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## LITU HOLDINGS LIMITED

力圖控股有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1008)

## INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of Litu Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2023 (the "Period under Review") together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2022 as follows:

#### **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME** *For the six months ended 30 June 2023*

		<b>Six months ended 30 June</b> <b>2023</b> 202		
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited) (Re-presented)	
	Notes	HK\$'000	<i>HK\$'000</i>	
Continuing operations:				
Revenue	4	335,460	479,514	
Cost of sales		(279,762)	(423,810)	
Gross profit		55,698	55,704	
Other income		7,748	24,753	
Other gains and losses	7	(62,802)	913	
Reversal of loss allowance on trade and				
other receivables and contract assets, net		259	5	
Selling and distribution expenses		(6,576)	(9,992)	
Administrative expenses		(32,433)	(71,462)	
Finance costs	8	(2,160)	(5,537)	
Share of result of associates		5,280	27,769	
Share of result of a joint venture			39	
(Loss) Profit before taxation	8	(34,986)	22,192	
Taxation	6	(7,238)	(7,868)	

		2023	nded 30 June 2022 (Unoudited)
	Notes	(Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	(Unaudited) (Re-presented) <i>HK</i> \$'000
(Loss) Profit for the period from continuing operations		(42,224)	14,324
<b>Discontinued operations:</b> (Loss) Profit for the period from discontinued operations		(9,433)	3,320
(Loss) Profit for the period		(51,657)	17,644
Attributable to: Owners of the Company — continuing operations — discontinued operations		(42,224) (9,066)	14,324 2,324
		(51,290)	16,648
Non-controlling interests — discontinued operations		(367)	996
		(367)	996
(Loss) Profit for the period		(51,657)	17,644
Basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share — continuing operations — discontinued operations	10	HK\$ (0.027) (0.006)	HK\$ 0.010 0.001
<ul> <li>Total continuing operations and discontinued operations</li> </ul>		(0.033)	0.011
(Loss) Profit for the period		(51,657)	17,644
Other comprehensive loss Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods: — Exchange differences arising on translation to presentation currency		(93,967)	(85,688)
Total comprehensive loss for the period		(145,624)	(68,044)
Attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		(144,550) (1,074)	(67,883) (161)
Total comprehensive loss for the period		(145,624)	(68,044)

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2023

	Notes	30 June 2023 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 December 2022 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Right-of-use assets Investment properties Goodwill Intangible assets Interest in an associate Deferred tax assets Rental and other deposits paid		724,459 71,330 210,500 650,273 1,619 267,580 8,876 18,693	914,396 86,100 145,148 728,704 2,231 335,495 15,223 5,848
		1,953,330	2,233,145
Current assets Inventories Trade receivables Contract assets Other receivables, prepayments and refundable deposits Dividend receivable from an associate Tax recoverable Structured deposits Pledged bank deposits Bank balances and cash	11	82,703 247,298 24,405 64,463 38,818 359 17,091 339,380	102,683 363,892 33,799 33,791 
Assets classified as held for sale	13	814,517 101,181 915,698	961,516  

	Notes	30 June 2023 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 December 2022 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Current liabilities</b> Trade payables Other payables and accruals Deposit received	12 13	200,120 102,931 14,914	243,182 120,336 _
Amount due to non-controlling interests of a subsidiary Lease liabilities Bank borrowings Dividend payable Income tax payable		133 129,408 62,715 8,259	4,233 
Liabilities associated with assets classified as held for sale	13	518,480 22,242	640,448
Net current assets		<u>540,722</u> <u>374,976</u>	<u>640,448</u> <u>321,068</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		2,328,306	2,554,213
Non-current liabilities Lease liabilities Government grants Deferred tax liabilities		209 20,209 41,090 61,508	22,058 57,018 79,076
<b>NET ASSETS</b> <b>Capital and reserves</b> Share capital Reserves		2,266,798 7,839 2,234,783	2,475,137 7,839 2,442,048
Equity attributable to owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		2,242,622 24,176	2,449,887 25,250
TOTAL EQUITY		2,266,798	2,475,137

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

#### 1. GENERAL

Litu Holdings Limited (the "Company") was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 11 November 2008 as an exempted company with limited liability and its shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). Its ultimate controlling party is Mr. Cai Xiao Ming, David (the "Controlling Shareholder"). The address of the registered office of the Company is Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands and its principal place of business in Hong Kong is 3/F, 38 On Lok Mun Street, On Lok Tsuen, Fanling, New Territories, Hong Kong.

The Company is an investment holding company. The principal activities of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") are engaged in provision of the printing of cigarette packages, manufacturing of paper packaging materials, manufacturing of laminated papers, printing of packages and decoration matters, research and development on printing technology, wholesale, import and export of the packaging products and other related services and leasing of investment properties.

The Company's functional currency is Renminbi ("RMB"). For the convenience of the financial statements users, the condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$") as the Company's shares are listed on the Stock Exchange.

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

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

#### 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL"), which are measured at fair value, as appropriate.

Other than additional accounting policies resulting from application of amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), the accounting policies and the methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2023 are the same as those presented in the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **Application of amendments to HKFRSs**

In the current interim period, the Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA, for the first time, which are mandatory effective for the annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2023 for the preparation of the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKAS 1	Disclosure of Accounting Policies
Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants
Amendments to HKAS 7 and	Supplier Finance Arrangements
HKFRS 7	
Amendments to HKAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates
Amendments to HKAS 12	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a
	Single Transaction
Amendments to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
Amendments to HKFRS 10	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its
and HKAS 28	Associate or Joint Venture

The application of the amendments to HKFRSs 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.

#### **Future Changes in HKFRSs**

The Group has not early adopted any new/revised HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective for the financial year beginning 1 January 2023. The directors are in the process of assessing the possible impact of the future adoption of these new/revised HKFRSs, but are not yet in a position to reasonably estimate their impact on the Group's results and financial position.

#### 4. **REVENUE**

An analysis of revenue of the Group is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2023	2022	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
		(Re-presented)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Continuing operations			
Revenue from contracts with customers within HKFRS 15			
Sale of goods	320,692	465,232	
Revenue from other sources			
Leasing income from investment properties	14,768	14,282	
	335,460	479,514	
Discontinued operations			
Revenue from contracts with customers within HKFRS 15			
Sale of goods	20,857	41,686	
	356,317	521,200	

#### Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers within HKFRS 15

Types of goods or services

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2023	2022	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
		(Re-presented)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Continuing operations			
Printing and manufacturing of paper packages and			
related materials			
— Printing of cigarette packages	276,037		
— Manufacturing of paper packaging materials	42,995		
— Other related products	1,660	1,177	
Manufacturing of laminated papers		22	
	320,692	465,232	
Discontinued operations			
Sales of RFID products	20,857	41,686	
	341,549	506,918	

Timing of revenue recognition

		For the six months ended 30 June 2023							
	Printing of cigarette packages (Unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> '000	Manufacturing of paper packaging materials (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Other related products (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Sales of RFID products (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>				
<b>Continuing operations</b> A point in time Over time	276,037	42,995	1,660		44,655 276,037				
<b>Discontinued operations</b> A point in time		42,995			<u>320,692</u> 20,857				
Total	276,037	42,995	1,660	20,857	341,549				

		Fo	or the six months	ended 30 June 2	022		
		Manufacturing					
	Printing	of paper	Other	Manufacturing	Sales of		
	of cigarette	packaging	related	of laminated	RFID		
	packages	materials	products	papers	products	Total	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
			(Re-presented)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(Re-presented)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Continuing operations							
A point in time	-	84,858	1,177	-	-	86,035	
Over time	379,175			22		379,197	
	379,175	84,858	1,177	22		465,232	
<b>Discontinued operations</b> A point in time					41,686	41,686	
Total	379,175	84,858	1,177	22	41,686	506,918	

#### Geographical markets

Information about the Group's revenue from external customers is presented based on the location of customers irrespective of the origin of goods/services.

	For the six months ended 30 June 2023							
	]	Manufacturing						
	Printing of cigarette packages (Unaudited) HK\$'000	of paper packaging materials (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Other related products (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Sales of RFID products (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>			
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Continuing operations								
PRC	276,037	42,995	1,660		320,692			
Discontinued operations								
PRC	-	_	_	13,507	13,507			
Others (note)				7,350	7,350			
				20,857	20,857			
Total	276,037	42,995	1,660	20,857	341,549			

	For the six months ended 30 June 2022						
		Manufacturing					
	Printing	of paper	Other	Manufacturing	Sales of		
	of cigarette	packaging	related	of laminated	RFID		
	packages	materials	products	papers	products	Total	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	11120,000	111201000	(Re-presented)	111201000	(Re-presented)	(Re-presented)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Continuing operations							
PRC	379,175	84,858	1,177	22		465,232	
Discontinued operations					22.976	22.976	
PRC	-	-	-	-	32,876	32,876	
Others (note)					8,810	8,810	
					41,686	11 686	
					41,080	41,686	
Total	379,175	84,858	1,177	22	41,686	506,918	

*Note:* Others mainly included Brazil, India, the Republic of Turkey, the Portuguese Republic and the Republic of Korea.

#### 5. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Information reported to the executive directors of the Company, being the chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on types of goods delivered or services provided. No operating segments identified by the CODM have been aggregated in arriving at the reportable segments of the Group.

During the second half year of 2022, the Group reorganised its internal reporting structure for which the previous printing and manufacturing of cigarette packages and related materials business and manufacturing of laminated papers business were aggregated into one single operating and reportable segment in view of the similarity of their economic characteristics. Prior period segment disclosures have been represented to conform with the current interim period's presentation.

During the current interim period, the CODM had decided to segregate the leasing of investment properties segment from the unallocated operations resulting from the increasing importance of the leasing out of properties to the Group's total revenue and assets.

The Group's operating and reportable segments currently are (i) printing and manufacturing of paper packages and related materials; (ii) sales of RFID products and (iii) leasing of investment properties. The CODM considered the Group has three operating and reportable segments which are based on the internal organisation and reporting structure.

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

#### For the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Cor	ntinuing operatio	Discontinued operations		
	Printing and manufacturing of paper packages and related materials (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Leasing of investment properties (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Sub-total (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Sales of RFID products (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Segment revenue	320,692	14,768	335,460	20,857	356,317
Segment profit (loss)	47,930	1,555	49,485	(1,071)	48,414
Unallocated — other income Unallocated — other gains and losses Unallocated expenses Finance costs Share of result of an associate Reversal of loss allowance on trade and other receivables and contract assets, net			7,748 (62,802) (32,796) (2,160) 5,280 259	607 (8,075) (1,107) - - 180	8,355 (70,877) (33,903) (2,160) 5,280 439
Loss before taxation			(34,986)	(9,466)	(44,452)

# For the six months ended 30 June 2022 (Re-presented)

	Continuing operations		Discontinued operations		
	Printing and manufacturing of paper packages and related materials (Unaudited)	Leasing of investment properties (Unaudited)	Sub-total (Unaudited)	Sales of RFID products (Unaudited)	Total (Unaudited)
	(Re-presented) HK\$'000	(Re-presented) HK\$'000	(Re-presented) <i>HK\$'000</i>	(Re-presented) HK\$'000	(Re-presented) HK\$'000
Segment revenue	465,232	14,282	479,514	41,686	521,200
Segment profit (loss)	59,967	(1,478)	58,489	5,581	64,070
Unallocated — other income Unallocated — other gains and losses			24,753 913	938	25,691 913
Unallocated expenses			(84,239)	(2,816)	(87,055)
Finance costs			(5,537)	(201)	(5,738)
Share of result of an associate			27,769	-	27,769
Share of result of a joint venture			39	-	39
Reversal of loss allowance on trade and other receivables and contract assets, net			5		5
Profit before taxation			22,192	3,502	25,694

Segment result represents the profit or loss generated (incurred) by each segment without allocation of corporate management expenses, directors' emoluments, share of result of an associate and a joint venture, finance costs, unallocated other income, unallocated other net gains and losses, net reversal of loss allowance on trade and other receivables and contract assets, amortisation of intangible assets relating to customer relationship and other unallocated expenses. This is the measure reported to the CODM for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

All of the segment revenue reported above is from external customers.

#### 6. TAXATION

	Six months ended 30 June 2023 2022	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
		(Re-presented)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Continuing operations		
Current tax		
The PRC Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT")	8,176	9,515
Over provision of EIT in prior years	(607)	(397)
	7,569	9,118
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(4,215)	2,459
Utilisation of tax losses	3,884	
Benefit of tax loss recognised		(3,709)
	(331)	(1,250)
Income tax expenses for continuing operations	7,238	7,868
Discontinued operations		
Current tax		(772)
EIT		(772)
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	-	954
Benefit of tax loss recognised	(33)	
	(33)	954
Income tax (credit) expenses for discontinued operations	(33)	182

Hong Kong Profits Tax has not been provided as the Group's profits neither arose in, nor derived from Hong Kong.

The PRC EIT is calculated at the applicable prevailing tax rates from 15% to 25% (2022: 15% to 25%) in the PRC. Pursuant to the "Enterprise Income Tax Law for Foreign Investment Enterprises and Foreign Enterprises", some PRC subsidiaries, being High-Tech Enterprises, were entitled to a reduced EIT rate of 15% for three years from the date of approval.

Upon the New Tax Law and Implementation Regulations coming into effect, the PRC withholding income tax is applicable to dividends payable to investors that are "non-PRC tax resident enterprises", which do not have an establishment or place of business in the PRC, or which have such establishment or place of business but the relevant income is not effectively connected with the establishment or place of business, to the extent such dividends have their sources within the PRC. Under such circumstances, dividends distributed from the PRC subsidiaries, an associate and a joint venture to non-PRC tax resident group entities shall be subject to the withholding income tax at 10% or lower tax rate, as applicable. Under the relevant tax treaty, withholding tax rate on distribution to Hong Kong resident companies is 5%. Deferred taxation has been provided on undistributed earnings of all subsidiaries and associates.

#### 7. OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2023	2022
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
		(Re-presented)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Continuing operations		
Net foreign exchange losses	(372)	(323)
Gain from changes in fair value of financial assets at FVPL	_	686
Gain on disposal of intangible assets	_	37
(Loss) Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(2,203)	1,332
Impairment losses on goodwill	(40,000)	_
Loss on deregistration of a joint venture	_	(819)
Impairment loss on interest in an associate	(20,000)	_
Loss on deregistration of subsidiaries	(226)	_
Others	(1)	
	(62,802)	913
Discontinued operations		
Net foreign exchange gains	134	_
Impairment losses on goodwill	(8,209)	
	(8,075)	
Total	(70,877)	913

#### 8. (LOSS) PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

This is stated after charging (crediting):

	Six months e 2023 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	ended 30 June 2022 (Unaudited) (Re-presented) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Continuing operations		
Staff costs: Directors' emoluments	2,521	2,993
Other staff costs Salaries and other benefits	31,098	60,334
Contractual termination benefit	2,637	24,493
Contributions to retirement benefits schemes	4,978	8,408
Total staff costs	41,234	96,228
Amortisation of intangible assets (included in cost of sales and		
administrative expenses)	603	19,582
Depreciation — Property, plant and equipment	42,835	44,089
— Right-of-use assets	<b>42,0</b> 55 <b>980</b>	1,568
— Investment properties	6,385	4,890
Total amortisation and depreciation	50,803	70,129
Cost of inventories*	279,762	423,810
Finance costs		
- Interest expenses on bank borrowings and overdraft	2,159	5,531
— Interest expenses on lease liabilities	1	6
	2,160	5,537
Government grants (included in other income)	(1,490)	(17,418)
Government support in respect of Covid-19-related subsidies (included in other income)	_	(104)
Direct operating expenses arising from investment properties that generated rental income (included in cost of sales)	885	836
Direct operating expenses arising from investment properties that did not generated rental income (included in cost of sales)	176	112

\* Included in cost of inventories were staff costs and depreciation and amortisation of approximately HK\$20,170,000 and HK\$22,890,000 (2022: HK\$41,678,000 and HK\$57,688,000) respectively which are recognised during the period.

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2023	2022
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
		(Re-presented)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Discontinued operations		
Staff costs:		
Other staff costs		
Salaries and other benefits	3,064	5,564
Contributions to retirement benefits scheme	587	712
Total staff costs	3,651	6,276
Depreciation		
— Property, plant and equipment	4,039	5,429
Cost of inventories	21,339	34,863
Finance costs		
- Interest expenses on bank borrowings and overdraft	-	200
Government grants (included in other income)		(39)

#### 9. DIVIDENDS

The aggregate amount of the dividends declared and paid during the period is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2023	2022
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Dividends for ordinary shareholders of the Company recognised as distribution during the period:		
2022 final dividend	62,715	

During the current period, the final dividend of HK4 cents per share in respect of the year ended 31 December 2022 (2022: Nil), amounting approximately of HK\$62,715,000 (2022: Nil) has been declared and approved to shareholders. The directors of the Company do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the interim period.

#### 10. (LOSSES) EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic (losses) earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	Six months er 2023 (Unaudited)	nded 30 June 2022 (Unaudited) (Re-presented)
(Losses) Earnings: (Loss) Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of basic (losses) earnings		
per share ( <i>HK</i> \$'000) — Continuing operations — Discontinued operations	(42,224) (9,433)	14,324 3,320
	(51,657)	17,644
Number of shares: Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue for the purpose of basic (losses) earnings per share ('000)	1,567,885	1,567,885

Dilutive (losses) earnings per share are same as the basic (losses) earnings per share as there were no potential ordinary shares in existence during the six months ended 30 June 2023 and 2022.

#### **11. TRADE RECEIVABLES**

	30 June 2023 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 December 2022 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade receivables — third parties — an associate	235,530 15,030	345,437 24,808
Less: allowance for credit losses	250,560 (3,262) 247,298	370,245 (6,353) 363,892

The Group allows a credit period of 60 days to 90 days to its trade customers. The following is an ageing analysis of trade receivables presented based on the date of goods delivery/invoice date at the end of the reporting period, which approximated revenue recognition dates except for receivables arising from printing of cigarette packages and manufacturing of laminated papers which are recognised over time upon application of HKFRS 15.

	30 June	31 December
	2023	2022
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0–90 days	208,950	341,279
91–180 days	26,985	19,415
181–365 days	13,599	5,275
Over 365 days	1,026	4,276
	250,560	370,245

As at 30 June 2023, included in trade receivables were bills receivables of HK\$7,704,000 (31 December 2022: HK\$24,248,000), which are held by the Group for future settlement of trade receivables due from third parties. All bills received by the Group are with a maturity period of less than one year.

#### **12. TRADE PAYABLES**

The following is an ageing analysis of trade payables, presented based on the date of goods receipt/ invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0-30 days	69,083	98,959
31-90 days	106,907	113,218
91–180 days	22,960	30,228
181–365 days	1,067	478
Over 365 days	103	299
	200,120	243,182

The credit period on purchases of goods ranges from 30 days to 180 days. The Group monitors and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents sufficient to ensure that all payables are within the credit time frame.

As at 30 June 2023, bills amounting to HK\$56,223,000 (31 December 2022: HK\$54,723,000) were transferred to suppliers for settling trade payables.

#### **13. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**

On 29 May 2023, Right Tech (China) Limited, being a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into an agreement with a third party to dispose of 70% equity interest in Jiangsu HY Link Science & Technology Co., Ltd. (江蘇聯恒物字科技有限公司) ("Jiangsu HY Link") at a consideration of RMB51,100,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$56,648,000) (the "Disposal"). Details of the Disposal have been disclosed in the Company's announcement and circular dated 29 May 2023 and 26 July 2023 respectively. Upon completion of the Disposal, the Group will cease to have any interest in Jiangsu HY Link. The Disposal was not yet completed up to the date of approving the condensed consolidated financial statements. A deposit of approximately RMB13,830,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$14,914,000) was received as at 30 June 2023.

The results of the discontinued operation for the period from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023, which have been included in the condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income, are as follows:

	Notes	Period from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 <i>HK\$</i> '000	Period from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Revenue	4	20,857	41,686
Cost of sales		(21,339)	(34,863)
Gross (loss) profit		(482)	6,823
Other income		607	938
Other gains and losses Reversal of loss allowance on trade and other receivables and	7	(8,075)	-
contract assets, net		180	-
Selling and distribution expenses		(589)	(1,242)
Administrative expenses		(1,107)	(2,816)
Finance costs			(201)
(Loss) Profit before taxation	8	(9,466)	3,502
Taxation	6	33	(182)
(Loss) Profit for the period from discontinued operation		(9,433)	3,320
Net cash inflow (outflow) from			
— operating activities		11,094	16,727
— investing activities		(27)	(84)
— financing activities		(12,779)	(8,704)
		(1,712)	7,939

The assets and liabilities of Jiangsu HY Link which were classified as assets held for sale and liabilities associated with assets classified as held for sale respectively in accordance with HKFRS 5 *"Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations"* are measured at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell at the end of the reporting period as follows:

	At
	30 June
	2023
	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)
Property and equipment	38,588
Deferred tax asset	338
Inventories	28,897
Trade receivables	9,303
Other receivables	3,517
Tax recoverable	1,415
Pledged bank deposit	15,820
Bank balances	3,303
Total assets classified as held for sale	101,181
Trade payables	5,812
Other payables	12,723
Tax payable	17
Deferred tax liabilities	3,690
Total liabilities associated with assets classified as held for sale	22,242

### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

For the six months ended 30 June 2023 (the "Period under Review"), the Company achieved revenue from continuing operations of approximately HK\$335.5 million with total loss attributable to owners of the Company amounting to approximately HK\$51.3 million and total basic loss per share of approximately HK\$0.033. The Board did not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Period under Review.

In the first half of 2023, the gross domestic product (GDP) of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") increased by 5.5% compared to 2022. However, the prospects of the global economy and the PRC's economy remain uncertain due to global high inflation, rising lending rates, intensifying competition between the United States and the PRC on various fronts and the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, all of which may have an adverse effect on the PRC's economy and the Group's operating environment in the second half of 2023.

During the Period under Review, China's tobacco industry's production and sales volumes continued to grow steadily. Cigarettes sold increased in volume and value by 1.64% and 0.98% respectively. However, given the decrease in tendering price under the mandatory tendering policy in the cigarette industry and the increase in raw material price, the Group was under operating pressure of intensifying industry competition. The Group has put more efforts to plan and organise the tendering among the subsidiaries.

Under the pressure of the fall of tender prices and the inflation, the Group has implemented a series of measures in order to cope with the challenges to the profitability of the Group. The measures included to simplify the management structure in order to increase the efficiency of decision making to match with the fast changing market demand, to enhance the inventory management to control the inventory at an appropriate level and to implement tendering system for the purchase of raw materials to increase the bargaining power on the purchase price in order to reduce and control the purchase cost.

### Printing and Manufacturing of Paper Packages and Related Materials

During the Period under Review, the revenue from continuing operations of this segment decreased by 31.1% to HK\$320.7 million. The decrease is mainly due to the decrease of sales orders from the major customers.

This segment has suffered from the failure to bid the tender for orders from some of its major customers, the fall of tender prices and the inflation, as these factors had adverse impact on the profitability of the Group. To cope with the challenges, the Group has increased our participation in tenders, actively sought other new market opportunities and allocated additional resources on research and development of new products in order to expand into other packaging markets and to increase revenue in the future. The Group will also continue to reduce the pressure of declining gross profit through cost reduction, efficiency enhancement and resource consolidation measures.

In order to meet the increasingly stringent environmental protection requirements and to improve production efficiency, the Group centralised its resources and productions to Bengbu Jinhuangshan Rotogravure Printing Co., Ltd., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company established in the PRC, to achieve centralised management and production. The Board believed that the centralisation of production line of the Group would improve cost control and production efficiency, as well as reduce administrative burden on the Group to comply with the environmental protection requirements across different production subsidiaries and therefore improving the return for the shareholders of the Company.

#### **Leasing of Investment Properties**

During the Period under Review, the revenue of leasing has increased by 3.4% to HK\$14.8 million. The increase is mainly due to the increase of leased area.

#### **Sales of RFID products**

Although this segment maintained a profit-making position over the years, its performance has slowed in recent quarters and has not been up to the expectations of the Board. The gradually declining performance was attributable to the lack of competitiveness of the Group among its peers in the industry as the Group pales in comparison on experience, sales channels and human resources, which led to increasing difficulty in procurement, as well as the fluctuating foreign exchange loss suffered by this segment. On 29 May 2023, the Group entered into a disposal agreement to dispose of 70% of the equity interest of Jiangsu HY Link Science & Technology Co., Ltd. (江蘇 聯恒物字科技有限公司) (the "Disposal Company"), a company established in the PRC which is principally engaged in research and development of radio frequency identification ("RFID") tags.

During the Period under Review, the performance of the Disposal Company was classified as discontinued operations. The sales of RFID products from discontinued operations has decreased by 50.0% to HK\$20.9 million and recorded a operating loss of approximately HK\$9.4 million (2022: profit of HK\$3.3 million).

## PROSPECT

Looking ahead, the Group will continue to rely on paper packaging as a solid foundation for the Group's development and seek to maximise leasing income from investment properties. The Group will continue to increase its participation in tenders, while actively expanding into other packaging markets, and will continue to reduce the pressure of decreasing gross profit through measures such as cost control, efficiency boosting and resource consolidation.

The Group's corporate mission is to continue to develop ways to improve financial performance, provide growth drivers for the Group and broaden revenue streams within acceptable risk levels. The Group will also continue to explore the possibility of acquisition of new investment, disposal of subsidiary or associate or diversification into other profitable businesses in the interests of the Group and its shareholders as a whole, with a view to achieving sustainable growth, improving profitability and ultimately maximising returns for its shareholders.

## REVENUE

During the Period under Review, the revenue from continuing operations of the Group was approximately HK\$335.5 million (six months ended 30 June 2022: HK\$479.5 million), which represents a decrease of approximately HK\$144.0 million or 30.0% as compared to the corresponding period in 2022. The revenue from continuing operations of our two business segments, namely (i) printing and manufacturing of paper packages and related materials and (ii) leasing of investment properties were approximately HK\$320.7 million (six months ended 30 June 2022: HK\$465.2 million) and HK\$14.8 million (six months ended 30 June 2022: HK\$14.3 million) respectively.

The decrease in total revenue of continuing operation was mainly attributable to the decrease in business volume of printing and manufacturing of paper packages and related materials as a result of the failure of one of the subsidiaries of the Company to bid its tender for orders from some of its major customers. In addition, some of the customers delayed their sales order due to the change of their product design. Lastly, the depreciation of average rate of RMB against HKD of roughly 6.7% comparing with the corresponding period of 2022 has increased such downside effect.

### **GROSS PROFIT**

During the Period under Review, gross profit of the Group was approximately HK\$55.7 million (six months ended 30 June 2022: HK\$55.7 million). The gross profit margin increased to 16.6% during the Period under Review (six months ended 30 June 2022: 11.6%).

The increase of gross profit margin was mainly due to the decrease of amortization of intangible assets of approximately HK\$18.6 million and the improvement of cost control and production efficiency through the centralisation of production line of the Group.

#### **OTHER INCOME**

Other income during the Period under Review comprises mainly, sales of scrap materials, interest income and government grants of approximately HK\$2.5 million, HK\$2.0 million and HK\$1.5 million respectively.

Other income of the Group decreased by HK\$17.0 million to HK\$7.7 million as compared with the corresponding period in 2022, which was mainly attributable to the decrease in various government grants by approximately HK\$16.1 million.

#### **OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES**

Other losses from continuing operations during the Period under Review was HK\$62.8 million when compared with other gains of HK\$0.9 million for the corresponding period in 2022. The losses were mainly attributable to the recognition of impairment losses on interest in an associate of approximately HK\$20 million and impairment losses on goodwill of approximately HK\$40.0 million for the Period under Review.

As at 30 June 2023, the Group recognised impairment losses on goodwill of approximately HK\$48.2 million (HK\$40.0 million for continuing operations and HK\$8.2 million for discontinued operations) for various cash-generating units as their recoverable amount was lesser than the carrying amount.

#### SELLING AND DISTRIBUTION EXPENSES

The selling and distribution expenses during the Period under Review decreased by approximately HK\$3.4 million to HK\$6.6 million or 34.2% compared with the corresponding period of last year. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease of transportation expenses and entertainment expenses.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

During the Period under Review, administrative expenses decreased by approximately HK\$39.0 million or 54.6% compared with the corresponding period in 2022. The decrease was mainly attributable to the decrease in salaries and other benefits, contractual termination benefit and legal and professional fee for the Period under Review.

#### FINANCE COSTS

Finance costs during the Period under Review decreased by approximately HK\$3.4 million or 61.0% as compared with the corresponding period in 2022. Such decrease was mainly due to decrease in the average amount of bank borrowings and average interest rate of bank borrowings during the Period under Review. The Group has early repaid its bank borrowing denominated in HK\$ with floating borrowing rate and has implemented plans to improve the bank loan portfolio by the replacement of existing facilities with new bank loan with lower interest rate.

#### SHARE OF RESULT OF ASSOCIATES

Share of profits of associates decreased by approximately HK\$22.5 million to HK\$5.3 million during the Period under Review. The decrease in net profit of our associates was mainly due to the fall of tender price for the successful tenders of the Group's major associate namely Changde Gold Roc Printing Co., Ltd. ("Changde Gold Roc") during the Period under Review. Changde Gold Roc is principally engaged in provision of cigarette printing packaging services. It has a carrying value of HK\$267.6 million, i.e. approximately 9.3% of the Group's total assets of HK\$2,869.0 million as at 30 June 2023. The Group beneficially owns RMB50,546,120 of its paid up capital, representing 31% of the total paid up capital of RMB163,052,000. During the Period under Review, Changde Gold Roc has declared a dividend in the amount of approximately HK\$38,818,000 to the Group, the payment of which has not yet been made as at 30 June 2023 (2022: nil dividend). During the Period under Review, the Group recognized impairment loss on interest in Changde Gold Roc of approximately HK\$20.0 million.

## TAXATION

Taxation during the Period under Review decreased by approximately HK\$0.6 million to HK\$7.2 million. As the impairment losses on goodwill and interest in an associate are not tax deductible, there is no material fluctuation in the amount of taxation.

## LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY

Loss attributable to owners of the Company during the Period under Review was approximately HK\$51.3 million, as compared to the profit attributable to owners of the Company of approximately HK\$16.6 million for the corresponding period of 2022. The loss attributable to owners of the Company was primarily attributable to: (i) the decrease of share of result of an associate of approximately HK\$22.5 million; (ii) the recognition of impairment loss on interest in an associate of approximately HK\$20.0 million; and (iii) the recognition of impairment loss on goodwill of approximately HK\$48.2 million.

### **SEGMENT INFORMATION**

During the Period under Review, the revenue from continuing operations from the (i) printing and manufacturing of paper packages and related materials and (ii) leasing of investment properties were approximately HK\$320.7 million (six months ended 30 June 2022: HK\$465.2 million) and approximately HK\$14.8 million (six months ended 30 June 2022: HK\$14.3 million) respectively. Profit from continuing operations from the printing and manufacturing of paper packages and related materials accounted for approximately 96.9% of the total segment profit before unallocated items. The profit/ loss before unallocated items from continuing operations during the Period under Review from (i) printing and manufacturing of paper packages and related materials and (ii) leasing of investment properties were decreased by 20.1% to profit of approximately HK\$47.9 million and improved from loss of approximately HK\$1.5 million to profit of approximately HK\$1.6 million respectively.

## FINANCIAL POSITION AND LIQUIDITY

The Group generally finances its operations with internally generated resources and banking facilities. As at 30 June 2023, the Group had net current assets of approximately HK\$375.0 million (as at 31 December 2022: HK\$321.1 million) while the Group's bank balances and cash amounted to approximately HK\$339.4 million (as at 31 December 2022: HK\$313.3 million).

The increase in net current assets was mainly due to the net effect of the decrease of bank borrowings of approximately HK\$137.2 million and the recognition of the 2022 final dividend payable of approximately HK\$62.7 million as at 30 June 2023.

As at 30 June 2023, bank borrowings (repayable within one year) of the Group amounted to approximately HK\$129.4 million (as at 31 December 2022: HK\$266.6 million). Bank borrowings of approximately HK\$21.6 million are secured by a corporate guarantee issued by a subsidiary of the Group. Carrying amounts of bank deposits pledged for securing banking facilities of bills payables granted to the Group amounted to approximately HK\$17.1 million (as at 31 December 2022: HK\$104.5 million). The Group is with net cash of approximately HK\$27.1 million (as at 31 December 2022: approximately HK\$137.9 million). The gearing ratio as at 30 June 2023 was -10.0% (as at 31 December 2022: -5.6%), which is calculated by dividing the net cash by the total equity.

## CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

As at 30 June 2023, the Group had capital commitments in respect of the acquisition of property, plant, equipment contracted for but not provided in the condensed consolidated financial statements amounting to approximately HK\$52.6 million (as at 31 December 2022: HK\$7.4 million), mainly related to the construction of new factories.

## TREASURY POLICIES

The Group has adopted a prudent financial management approach towards its treasury policies and thus maintained a healthy liquidity position throughout the Period under Review. The Group strives to reduce exposure to credit risk by performing ongoing credit assessments and evaluations of the financial status of its existing customers from time to time. To manage liquidity risk, the Board closely monitors the Group's liquidity position to ensure that the liquidity structure of the Group's assets, liabilities and other commitments can meet its funding requirements from time to time.

## **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

As at 30 June 2023, the Group has provided a corporate guarantee to a bank for banking facilities granted to a third party in the amount of approximately HK\$10.8 million.

## **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

During the Period under Review, the Group's operation was mainly financed by funds generated from its operation and bank borrowings. As at 30 June 2023, bank borrowings were all denominated in RMB, while the cash and cash equivalents held by the Group were mainly denominated in HKD and RMB. The Group's revenue is mainly denominated in RMB, while its costs and expenses are mainly denominated in HKD and RMB. No financial instruments were used for hedging purposes, nor were there any foreign currency net investments hedged by current borrowings and/or other hedging instruments during the Period under Review. However, the management closely monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

### **EQUITY FUND RAISING**

There was no equity fund raising activity by the Company during the Period under Review, nor were there any unutilised proceeds brought forward from any issue of equity securities made in previous financial years.

### **CHARGES ON ASSETS**

As at 30 June 2023, bank deposits with gross carrying amount of approximately HK\$17.1 million (31 December 2022: HK\$104.5 million) were pledged to banks for bank facilities of bills payables granted to the Group.

As at 30 June 2023, the bank loan facilities granted to the Group were secured by the Group's property, plant and equipment with carrying value of approximately HK\$144.2 million (31 December 2022: HK\$147.2 million), investment properties with carrying value of approximately HK\$75.8 million (31 December 2022: HK\$77.4 million) and corporate guarantee issued by the Company.

#### SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS

Save for Changde Gold Roc, the particulars of which are disclosed in the above section headed "Share of result of associates", and as disclosed above, there were no significant investments held by the Group with a value of 5% or more of the Company's total assets as at 30 June 2023. Save as disclosed in this announcement, there was no plan authorised by the Board for other material investments or additions of capital assets at the date of this announcement.

## MATERIAL ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF SUBSIDIARIES

On 29 May 2023, Right Tech (China) Limited, being a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, as the vendor entered into a disposal agreement with Changsha Yingxin Semitech Limited as the purchaser and Jiangsu HY Link Science & Technology Co., Ltd.# (江蘇聯恒物宇科技有限公司) (the "Disposal Company"), a company established in the PRC and a 70%-owned subsidiary of the Company prior to completion, in relation to the disposal of the 70% of the equity interest in the Disposal Company at the cash consideration of RMB51.1 million. Upon completion of the disposal, the Company will cease to have any interest in the Disposal Company and the Disposal Company will cease to be a subsidiary of the Company. Details of the disposal are set out in the announcement and the circular of the Company dated 29 May 2023 and 26 July 2023 respectively. As at the date of this announcement, the disposal has not yet been completed.

Save as disclosed in this announcement, there was no material acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures by the Group during the Period under Review.

# IMPORTANT EVENTS AFFECTING THE GROUP AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

No important events affecting the Group has taken place since 30 June 2023 and up to the date of this announcement.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES

As at 30 June 2023, the Group had 6 and 605 full-time staff based in Hong Kong and the PRC respectively. The Group's remuneration packages are generally structured with reference to market terms and individual merits. The Group operates a defined contribution retirement benefits scheme under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance for all of its employees in Hong Kong. Contributions are made based on a percentage of the employees' base salaries. The Group also made contributions to provident funds, elderly insurance, medical insurance, unemployment insurance and work-related injury insurance in accordance with appropriate laws and regulations in the PRC.

#### **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

The Board did not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Period under Review.

### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company has adopted the Corporate Governance Code (the "Code") contained in Part 2 of Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules. For the Period under Review, the Company has complied in general with the Code, except code provisions B.2.4(b), C.1.6 and C.2.1.

Under code provision B.2.4(b) of the Code, where all the independent non-executive directors of an issuer have served more than nine years on the board, the issuer should appoint a new independent non-executive director on the board at the forthcoming annual general meeting. Each of Mr. Lam Ying Hung, Andy, Mr. Lui Tin Nang and Mr. Siu Man Ho, Simon has served as an independent non-executive Director for more than 9 years. The Company is still in the process of identifying a suitable candidate who have a balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspectives appropriate to the requirements of the Company's business.

Under code provision C.1.6 of the Code, independent non-executive directors and other non-executive directors should attend general meetings to gain and develop a balanced understanding of the views of shareholders. Mr. Siu Man Ho, Simon (the chairman of nomination committee of the Company and an independent non-executive Director) was unable to attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 9 June 2023 due to his other business engagement.

Under code provision C.2.1 of the Code, the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The division of responsibilities between the chairman and the chief executive should be clearly established and set out in writing. Following the resignation of Mr. Chen Xiao Liang as an executive Director, chairman and chief executive officer of the Company with effect from 22 April 2022, Mr. Huang Wanru was re-designated as the chairman of the Company in place of Mr. Chen Xiao Liang on the same date, but the Company has not yet appointed an individual to take up the vacancy of the chief executive officer, and the roles and functions of the chief executive officer have been performed by all the executive Directors collectively since 22 April 2022.

#### PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's securities during the Period under Review.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal control, risk management and financial reporting matters including a review of the interim report and the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the Period under Review with the Directors. In addition, the interim financial information of the Group for the Period under Review has also been reviewed by the independent auditor of the Company, Mazars CPA Limited. The audit committee of the Company comprises the three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Lui Tin Nang, Mr. Lam Ying Hung, Andy and Mr. Siu Man Ho, Simon, and the non-executive Director, Ms. Li Li.

#### APPRECIATION

The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its gratitude to its customers and shareholders for their continuing support as well as its staff for their dedication and hard work.

> By Order of the Board Litu Holdings Limited Huang Wanru Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 August 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises two executive Directors, namely, Mr. Huang Wanru (Chairman) and Mr. Jiang Xiang Yu, one non-executive Director, namely, Ms. Li Li, and three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Lui Tin Nang, Mr. Lam Ying Hung, Andy and Mr. Siu Man Ho, Simon.