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ASIAN CITRUS HOLDINGS LIMITED

亞洲果業控股有限公司*

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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 2023 (the “**Review Period**”) together with its comparative figures for the six months ended 31 December 2022.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

	Six months ended 31 December		% change
	2023 (unaudited) RMB Million	2022 (unaudited) RMB Million	
Reported financial information			
Revenue	61.3	21.1	190.5
Other income	1.5	5.8	-74.1
Loss before income tax	(11.7)	(18.9)	-38.1
Loss attributable to the owners of the Company	(11.8)	(18.6)	-36.6
Basic loss per share attributable to the owners of the Company (RMB)	(94.82) cents	(158.71) cents	-40.3

FINANCIAL POSITION

	As at 31 December 2023 (unaudited) RMB Million	As at 30 June 2023 (audited) RMB Million	% change
	Total assets	179.8	
Net current assets	67.0	59.6	12.4
Cash and cash equivalents	24.0	26.1	-8.0
Total equity	151.1	148.0	2.1
Current ratio	3.84	2.72	41.2

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

During the Review Period, the Group has embraced a dynamic and challenging operating environment by focusing on improvements to its existing businesses and exploring new potential business opportunities with a view to enhance our shareholders’ overall return in the long run. The Group has successfully completed a Rights Issue (defined hereafter) during the Review Period which enhanced the Group’s financial position and replenished the Group’s working capital for the expansion and development of the core businesses of the Group.

The Group is thrilled to note that domestic economic activities in the People’s Republic of China (the “**PRC**”) have experienced a welcome boost following the relaxation and withdrawal of COVID-19 containment measures. However, the Group also noted that the initial post-lockdown surge in economic activities appears to have since reverted back to the normal level over the Review Period. To stimulate economic growth in the PRC, the PRC government has introduced favourable policies, such as the lowering of loan prime rate and reserve requirement ratio for banks, thereby increasing liquidity in the economy. Against this backdrop, the Group has been prudent in the Group’s strategy and operational management.

For the planting, cultivation and sale of agricultural produce business of the Group (“**Plantation Business**”), the Group primarily focuses on passion fruits. During the Review period, the Group’s citrus fruits plantation business was still in its consolidation phase after many citrus trees were severely affected by pests, HuangLongBing* (黃龍病) and/or citrus canker during the COVID-19 lockdown period when farmers were restricted from accessing to the farmlands and therefore were unable to provide proper maintenance and care for the citrus trees. While the Group has continued to seek ways to improve fruit quality as well as crop yield of its harvests, the Group also monitored and managed the inherent risks of the fruit plantation business using the expertise at the Group’s disposal, so as to ensure that the Group is able to identify and resolve problems to the extent possible that may affect the quality of the Group’s harvests in a timely manner.

In connection with fruit distribution business of the Group (“**Fruit Distribution Business**”), having considered the business environment and development needs of the Group, as announced in January 2024, the Group have reallocated a portion of the net proceeds from the placing originally for establishing a comprehensive distribution centre for its value-added services on processing fruits under its Fruit Distribution Business in the Guangdong province to its orchards under the Plantation Business in the Guangxi province with a view to enhance the overall efficiency in the allocation of resources. As a fruit distributor, the Group will strive to source and offer a wide range of fruits to satisfy the Group’s customers’ demands. Amid the fierce competition, the continued recovery of the PRC economy and 陝西品尚農產品貿易有限公司 (Shaanxi Pinshang Agricultural Products Trading Co., Ltd.*) (“**Shaanxi Pinshang**”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company after the acquisition completed around the end of March 2023, has contributed towards the development of the Fruit Distribution Business, which recorded a period-on-period increase as compared to the corresponding period in prior year.

Having established business presence of the distribution and installation of air-conditioners business of the Group (“**Air-conditioners Distribution Business**”) in Meizhou back in 2022, the Group has explored different geographic locations of the PRC domestic markets and expanded the Air Conditioner Distribution Business into the market in Shenzhen in 2023. During the Review Period, the Group’s efforts and commitments devoted into the Air-conditioners Distribution Business have been rewarded with a period-on-period increase in revenue generated, reaching approximately RMB35.9 million. Furthermore, the Group was also able to improve on the segment results of the Air-conditioners Distribution Business compared to the corresponding period in the prior year.

PROSPECTS

Looking ahead, the Group envisages that domestic consumption will assume a more prominent role within the “Three Horse Carriages” growth framework. Despite the challenging situation, the Group maintain cautious optimism that favourable PRC government policies will continue to foster a conducive business operating environment domestically. With the support of its management team, the Group will confidently navigate through the dynamic and competitive market landscape and look to capitalise on market opportunities available in respective businesses.

The improvement work in relation to the reform of the Plantation Business through internal processes, such as cost control and management, will continue. The Group will also persist to explore and optimise fruit product portfolio of the Group through assessment of the profitability of the respective fruits. The Group remain cautiously optimistic about the Group’s passion fruits plantation operations, the Group will assess the feasibility of and, where considered appropriate, diversify the fruit product portfolio through the plantation of different kinds of fruits in order to ease the reliance of existing fruit product portfolio of the Group.

The primary focus of the Group's business model under the Fruit Distribution Business shall continue to be sourcing and distributing a range of fruits in the PRC, where the Group has established a network of quality fruit suppliers, maintained business relationship with existing customers and established relationship with new customers. The stable supply of high-quality fruits from the Group's network of trusted suppliers will remain to be the key to the Fruit Distribution Business.

Having secured a stable supply of air-conditioners by entering into a framework agreement with a supplier, the term of which shall last until the year ending 30 June 2025, the Air-conditioners Distribution Business established its foothold in the market with initial advances into Meizhou and going forward the Group will devote more resources to the Shenzhen market with a view to achieve steady growth in sales. The Group will continue to develop the Air-conditioners Distribution Business and after-sale services to further broaden revenue base of the Group.

The Group has benefited from the progress of business portfolio diversification and demonstrated resilience and ability of the Group to operate in a challenging business environment. Going forward the Group shall actively explore new business opportunities in the PRC while continue to strengthen core competence of the Group.

APPRECIATION

I, on behalf of the Board, would like to express our utmost gratitude to our valued shareholders, customers and business partners for your enduring support and unwavering trust in the Company. We would also like to express my sincere appreciation to our dedicated management team and staff for their commitments and invaluable contribution to the Group during the Review Period. Look forward to creating a prosperous future for the Group.

Li Ziyang
Chairman

28 February 2024

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

OUTLOOK

In year 2024, we shall remain vigilant as the fruit plantation and distribution industry in the PRC is likely to remain competitive. While we are optimistic for the gradual improvement to the overall PRC economy, we also recognise that improvements may be uneven over a period time and any unexpected adverse changes in consumer confidence may affect the demand of the Group's fruits. As such, the Group will maintain its prudent approach in developing the strategy for its Plantation Business and Fruit Distribution Business. Given the long-term growth potentials of the overall PRC economy and the increase in domestic consumer spending capabilities, the Board is cautious optimistic on the long-term prospects of the Plantation Business and Fruit Distribution Business.

As for the Air-conditioners Distribution Business, which has been a significant revenue contributor of the Group and one of the main sources of the Group's revenue, the Group will continue to commit its resources to broaden its business scale as well as improve its operational efficiencies. With air-conditioners are increasingly becoming a necessity for PRC households given the hotter summers in recent years, the Group is confident that the Air-conditioners Distribution Business will be able to maintain a stable and healthy growth in year 2024.

BUSINESS REVIEW

During the Review Period, the Group's agricultural produces under the Plantation Business mainly comprised of passion fruits planted and cultivated by the Group at the Hepu Plantation located in Guangxi, the PRC (the "**Hepu Plantation**"). As a wholesaler, the Group have sold its fruits to distributors in the PRC. With a view to enhance the overall performance of this business, the Group monitored and assessed the financial feasibilities and return of its fruits, sought ways to improve fruit quality and the crop yield of its harvests, actively managed its Plantation Business, identified and resolved specific problems that may affect the quality of the Group's harvests in a timely manner to the extent possible. However, it should be noted that during the Review Period, the Group's citrus fruits plantation business was still in its consolidation phase after many citrus trees were severely affected by pests, HuangLongBing* (黃龍病) and/or citrus canker as there was no proper maintenance and care could be provided for the citrus trees during the COVID-19 lockdown period. The Group recorded revenue of approximately RMB0.06 million during the Review Period.

In respect of the Fruit Distribution Business, the Group continued to develop and strengthen the relationships with its suppliers and customers. Despite the fruit distribution business remained to be competitive, with the gradual economic growth in the PRC, and the revenue contribution from Shaanxi Pinshang, after the post-acquisition integration, the Group recorded revenue of approximately RMB25.4 million during the Review Period.

For the Air-conditioners Distribution Business, which commenced in 2022, the Group is principally engaged in the distribution and installation of air-conditioners and the provision of after-sale services air-conditioners in the PRC. The Air-conditioners Distribution Business has continued to develop after establishing its presence in Shenzhen. The Group has attained satisfactory revenue growth and recorded revenue of approximately RMB35.9 million during the Review Period. With increasing demand for air-conditioners from PRC households, the Group's strategy for the Air-conditioners Distribution Business is to further expand its customer base as well as secure a higher volume of sales orders going forward.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

The Group recorded revenue of approximately RMB61.3 million (six months ended 31 December 2022: RMB21.1 million) for the Review Period.

The Group's operations are divided into three segments, namely (i) Plantation Business; (ii) Fruit Distribution Business; and (iii) Air-conditioners Distribution Business.

Below is an analysis of the Group's revenue by segment:

	For the six months ended		% Change
	2023	2022	
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	
Plantation Business	57	574	-90.1%
Fruit Distribution Business	25,386	673	3,672.1%
Air-conditioners Distribution Business	35,905	19,898	80.4%
Total	<u>61,348</u>	<u>21,145</u>	190.1%

For the Review Period, the Group recorded revenue of approximately RMB0.06 million (six months ended 31 December 2022: RMB0.6 million) from the Plantation Business on completion of the harvest seasons of passion fruits in the Hepu Plantation, representing a decrease of approximately 90.1% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The decline in revenue was mainly due to severe weather condition at Hepu Plantation during the Review Period, leading to unsatisfying harvest quality and quantity.

In respect of the Fruit Distribution Business, the Group recorded revenue of approximately RMB25.4 million (six months ended 31 December 2022: RMB0.7 million) for the Review Period, representing a drastic increment of approximately 3,672.1% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. Despite the challenging operating environment, the overall PRC economy is gradually recovering from the pandemic. In addition, the Group has completed the acquisition of Shaanxi Pinshang which is principally engaged in distribution and sales of agricultural products with its comprehensive sales network in Shaanxi Province by the end of March 2023. Shaanxi Pinshang has made substantial contribution to the segment revenue for the Review Period.

Regarding the Air-conditioners Distribution Business, the Group recorded revenue of approximately RMB35.9 million (six months ended 31 December 2022: RMB19.9 million). The Air-conditioners Distribution Business commenced upon the completion of the acquisition of 深圳市金龍建設工程有限公司 (Shenzhen Jinlong Construction Engineering Co., Ltd.*) (“**Jinlong Construction**”) in December 2021. During the Review Period, the Group purchased air-conditioners from the brand owners and sold the air-conditioners to electrical appliance stores in Meizhou City, the PRC. Having established the business presence in Meizhou, the Group continued to explore and expand its air conditioner distribution business into the market in Shenzhen. On 3 February 2023, the Group has entered into a framework agreement with its supplier to secure a stable supply of air-conditioners to meet customer demand. The expansion of geographical area has rendered for the surge of revenue.

Other income

For the Review Period, the Group recorded other income in the amount of approximately RMB1.5 million (six months ended 31 December 2022: RMB5.8 million), which mainly consists of management income generated from various business cooperation agreements with independent farmers, government subsidy and interest income in connection with the loans to independent third parties which are secured by a substantial shareholder of the Company.

Staff costs

For the Review Period, the staff costs of the Group amounted to approximately RMB5.6 million (six months ended 31 December 2022: RMB5.3 million). A slight increase in staff costs by approximately 5.7% was mainly attributable to (i) the staff costs incurred by Shaanxi Pinshang which were not consolidated into the financial results for the corresponding period of last year; (ii) the increase of staff costs paid to the staff due to the increase in the number of staff of Jinlong Construction as compared to the corresponding period of last year; and (iii) being offset by a decline in headcount at Hepu Plantation.

Distribution and other operating expenses

For the Review Period, the distribution and other operating expenses of the Group amounted to approximately RMB0.5 million (six months ended 31 December 2022: RMB0.9 million), which comprised primarily of transportation costs incurred for the delivery of fruits and air-conditioners.

General and other administrative expenses

For the Review Period, the general and other administrative expenses of the Group amounted to approximately RMB7.8 million (six months ended 31 December 2022: RMB5.7 million), which comprised primarily of legal and professional fees, office accommodation expenses and plantation security charges. The general and other administrative expenses increased for the Review Period as compared to the corresponding period of last year due to expenses incurred for corporate actions, for instance the Rights Issue.

Income tax

For the Review Period, income tax expense of the Group amounted to approximately RMB0.07 million (six months ended 31 December 2022: income tax credit of approximately RMB0.3 million), which comprised primarily of the enterprise income tax charged and payable by the Group on the profit generated from Fruit Distribution Business and the Air-conditioners Distribution Business in the PRC.

Loss attributable to owners of the Company

For the Review Period, loss attributable to owners of the Company was approximately RMB11.8 million (six months ended 31 December 2022: RMB18.6 million). The decline in for the Review Period was mainly due to (i) the absence of the impairment losses on the property, plant and equipment; (ii) the fair value gain on the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss; (iii) reversal of the allowance for expected credit losses (“ECL”) on trade and other receivables or loans receivable; and (iv) being offset by the decline in other income.

RISK FACTORS

The Group’s is exposed to certain risk factors as set out below.

Plantation Business

Climate changes and natural disasters

The Group’s plantation is exposed to the risk of damage from climatic changes and natural disasters. In the event of adverse weather conditions, such as droughts, floods, typhoons, hailstorms, frost and rainstorms, and natural disasters, such as forest fire, diseases, insect infestation and pests, occur in Hepu area, the Plantation Business is likely to suffer a significant decline in productivity due to the damage to farming and its equipment. Eventually, it will have an adverse impact on the Group’s revenue and financial performance.

Contractual arrangement at Hepu Plantation

The Hepu Plantation, which comprises approximately 46,000 mu farmland located in Hepu county of Guangxi, is operated under a business cooperation agreement ending in 2050 (the “**Agreement**”). The Agreement was entered into between the Group and a cooperator (the “**Cooperator**”) whereby the Cooperator would contribute farmland for use in the Plantation Business and the Group would be responsible for contributing those property, plant and equipment as well as providing and bearing the costs of fertilisers, pesticides, labour, technical support on cultivation and soil management. The Group will be entitled to 90% of the income generated from the Hepu Plantation accordingly.

Currently, the Cooperator leases the farmland from certain owners paying annual rent at rates, subject to periodic review and revision, based on a reasonable standard agreed upon in 2000 when the PRC's economy was experiencing a stage of development with low price index. As the PRC's economy has been developing rapidly in the last decade, the owners of the farmland have been repeatedly requesting an increase in rent via different means. In order to maintain a stable cooperation environment, the Cooperator has been negotiating with the owners of the farmland through co-ordination with local government department. Pursuant to the Agreement and supplemental agreement entered between the Group and the Cooperator, on top of the share of 10% of the income generated from the Hepu Plantation, the Group is obligated to pay a fixed monthly contribution of RMB500,000 to the Cooperator with effect from 1 July 2023.

Any further rent raise will increase Hepu Plantation's operating costs and lower its profit level to a certain extent. However, the Company believes a reasonable increase in the rent will help to promote a harmonic cooperation environment between the Cooperator and the owners of the farmland to facilitate a smooth running of the Plantation Business.

Fruit Distribution Business

PRC was experiencing recovery from the COVID-19 epidemic during the second half of 2023 after the removal of prevention and control measures. However, it is expected to take duration for the consumption level of Chinese resident to resume. As such, the demand for fruits may recover sluggishly in the coming year and hindered its development.

DIVIDEND

The Board did not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Review Period (six months ended 31 December 2022: Nil).

CAPITAL

As at 31 December 2023, the total number of issued shares of the Company was 2,980,105,859 (six months ended 31 December 2022: 2,499,637,884). On 13 October 2023, the Company announced a proposed rights issue on the basis of one rights share for every two shares in issue at a subscription price of HK\$0.035 per rights share to raise up to approximately HK\$43,700,000 before expenses. On 7 November 2023, the Company allotted and issued 480,467,975 ordinary shares of HK\$0.035 each by way of rights issue and the number of issued shares of the Company was increased to 2,980,105,859 (the "**Rights Issue**").

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCE RESOURCES

Liquidity

As at 31 December 2023, the bank borrowings of the Group amounted to approximately RMB9.2 million (30 June 2023: RMB3.4 million). The cash and cash equivalents the Group was approximately RMB24.0 million (30 June 2023: RMB26.1 million).

As at 31 December 2023, the current ratio and quick ratio were approximately 3.84 and approximately 3.64 respectively (30 June 2023: 2.72 and 2.36 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

As at 31 December 2023, the Group's prepayment of approximately RMB7.6 million (30 June 2023: RMB4.6 million) was used as security for the bank borrowings of approximately RMB4.2 million (30 June 2023: RMB3.4 million).

Net gearing ratio

The net gearing ratio of the Group (bank borrowings less cash and cash equivalents, divided by total equity multiplied by 100%) decreased from approximately 15.3% as at 30 June 2023 to approximately 9.8% as at 31 December 2023. The decrease in net gearing ratio was mainly attributable to the proceeds raised from the Rights Issue during the Review Period, partially offset by increase in bank borrowings.

Capital commitments

As at 31 December 2023, the Group had capital commitments of approximately RMB10.0 million (30 June 2023: Nil), mainly related to committed contribution to the registered capital of a joint venture company. For further details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 24 November 2023.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK

The Group is exposed to foreign currency risk primarily through its cash and cash equivalents as well as equity securities listed in Hong Kong and the United States 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 and United States 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

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 2023, the Group had 57 (30 June 2023: 59) permanent employees.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Group did not have any contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2023 (30 June 2023: Nil).

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Saved as disclosed in the note 12 to the interim financial information, no other significant event has taken place subsequent to 31 December 2023 and up to the date of this interim results announcement.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the six months ended 31 December 2023

		Six months ended	
		31 December	
		2023	2022
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	<i>Notes</i>	RMB'000	RMB'000
Revenue	4	61,348	21,145
Cost of inventories		(59,817)	(19,482)
Other income	5	1,456	5,766
Changes in fair value of investment properties		(970)	–
Realised gain arising from changes in fair value of biological assets less costs to sell		–	91
Changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		3,105	(1,484)
Impairment losses on property, plant and equipment		–	(6,463)
Reversal of/(provision for) allowance of expected credit losses on trade and other receivables, net		71	(1,701)
Reversal of/(provision for) allowance of expected credit losses on loan receivables, net		1,696	(139)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets		(4,427)	(4,844)
Staff costs		(5,623)	(5,305)
Finance costs	6	(295)	(3)
Distribution and other operating expenses		(509)	(870)
General and other administrative expenses		(7,779)	(5,652)
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Loss before income tax	6	(11,744)	(18,941)
Income tax (expense)/credit	7	(70)	307
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Loss for the period attributable to the owners of the Company		(11,814)	(18,634)
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		RMB	RMB
			(restated)
Loss per share attributable to the owners of the Company			
— Basic and diluted	8	(94.82) cents	(158.71) cents
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**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

For the six months ended 31 December 2023

	Six months ended	
	31 December	
	2023	2022
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Loss for the period	(11,814)	(18,634)
Other comprehensive (loss)/income		
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:</i>		
— Exchange differences on translation from foreign currency to presentation currency	(2,376)	3,746
— Fair value changes on investment funds classified as financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	—	(127)
— Fair value adjustment upon transfer of self-occupied properties to investment properties	—	644
	<u>(2,376)</u>	<u>4,263</u>
<i>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>		
— Exchange differences on translation of financial statements of foreign operations, net of tax	<u>1,572</u>	<u>(1,431)</u>
Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the period attributable to the owners of the Company	<u>(804)</u>	<u>2,832</u>
Total comprehensive loss for the period attributable to the owners of the Company	<u>(12,618)</u>	<u>(15,802)</u>

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2023

	31 December 2023 (unaudited) <i>Notes</i> <i>RMB'000</i>	30 June 2023 (audited) <i>RMB'000</i>
ASSETS		
Non-current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	19,484	21,892
Right-of-use assets	52,610	54,171
Investment properties	14,090	15,060
Goodwill	2,916	2,916
	89,100	94,039
Current Assets		
Biological assets	632	2,251
Inventories	4,577	12,544
Trade and other receivables	9 8,975	9,366
Loan receivables	2,708	6,673
Prepayments	27,843	14,957
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	21,927	22,183
Cash and cash equivalents	24,003	26,099
	90,665	94,073
Total Assets	179,765	188,112
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and Reserves		
Share capital	27,334	22,831
Reserves	123,771	125,131
Total Equity	151,105	147,962

		31 December	30 June
		2023	2023
		(unaudited)	(audited)
	<i>Notes</i>	RMB'000	RMB'000
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	<i>10</i>	9,634	27,014
Contract liabilities		5,097	4,706
Lease liabilities		521	425
Bank borrowings		8,371	2,286
Tax payables		13	92
		<u>23,636</u>	<u>34,523</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Lease liabilities		4,210	4,485
Bank borrowings		814	1,142
		<u>5,024</u>	<u>5,627</u>
Total Equity and Liabilities		<u>179,765</u>	<u>188,112</u>

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 Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”).

The interim financial information has been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment properties, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and biological assets which are measured at fair values. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this interim financial information are consistent with those followed by Asian Citrus Holdings Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries’ (the “Group”) in their annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 (the “2023 Financial Statements”), except for certain accounting policies and the applications of amendments to International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”) that are expected to be reflected in the Group’s annual consolidated financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2024 of which details 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 2023 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 2023 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 2023.

Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2	Disclosure of Accounting Policies
Amendments to IAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates
Amendments to IAS 12	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction
IFRS 17 (including the October 2020 and February 2022 Amendments to IFRS 17)	Insurance Contracts and the related Amendments
Amendments to IAS 12	International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules

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:

		Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after
Amendments to IAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	1 January 2024
Amendments to IAS 7	Supplier Finance Arrangements	1 January 2024
Amendments to IAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	1 January 2024
Amendments to IFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	1 January 2024
Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	To be determined

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these new and amendments to IFRSs is expected to be in the period of initial application. So far the Group has not identified any aspects of the new standards which may have a significant impact on the condensed consolidated financial statements.

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 operating segments are summarised as follows:

Plantation Business — Planting, cultivation and sale of agricultural produce

Fruit Distribution Business — Distribution of various fruits

Air-conditioners Distribution Business — Distribution and installation of air-conditioners

Segment results, assets and liabilities

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

	Plantation Business		Fruit Distribution Business		Air-conditioners Distribution Business		Total	
	Six months ended		Six months ended		Six months ended		Six months ended	
	31 December		31 December		31 December		31 December	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
RESULTS								
Reportable segment revenue and revenue from external customers	57	574	25,386	673	35,905	19,898	61,348	21,145
Reportable segment results	(8,719)	(11,176)	(1,666)	(2,275)	857	841	(9,528)	(12,610)
Unallocated corporate expenses							(2,856)	(6,069)
Unallocated corporate income							570	45
Loss for the period							(11,814)	(18,634)

	Plantation Business		Fruit Distribution Business		Air-conditioners Distribution Business		Total	
	31 December	30 June	31 December	30 June	31 December	30 June	31 December	30 June
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023
	(unaudited)	(audited)	(unaudited)	(audited)	(unaudited)	(audited)	(unaudited)	(audited)
RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
ASSETS								
Segment assets	42,931	51,456	67,400	82,254	32,721	30,614	143,052	164,324
Unallocated corporate assets							36,713	23,788
Total assets							179,765	188,112
LIABILITIES								
Segment liabilities	1,174	1,040	5,747	18,933	19,816	18,565	26,737	38,538
Unallocated corporate liabilities							1,923	1,612
Total Liabilities							28,660	40,150

Other Segment Information

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

	Plantation Business		Fruit Distribution Business		Air-conditioners Business		Unallocated		Total	
	Six months ended		Six months ended		Six months ended		Six months ended		Six months ended	
	31 December		31 December		31 December		31 December		31 December	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
RMB'000	RMB'000	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	-	91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91
Interest income	3	222	240	161	4	3	2	2	249	388
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	(2,716)	(3,451)	(1)	(84)	(2)	(2)	(99)	(15)	(2,818)	(3,552)
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	-	-	(1,269)	(1,269)	(340)	(23)	-	-	(1,609)	(1,292)
Provision for impairment losses recognised in respect of property, plant and equipment	-	(6,463)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,463)
(Provision for)/reversal of impairment losses recognised in respect of trade and other receivables, net	-	(1,965)	28	-	43	121	-	143	71	(1,701)
Reversal of/(provision for) impairment losses recognised in respect of loan receivables, net	-	(5)	1,725	(134)	-	-	(29)	-	1,696	(139)
Loss on written-off of property, plant and equipment	-	(554)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(554)
Written-down of biological assets	(145)	(552)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(145)	(552)
Additions to property, plant and equipment	412	5,851	3	-	-	8	-	10	415	5,869

Geographical information

Since over 90% of the Group's revenue and operating profit or loss 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 months ended	
	31 December	
	2023	2022
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Customer A ¹	12,722	_ ²
Customer B ¹	9,861	_ ²

¹ Revenue generated from customers A and B were attributable to Fruit Distribution Business.

² Revenue generated from customers A and B did not contribute over 10% of the total revenue of the Group for the six months ended 31 December 2022.

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

4. REVENUE

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers:

	Plantation Business		Fruit Distribution Business		Air-conditioners Distribution Business		Total	
	31 December		31 December		31 December		31 December	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Sales of fruits	57	574	25,386	673	-	-	25,443	1,247
Sales of air-conditioners	-	-	-	-	35,905	19,898	35,905	19,898
	<u>57</u>	<u>574</u>	<u>25,386</u>	<u>673</u>	<u>35,905</u>	<u>19,898</u>	<u>61,348</u>	<u>21,145</u>

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

5. OTHER INCOME

	<i>Notes</i>	Six months ended	
		31 December	
		2023	2022
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
		RMB'000	RMB'000
Bank interest income		16	18
Dividend income		24	–
Exchange gain, net		–	863
Gain on lease modification		102	–
Government subsidy	<i>(i)</i>	390	43
Interest income on loan receivables		233	370
Management income	<i>(ii)</i>	308	4,250
Sundry income		383	222
		<u>1,456</u>	<u>5,766</u>

Notes:

- (i) During the six months ended 31 December 2023, the Group recognised government subsidy of approximately RMB390,000 which related to the farmland construction support given by the PRC local authority (2022: RMB43,000 (equivalently to approximately HK\$48,000) which related to Employment Support Scheme provided by the Hong Kong Government).
- (ii) The Group has entered into a business cooperation agreement with an independent third party (the “**Cooperator**”). Pursuant to the business cooperation agreement, the Cooperator would contribute farmlands while the Group would contribute property, plant and equipment for the purpose of providing farmlands and facilities to individual farmers and generating management income during the periods ended 31 December 2023 and 2022. According to business cooperation agreement, the Group is entitled to 90% of the income generated and it was recognised in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss.

6. LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX

Loss before income tax is stated after charging/(crediting) the following:

	Six months ended	
	31 December	
	2023	2022
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	RMB'000	RMB'000
(a) Finance costs		
Interest on bank borrowings	180	–
Interest on lease liabilities	115	3
	<u>295</u>	<u>3</u>
(b) Employee benefit expenses (including directors' remuneration)		
— Salaries, allowance and benefits in kind	5,279	4,974
— Retirement benefit scheme contribution	344	331
	<u>5,623</u>	<u>5,305</u>
(c) Other items		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	2,818	3,552
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	1,609	1,292
Exchange gain, net	–	(863)
Office accommodation charges included in general and other administrative expenses	1,334	1,398
Expenses relating to short term leases included in general and other administrative expenses	100	79
Loss on written-off of property, plant and equipment	–	554
Loss on written-off of biological assets included in general and other administrative expenses	145	552
Plantation security charges included in general and other administrative expenses	483	492
Legal and professional fees included in general and other administrative expenses	2,497	135

7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE/(CREDIT)

	Six months ended	
	31 December	
	2023	2022
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Current tax		
PRC enterprise income tax	<u>70</u>	<u>(307)</u>

(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 (“BVI”), the Group is not subject to any income tax in the respective tax jurisdictions.
- (ii) Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime in Hong Kong, 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%.

As the amount involved upon implementation of the two-tiered profits tax rates regime is considered 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 for both periods.

- (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 businesses 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.*) in the PRC engaged in qualifying agricultural business was entitled to full exemption of enterprise income tax.

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

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8. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of the loss per share is based on the following data:

	Six months ended	
	31 December	
	2023	2022
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Loss attributable to the owners of the Company used in basic and diluted loss per share calculations	(11,814)	(18,634)
Weighted average number of shares	'000	'000
		(restated)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in basic and diluted loss per share calculations	12,459	11,741

The weighted average number of ordinary shares used in basic and diluted loss per share calculations for the periods ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 has been adjusted/restated to reflect the effect of the completion of Rights Issue on 7 November 2023 and also the share consolidation effected on 21 February 2024 (note 12(a)).

Diluted loss per share were the same as basic loss per share for the six months ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 as there were no potential ordinary shares in issue.

9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	31 December	30 June
	2023	2023
	(unaudited)	(audited)
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade receivables, gross	3,965	3,022
Less: Allowance for ECL on trade receivables	(31)	(79)
Trade receivables, net (<i>note (a)</i>)	3,934	2,943
Deposits paid and other receivables, gross	11,581	12,986
Less: Allowance for ECL on other receivables	(6,540)	(6,563)
Deposits paid and other receivables, net (<i>note (b)</i>)	5,041	6,423
Trade and other receivables, net	8,975	9,366

Notes:

- (a) The Group generally granted a credit period of 30 days (30 June 2023: 30 days) to customers for sales of fruits, while no credit period was granted to sales of air-conditioners as the Group generally requests customers to pay in advance.

The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables and has a credit control department to minimise credit risk. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management. Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and the Group does not hold any collateral in relation to these receivables.

The ageing analysis of trade receivables, net of ECL allowance, based on the due dates, is as follows:

	31 December 2023 (unaudited) RMB'000	30 June 2023 (audited) RMB'000
Neither past due nor impaired	3,852	2,709
1 to 30 days past due	29	18
31 to 60 days past due	–	4
61 to 90 days past due	–	–
Over 90 days past due	53	212
	<u>3,934</u>	<u>2,943</u>

The ageing analysis of trade receivables, net of ECL allowance, based on the invoice dates, is as follows:

	31 December 2023 (unaudited) RMB'000	30 June 2023 (audited) RMB'000
1 to 30 days	3,881	2,727
31 to 60 days	–	4
61 to 90 days	–	–
Over 90 days	53	212
	<u>3,934</u>	<u>2,943</u>

The movements in allowances for ECL on trade receivables are as follows:

	<i>RMB'000</i>
At 1 July 2023 (audited)	79
Reversal of ECL allowances recognised to the condensed consolidated profit or loss, net	<u>(48)</u>
At 31 December 2023 (unaudited)	<u>31</u>

- (b) At 31 December 2023, the gross balances mainly comprised of an amount due from the Cooperator amounting to approximately RMB10,795,000 (30 June 2023: RMB10,491,000) in relation to the management income distributions as mentioned in note 5(ii). The provision for ECL allowance on this amount due amounted to approximately RMB6,540,000 (30 June 2023: RMB6,540,000). The amount due was unsecured, non-interest bearing and repayable on demand.

The movements in allowances for ECL on other receivables are as follows:

	<i>RMB'000</i>
At 1 July 2023 (audited)	6,563
Reversal of ECL allowance recognised to the condensed consolidated profit or loss, net	<u>(23)</u>
At 31 December 2023 (unaudited)	<u><u>6,540</u></u>

10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	31 December 2023 (unaudited) RMB'000	30 June 2023 (audited) RMB'000
Trade payables (<i>Note (a)</i>)	5,865	23,322
Other payables and accruals (<i>Note (b)</i>)	2,927	2,864
Accrued staff costs	842	686
Amount due to a former director (<i>Note(c)</i>)	<u>–</u>	<u>142</u>
	<u><u>9,634</u></u>	<u><u>27,014</u></u>

Notes:

- (a) The average credit period granted by suppliers was 30 days.

Ageing analysis of trade payables by invoice date is shown as follows:

	31 December 2023 (unaudited) RMB'000	30 June 2023 (audited) RMB'000
Within 3 months	5,694	22,788
Over 3 months but within 1 year	34	354
Over 1 year	<u>137</u>	<u>180</u>
	<u><u>5,865</u></u>	<u><u>23,322</u></u>

- (b) At 31 December 2023, other payables and accruals mainly comprise of accrued legal and professional fees of approximately RMB1,052,000 (30 June 2023: RMB1,443,000). The balances of other payables and accruals are expected to be settled within one year or are repayable on demand.
- (c) The amount due to a former executive director of the Company, Mr. Ng Ong Nee as at 30 June 2023 was unsecured, non-interest bearing and repayable on demand.

11. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	31 December 2023 (unaudited) RMB'000	30 June 2023 (audited) RMB'000
Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided for:		
Contribution to the registered capital of a joint venture company	<u>10,010</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>10,010</u>	<u>–</u>

On 24 November 2023, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, namely Cheer Kind Limited (“**Cheer Kind**”), entered into a joint venture agreement (“**JV Agreement A**”) with Shenzhen Xili Technology Co., Ltd.* (深圳熙黎科技有限公司) (“**JV Partner A**”) pursuant to which the parties agreed to establish a joint venture company (“**JV Company A**”), whose business scope shall cover used cars intermediary and trading business in the PRC. In accordance with the JV Agreement A, Cheer Kind and the JV Partner A shall contribute their respective portion of the registered capital of the JV Company A, in cash, namely RMB10,010,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$11,011,000) by Cheer Kind and RMB4,290,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$4,719,000) by the JV Partner A, within six months of the JV Company A’s establishment. The Group intends to finance its portion of the capital contribution in the JV Company from its internal resources. For further details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 24 November 2023.

12. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

- (a) On 14 December 2023, the Company proposed the capital reorganisation (“**Capital Reorganisation**”) to be implemented in the following manner:
- (i) the share consolidation (“**Share Consolidation**”) whereby every two hundred (200) issued and unissued existing shares (“**Existing Shares**”) of par value of HK\$0.01 each will be consolidated into one (1) consolidated share (“**Consolidated Share**”) of par value of HK\$2.00 each;

- (ii) immediately following the Share Consolidation becoming effective, the capital reduction (“**Capital Reduction**”) whereby the issued share capital of the Company will be reduced from an amount of approximately HK\$29,801,000 by an amount of approximately HK\$29,652,000 to an amount of approximately HK\$149,000 such that the par value of each issued Consolidated Share be reduced from HK\$2.00 to HK\$0.01 by (a) an elimination of any fraction of a Consolidated Share arising from the Share Consolidation in order to round down the total number of the Consolidated Shares to a whole number; and (b) a cancellation of HK\$1.99 of the paid-up capital of the Company on each issued Consolidated Share so that each issued Consolidated Share will be treated as one (1) fully paid-up share of par value HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company;
- (iii) immediately following the Share Consolidation becoming effective, the sub-division (“**Sub-division**”), whereby each authorised but unissued Consolidated Shares (including the authorized unissued Consolidated Shares arising from the Capital Reduction) be subdivided into two hundreds (200) authorised but unissued New Shares of par value HK\$0.01 each so that immediately following the Capital Reorganisation, the authorised share capital of the Company shall remain HK\$50,000,000 divided into 5,000,000,000 New Shares;
- (iv) immediately following the Capital Reduction and Sub-division becoming effective, the entire amount standing to the credit of the share premium account of the Company is proposed to reduce to nil (“**Share Premium Reduction**”); and
- (v) upon the Capital Reorganisation becoming effective, the credits arising from the Capital Reduction and the Share Premium Reduction of HK\$29,652,053.30 will be transferred to the contributed surplus account of the Company within the meaning of the Companies Act to then be applied to set off the accumulated losses of the Company or be applied by the Board in a manner as permitted by the Bye-Laws and all applicable laws of Bermuda from time to time without further authorisation from the shareholders.

The proposed Capital Reorganisation was passed and approved as the special resolution by the shareholders at a special general meeting held on 19 February 2024. Accordingly, the Capital Reorganisation has become effective from 21 February 2024. As a result, the Company has 14,900,529 Consolidated Shares in issue and the authorised share capital of the Company remains at HK\$50,000,000, which is divided into 5,000,000,000 ordinary shares.

For details, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 14 December 2023 and 27 December 2023, and the circular of the Company dated 22 January 2024.

- (b) On 14 February 2024, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, namely Cheer Kind, entered into a joint venture agreement (“**JV Agreement B**”) with Hangzhou Leshu Digital Technology Co., Ltd.* (杭州樂書數字科技有限公司) (“**JV Partner B**”) pursuant to which the parties agreed to establish a joint venture company (“**JV Company B**”), whom business scope shall cover the provision of supply chain finance technology solution in the PRC. In accordance with the JV Agreement B, Cheer Kind or its wholly owned subsidiary and the JV Partner B shall contribute their respective portion of the registered capital of the JV Company B, in cash, namely RMB10,200,000 by Cheer Kind and RMB9,800,000 by JV Partner B, within 24 months after the establishment of the JV Company B, or an extended time as may be agreed between the contracting parties. The Group intends to finance its portion of the capital contribution in the JV Company B from its internal resources. For further details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 14 February 2024.

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 of any of such listed securities during the six months ended 31 December 2023.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

During the six months ended 31 December 2023, the Directors, where practicable, sought to adopt the Corporate Governance Code (the “**CG Code**”) contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules.

The Company has complied with all the Code Provisions of the CG Code.

DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “**Model Code**”) as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules 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/she had fully complied with the required standard as set out in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 31 December 2023.

CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

Change in the composition of the Board during the six months ended 31 December 2023 and up to the date of this announcement are as follows:

- (i) Mr. Lai Zheng resigned as an independent non-executive Director with effect from 31 October 2023.
- (ii) Mr. Ng Ong Nee resigned as executive Director, the chairman of the Board, the chief executive officer with effect from 25 November 2023.
- (iii) Ms. Li Ziyang was appointed as an executive Director and chairman of the Board on 25 November 2023.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audit committee of the Board (the “**Audit Committee**”) comprises three independent non-executive Directors as members, Mr. Liu Ruiqiang, Mr. Wang Tianshi and Ms. Liu Jie, and Mr. Liu Ruiqiang was the chairman of the committee.

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.

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 six months ended 31 December 2023.

PUBLICATION OF THE INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND THE INTERIM REPORT

The interim results announcement is published on the respective websites of the Company (www.asian-citrus.com) under the investor relations section and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (www.hkex.com.hk). The Interim Report 2023/24 of the Company containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be made available on the same websites in due course and dispatched to the shareholders, upon request.

By Order of the Board
Asian Citrus Holdings Limited
Li Ziyang
Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 February 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises one executive Director, namely Ms. Li Ziyang (Chairman); one non-executive Director, namely Mr. James Francis Bittl; and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Liu Ruiqiang, Mr. Wang Tianshi and Ms. Liu Jie.

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