the "SGM") to be convened in accordance with the Listing Rules.

# (6) Proposed Increase in Authorised Share Capital

The Company has an authorised share capital of HK\$20,000,000 divided into 2,000,000,000 Shares. To facilitate the Placing and provide the Company with greater flexibility for future development, the Board proposed to increase the authorised share capital of the Company to HK\$50,000,000 divided into 5,000,000,000 Shares by the creation of an additional 3,000,000,000 new Shares (the "**Proposed Increase in Authorised Share Capital**"). Such new Shares, upon issue, shall rank pari passu in all respects with the existing Shares. The Proposed Increase in Authorised Share Capital is subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company by way of an ordinary resolution at the SGM.

Further details of the acquisition of the Target Land and Properties, the Placing and the Proposed Increase in Authorised Share Capital were disclosed in the Company's announcements dated 19 January 2021 and 20 January 2021.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the six months ended 31 December 2020

		Six months ended 31 December		
		2020	2019	
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
	Note	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Revenue	4	120,178	116,917	
Other income	5	7,820	6,719	
Cost of inventories used		(109,205)	(106,342)	
Realised gain arising from changes in fair value of			, , ,	
biological assets less costs to sell		5,083	2,559	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		ŕ		
and right-of-use assets		(4,518)	(5,197)	
Staff costs		(4,515)	(6,208)	
Finance costs		(17)	(41)	
Distribution and other operating expenses		(755)	(724)	
General and other administrative expenses		(5,436)	(8,688)	
Profit/(loss) before tax	6	8,635	(1,005)	
Income tax expense	7	(2,328)	(1,828)	
Profit/(loss) for the period attributable to				
owners of the Company		6,307	(2,833)	
	0	RMB	RMB	
Earnings/(loss) per share  – Basic and diluted	8	<b>0.50</b> cents	(0.23) cents	

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 31 December 2020

	Six month	s ended
	31 Dece	mber
	2020	2019
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Profit/(loss) for the period	6,307	(2,833)
Other comprehensive income for the period  Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:  - Exchange differences on translation of		
financial statements of foreign operations, net of tax	283	1,165
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period		
attributable to owners of the Company	6,590	(1,668)

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2020

	Note	31 December 2020 (unaudited) <i>RMB'000</i>	30 June 2020 (audited) <i>RMB'000</i>
ASSETS			
Non-current Assets		71 934	75 001
Property, plant and equipment Right-of-use assets Other receivables	9	71,824 540 5,000	75,821 1,174
		77,364	76,995
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Biological assets		3,519	550
Inventories	0	1,637	1,478
Trade and other receivables	9	64,360	48,571
Cash and cash equivalents		13,685	31,496
		83,201	82,095
Total Assets		160,565	159,090
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and Reserves			
Share capital		12,340	12,340
Reserves		123,982	117,392
Total Equity		136,322	129,732
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	23,224	24,818
Lease liabilities		556	1,197
Income tax payable		463	3,343
Total Liabilities		24,243	29,358
<b>Total Equity and Liabilities</b>		160,565	159,090

# NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

This interim financial information has been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34 *Interim financial reporting* issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and the applicable disclosure requirements of the Appendix 16 to the Listing Rules.

The interim financial information has been prepared under the historical cost convention, except that certain biological assets are carried at their fair values. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this interim financial information are consistent with those followed by the Group in their annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020 (the "2020 Financial Statements"), except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2021. Details of the applications of amendments to International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") are set out in note 2.

The preparation of interim financial information in conformity with IAS 34 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

This interim financial information contains condensed consolidated financial statements and explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the 2020 Financial Statements. The condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for a full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRSs.

The interim financial information is unaudited, but has been reviewed by the Company's Audit Committee.

## 2. APPLICATIONS OF AMENDMENTS TO IFRSs

This interim financial information has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 issued by the IASB and the applicable disclosure provisions of the Listing Rules. All IFRSs effective for the accounting period commencing on 1 July 2020 together with the relevant transitional provisions have been adopted by the Group in the preparation of this interim financial information throughout the period covered in this announcement.

In the current period, the Group has applied the following amendments to IFRSs, which are effective for the Group's accounting period beginning on or after 1 July 2020.

Amendments to IFRS 3 Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7 Amendments to IFRS 16 Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8 Definition of a Business Interest Rate Benchmark Reform Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions Definition of Material

The application of the amendments to IFRSs in the current period has had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

## New and amendments to IFRSs that are in issue but not yet effective

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

Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its

Associate or Joint Venture<sup>4</sup>

Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, and IFRS 7 Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2<sup>1</sup>

Amendments to IFRS 3 Reference to the Conceptual Framework<sup>2</sup>

Amendments to IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended

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Amendments to IAS 37 Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract<sup>2</sup>

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts and the related Amendments<sup>3</sup>

Amendments to IAS 1 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and

related Amendments<sup>3</sup>

Amendments to IFRSs Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2018-2020<sup>2</sup>

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021

- <sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined

## 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

For management purpose, the Group's operating businesses are structured and managed separately according to the nature of their operations and the products and services they provide. Each of the Group's operating segments represents a strategic business unit that offers products and services which are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of the other operating segments. Particulars of the Group's reportable and operating segments are summarised as follows:

Plantation Business - Planting, cultivation and sale of agricultural produce

Fruit Distribution Business – Distribution of various fruits

# Segment results, assets and liabilities

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable and operating segments:

	Plantation Six montl 31 Dec	ns ended	Fruit Distribution Business Six months ended 31 December		Six months ended Six months ended	
	2020 (unaudited) <i>RMB'000</i>	2019 (unaudited) <i>RMB</i> '000	2020 (unaudited) RMB'000	2019 (unaudited) <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 (unaudited) <i>RMB'000</i>	2019 (unaudited) <i>RMB'000</i>
RESULTS Reportable segment revenue and revenue from external customers	6,373	4,919	113,805	111,998	120,178	116,917
from external customers	0,515	4,515	113,003	111,770	120,170	110,517
Reportable segment results	4,653	947	7,546	7,012	12,199	7,959
Unallocated finance costs					(17)	(41)
Unallocated corporate expenses Unallocated corporate					(6,598)	(10,809)
income					723	58
Profit/(loss) for the period					6,307	(2,833)
	Plantation	Business	Fruit Distribu	tion Business	Tota	al
	31 December 2020 (unaudited)	30 June 2020 (audited)	31 December 2020 (unaudited)	30 June 2020 (audited)	31 December 2020 (unaudited)	30 June 2020 (audited)
A COLUMN	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
ASSETS Segment assets Unallocated corporate	96,129	92,260	61,774	61,487	157,903	153,747
assets					2,662	5,343
Total assets					160,565	159,090
LIABILITIES Segment liabilities Unallocated corporate	(7,907)	(9,790)	(8,632)	(7,591)	(16,539)	(17,381)
liabilities					(7,704)	(11,977)
Total liabilities					(24,243)	(29,358)

Segment results represent the profit/(loss) after tax from each segment without allocation of certain other income, certain depreciation of property, plant and equipment, depreciation of right-of-use assets, finance costs, central administration costs and directors' emoluments. This is the measure reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

There were no inter-segment revenue in both periods.

All assets and liabilities are allocated to the reportable segments other than those that are for central administrative purposes, including certain property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, certain deposits and other receivables, certain cash and cash equivalents, certain trade and other payables and lease liabilities.

# **Other Segment Information**

Amounts included in the measurement of segment profit or loss or segment assets:

	Six mont	Plantation Business Six months ended 31 December		Fruit Distribution Business Six months ended 31 December Unallocated Six months ended 31 December		Six months ended		otal ths ended cember
	2020 (unaudited)	2019 (unaudited)	2020 (unaudited)	2019 (unaudited)	2020 (unaudited)	2019 (unaudited)	2020 (unaudited)	2019 (unaudited)
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Realised gain arising from changes in fair value of biological assets less costs								
to sell	5,083	2,559	-	-	-	-	5,083	2,559
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Depreciation of right-of-use	(3,921)	(4,124)	(8)	(6)	(47)	(489)	(3,976)	(4,619)
assets Impairment loss (recognised)/	-	-	-	-	(542)	(578)	(542)	(578)
reversed in respect of trade and other receivables, net	(839)	(135)	596	(106)	_	5	(243)	(236)
Written-off of biological assets	(00)	(81)	-	(100)	_	-	-	(81)
Written-off of inventories	-	(46)	-	-	-	-	-	(46)
Interest income	5	6	24	5	-	-	29	11
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment					240		240	

# **Geographical information**

Since over 90% of the Group's revenue and operating profit were generated in the PRC for both periods and over 90% of the Group's non-current assets were located in the PRC, no geographical segment information in accordance with IFRS 8 *Operating Segments* is presented.

## Information about major customers

Revenue from customers of the corresponding periods contributing over 10% of the total sales of the Group are as follows:

	Six month	ıs ended	
	31 December		
	2020	2019	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Customer A <sup>1</sup>	28,813	N/A <sup>2</sup>	
Customer B <sup>1</sup>	16,109	$N/A^2$	
Customer C <sup>1</sup>	14,084	$N/A^2$	
Customer D <sup>1</sup>	13,808	23,611	
Customer E <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	19,156	

Revenue generated from Customer A, Customer B, Customer C, Customer D and Customer E are attributable to Fruit Distribution Business.

Except as disclosed above, no other customers contributed 10% or more to the Group's total revenue for both periods.

The corresponding revenue did not contribute 10% or more of the total revenue of the Group.

# 4. REVENUE

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers:

	Plantation 31 Dece		Fruit Distribut 31 Dece		Tota	al
	2020 (unaudited) <i>RMB</i> '000	2019 (unaudited) <i>RMB</i> '000	2020 (unaudited) RMB'000	2019 (unaudited) <i>RMB</i> '000	2020 (unaudited) RMB'000	2019 (unaudited) <i>RMB</i> '000
Sales of oranges and other citrus Sales of other fruits	6,373	4,919	113,805	32,142 79,856	6,373 113,805	37,061 79,856
	6,373	4,919	113,805	111,998	120,178	116,917

All of the Group's revenue is recognised at a point in time.

# 5. OTHER INCOME

	Six month	ıs ended	
	31 December		
	2020	2019	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Management income (Note (i))	7,055	6,661	
Interest income	29	11	
Government subsidy (Note (ii))	135	_	
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	240	_	
Sundry income	361	47	
_	7,820	6,719	

## Notes:

- (i) Management income was derived from the Group's provision of management service on cultivation under cooperation agreements with individual farmers.
- (ii) Government subsidy was derived from the Employment Support Scheme provided by the Hong Kong Government.

# 6. PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX

Profit/(loss) before tax is stated after charging/(crediting) the following:

Sinance costs   Interest on lease liabilities   Interest on lease   Inte			Six months ended	
(a) Finance costs         Interest on lease liabilities         17         41           (b) Staff costs (including directors' emoluments)         4,400         5,938           - salaries, wages and other benefits         4,400         5,938           - contribution to defined contribution retirement plans         115         270           (c) Other items         4,515         6,208           Auditors' remuneration         4         4         4         6,208           Cost of agricultural produce sold         6,373         4,871         4,871           Cost of agricultural produce sold         6,373         4,871           Cost of fruits sold         102,832         101,471           Depreciation of property, plant and equipment         3,976         4,619           Depreciation of property assets         542         578           Exchange loss, net         79         1,189           Legal and professional fees         1,598         2,962           Operating lease expenses         1         1           - properties         -         1         2           Expenses relating to short term leases         145         -           Written-off of biological assets         -         81           Written-off of inventorie				
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- salaries, wages and other benefits - contribution to defined contribution retirement plans - contribution to defined contribution plans - contribution to define contribution plans -		Interest on lease liabilities	17	41
- contribution to defined contribution retirement plans	<b>(b)</b>	Staff costs (including directors' emoluments)		
4,515       6,208         (c) Other items         Auditors' remuneration       -		<ul> <li>salaries, wages and other benefits</li> </ul>	4,400	5,938
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Auditors' remuneration  - Audit services  - Non-audit services  - Non-audit services  - Non-audit services  - Non-audit services			4,515	6,208
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				250
		Plantation security charges	, , ,	573

## 7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Six months ended
31 December
2020 2019
(unaudited) (unaudited)
RMB'000 RMB'000

1,828

2,328

**Current** tax

PRC enterprise income tax

(a) Income tax has been provided for by the Group on the basis stated below:

- (i) Pursuant to the rules and regulations of Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands (the "BVI"), the Group is not subject to any income tax in the respective tax jurisdictions.
- (ii) On 21 March 2018, the Hong Kong Legislative Council passed The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 7) Bill 2017 (the "Bill") which introduced the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The Bill was signed into law on 28 March 2018 and was gazetted on the following day. Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HKD2 million of profits of the qualifying group entity will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HKD2 million will be taxed at 16.5%. The profits of group entities not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

The Directors considered the amount involved upon implementation of the two-tiered profits tax rates regime as insignificant to the condensed consolidated financial statements. Hong Kong profits tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profits for both periods.

No provision for taxation in Hong Kong has been made as the Group has no assessable profits for the purpose of Hong Kong profits tax.

(iii) The Group determined its provision for PRC enterprise income tax based on the respective applicable rates on the estimated assessable income of the Group's subsidiaries in the PRC as determined in accordance with the relevant income tax laws, rules and regulations of the PRC.

According to the PRC tax laws, rules and regulations, enterprises that engage in certain qualifying agricultural business are eligible for certain tax benefits, including full enterprise income tax exemption on profits derived from such business. 廣西合浦冠華農業有限公司 (Guangxi Hepu Guanhua Agriculture Co., Ltd.\*) (the "Agriculture Company"), engaged in qualifying agricultural business, is entitled to full exemption of enterprise income tax.

The applicable enterprise income tax rate of the other operating entities in the PRC was 25%.

## (iv) PRC withholding income tax

According to the new Corporate Income Tax Law of the PRC, starting from 1 January 2008, a withholding tax of 10% will be levied on the immediate holding companies outside the PRC when their PRC subsidiaries declare dividend out of profits earned after 1 January 2008. A lower withholding tax rate of 5% may be applied when the immediate holding companies of the PRC subsidiaries are established in Hong Kong according to the tax treaty arrangements between the PRC and Hong Kong.

# 8. EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE

The calculation of the earnings/(loss) per share is based on the following data:

	Six month	Six months ended	
	31 Dece	ember	
	2020	2019	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Profit/(loss)			
Profit/(loss) attributable to owners of the Company used in			
basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share calculations	6,307	(2,833)	
Weighted average number of shares	'000	'000	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in			
basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share calculations	1,249,638	1,249,638	

Diluted earnings/(loss) per share were the same as basic earnings/(loss) per share for the six months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019 as there were no potential ordinary shares in issue.

# 9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	31 December 2020 (unaudited) RMB'000	30 June 2020 (audited) <i>RMB'000</i>
Trade receivables Less: Allowance for credit losses	33,251 (410)	12,628 (343)
	32,841	12,285
Deposits paid and other receivables (Note) Prepayments	39,825 976	40,079 313
Less: Allowance for credit losses	40,801 (4,282)	40,392 (4,106)
	36,519	36,286
Total trade and other receivables, net of allowance for credit losses	69,360	48,571
Analysed for reporting purposes as:		
Non-current assets Current assets	5,000 64,360	48,571
	69,360	48,571

## Note:

As at 31 December 2020, the deposits paid and other receivables mainly included (i) trade deposits of approximately RMB20,442,000 (30 June 2020: RMB29,211,000), which were refundable, paid to

suppliers as prepayments for purchase for the Group's fruit distribution business; (ii) amount due from 利添生物科技發展 (合浦) 有限公司 (Lucky Team Biotech Development (Hepu) Limited\*) of approximately RMB13,849,000 (30 June 2020: RMB10,563,000); and (iii) earnest money of RMB5,000,000 (30 June 2020: Nil), which was subsequently used as a deposit to acquire the property, plant and equipment. Details of the earnest money were set out in the Company's announcements dated 21 October 2020 and 19 January 2021.

The Group allows an average credit period of 30 to 90 days to its trade customers.

The following is an analysis of trade receivables by age, presented based on the invoice date, which approximates the respective revenue recognition dates and net of allowance for credit losses:

		31 December 2020 (unaudited) <i>RMB'000</i>	30 June 2020 (audited) <i>RMB'000</i>
	Less than 3 months	32,841	12,285
10.	TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
		31 December 2020 (unaudited) <i>RMB'000</i>	30 June 2020 (audited) <i>RMB'000</i>
	Trade payables Other payables and accruals Amount due to a director	15,412 7,482 330 23,225	13,100 11,360 358 24,818

The average credit period granted by suppliers was 30 days.

The balances of other payables and accruals are expected to be settled within one year or are repayable on demand.

The ageing analysis of trade payables by invoice date is as follows:

	31 December 2020 (unaudited) <i>RMB'000</i>	30 June 2020 (audited) <i>RMB'000</i>
Less than 3 months 3 to 6 months 6 to 12 months	8,257 1,907 5,248	5,413 7,687
	15,412	13,100

#### 11. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	31 December 2020 (unaudited) <i>RMB'000</i>	30 June 2020 (audited) <i>RMB</i> '000
Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided for in		
the condensed consolidated financial statements:  – acquisition of property, plant and equipment	_	70

#### 12. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, the Company made the following announcements to provide update of events and circumstances arising after 31 December 2020:

- (i) On 19 January 2021, Shenzhen Guanjiali, a wholly-owned subsidiary, and Mr. Gao, an independent third party, entered into the Sale and Purchase Agreement pursuant to which Mr. Gao has conditionally agreed to sell and Shenzhen Guanjiali has conditionally agreed to purchase the Target Land and Properties free from encumbrances at the consideration of RMB57 million, which shall be settled by cash to be financed by the net proceeds from the Placing.
- (ii) On 19 January 2021, the Company entered into the Placing Agreement with the Placing Agent, pursuant to which the Placing Agent has conditionally agreed to procure, on a best effort basis, not less than six places, who and whose ultimate beneficial owner shall be independent third parties, to subscribe for up to 1,250,000,000 placing shares at the placing price of HK\$0.08 per Placing Shares.
- (iii) On 19 January 2021, the Board proposed to increase the authorised share capital of the Company to HK\$50,000,000 divided into 5,000,000,000 Shares by the creation of an additional 3,000,000,000 new shares.

Details of the acquisition of the Target Land and Properties, the Placing and the Proposed Increase in Authorised Share Capital were disclosed in the Company's announcements dated 19 January 2021 and 20 January 2021. As at the date of approval of these condensed consolidated financial statements, these transactions have not been completed and are subject to the shareholders' approval at the special general meeting to be convened by the Company.

## OTHER INFORMATION

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

The Company did not redeem any of its listed securities, nor did the Company or any of its subsidiaries purchase or sell any of such listed securities during the Review Period.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

During the Review Period, the Directors, where practicable, sought to adopt the corporate governance code (the "Code") contained in the Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules.

The Company has complied with all the Code Provisions of the Code, except for the following deviations:

## Code Provision A.2.1

Mr. Ng Ong Nee, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, was appointed as Chairman of the Board on 4 August 2015. Since then, the roles of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer have been performed by same individual, Mr. Ng Ong Nee, and were not separated. The Board believes that vesting the roles of both Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in the same person enables more effective and efficient overall strategic planning for the Group. The Board meets regularly to consider issues related to corporate matters affecting the operations of the Group and considers that the balance of power and authority for such arrangement will not be impaired and is adequately ensured by the current Board which comprises experienced and high caliber individuals with sufficient number thereof being Independent Non-Executive Directors ("INEDs").

## **Code Provision A.5.1**

The Company does not have a nomination committee. The Directors do not consider that, given the size of the Group and current stage of its development, it is necessary to have a nomination committee. However, this will be kept under regular review by the Board together with the plans for orderly succession to the Board and its structure, size and composition. The Board has adopted a nomination policy which sets out the relevant appointment criteria and, in case of the INEDs, the independence requirements set out in the Listing Rules. Nomination of new Director(s) will normally be made by the Executive Directors and is subject to the Board's approval. External consultants may be engaged, if necessary, to access a wider range of potential candidate(s).

## **Code Provision A.6.7**

INEDs and other non-executive directors should attend general meetings of the Company and develop a balanced understanding of the views of the shareholders. Although an INED and the Non-executive Director were unable to attend the annual general meeting (the "AGM") of the Company in 2020, the senior management of the Company had reported all special enquiries from the shareholders and acted as the communication bridge between the shareholders and the INED as well as the Non-executive Director so that they could be aware of and understand the view of the shareholders accordingly.

## Code Provision E.1.2

The Chairman of the Board should attend the AGM of the Company. Although the Chairman of the Company was unable to attend the AGM of the Company in 2020 due to other business engagements, he had nominated the Deputy Chief Executive Officer as his alternate to attend and chair the AGM and to provide response in respect of any information required by the shareholders of the Company.

# **DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS**

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issue (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct for dealings in its securities. Following a specific enquiry made to all Directors by the Company, each of them has confirmed that he had fully complied with the required standard as set out in the Model Code throughout the Review Period.

## **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Audit Committee comprises three INEDs as members, Mr. Chung Koon Yan (acting as chairman of the committee), Dr. Lui Ming Wah, PhD, SBS, JP and Mr. Yang Zhen Han. The establishment of Audit Committee is in compliance with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules.

The Audit Committee has the primary responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the Company's financial control, internal control and risk management systems and ensuring that the financial performance of the Company is properly measured and reported on, receiving and reviewing reports from management relating to the interim financial statements, and monitoring the accounting, internal control and risk management systems in use throughout the Group for the Review Period.

The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management regarding the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and has also discussed the internal control and financial reporting matters, including the review of the Group's unaudited consolidated financial statements and interim report for the Review Period.

## PUBLICATION OF INTERIM REPORT

The interim report will be published on the respective websites of the Company (www.asian-citrus.com) under the investor relations section and the Stock Exchange (www.hkex.com.hk).

By Order of the Board
Asian Citrus Holdings Limited
Ng Ong Nee
Chairman

Hong Kong, 26 February 2021

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises two executive Directors, namely Mr. Ng Ong Nee (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) and Mr. Ng Hoi Yue (Deputy Chief Executive Officer); a non-executive Director, namely Mr. He Xiaohong; and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Chung Koon Yan, Dr. Lui Ming Wah, PhD, SBS, JP and Mr. Yang Zhen Han.

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