

Press Release ( Immediate Release )  
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## **Leeport (Holdings) Limited Announces 2003 Interim Results Profit Attributable to Shareholders Increases 4.3%**

(Hong Kong, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2003) – Leeport (Holdings) Limited (“Leeport”/the “Group”) (Stock code: 387), principally engaged in the trading and installation of machine tools and related products, today announced its interim results for the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003. For the interim period under review, profit attributable to shareholders amounted to HK\$ 10,107,000, representing an increase of 4.3% as compared with HK\$ 9,692,000 for the corresponding period in 2002. The Group’s turnover stood at HK\$ 207,365,000 and basic earnings per share were HK 5.05 cents for the first six months of this year.

The Company was listed in the main board on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2003. The Directors have resolved not to recommend any interim dividend for the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003. (2002: Nil)

Mr. Joseph Lee, Chairman and Managing Director of Leeport, said, “We are delighted to present the first interim results subsequent to our listing in July 2003. Despite the Iraq war and SARS outbreak, the Group managed to maintain a stable performance and continued to consolidate our foothold in the PRC and Hong Kong market. Drawing on our proven track record over 36 years and the well-established distribution network, we will continue to strive for operational as well as financial excellence in the future.”

Thanks to growing demand for more precision and quality products, the Group’s measuring instruments business continued to show significant growth during the interim period under review. The Group continued to provide high quality and broad range of precision measuring instruments manufactured by Mitutoyo Corporation (“Mitutoyo”), the world’s largest manufacturer in precision measuring instruments, to cater for the customers’ needs in the PRC market.

In early September 2003, Mitutoyo invested in Leeport Metrology Corporation, the subsidiary of Group, to penetrate into the precision measuring instruments market. With an asset value of US\$ 7 million, the joint venture not only fostered much closer relationships between the two companies after 35 years collaboration, but also signified a quantum leap for the Group to boost its presence in the PRC precision measuring instruments market.

Mr. Lee added, “The joint venture embarks on a new era for Leeport to strengthen our foothold in the PRC. The synergy between Leeport’s well-established distribution network and the expertise in the PRC, as well as Mitutoyo’s world-leading precision measuring technology and products, forms a solid partnership to capture the enormous business opportunities in the PRC precision measuring instruments market.”

The Group also devoted huge resources to the management and customer service systems to enhance the operational efficiency. The Customer Relationship Management Computer System, which will be completed by the end of 2003, combined with the Enterprise Resources Planning System, will develop into a powerful management tool to improve the Group's efficiency in terms of customer service, monitoring of sales activity, financial reporting and management of working capital.

Mr. Lee concluded, "Looking ahead, the revival of the PRC economy after the SARS outbreak will unleash numerous business opportunities in the coming half-year. We will continue to strengthen our sales and customer service forces to expand our market share for all ranges of products and services. We will also set up new offices in the PRC as planned to broaden our distribution network, as well as actively exploring new products and revenue sources. We are fully committed to becoming the market leader in offering total solutions in manufacturing technology in the PRC market."

**About Leeport (Holdings) Limited (Stock Code: 387)**

Established in 1967, Leeport is principally engaged in the trading and installation of machine tools and related products, as well as equipment for the electronics industry. Over the years, Leeport has established long-term relationships with reputable leading global suppliers to provide a wide range of products and services. Leeport is committed to supplying advanced equipment and manufacturing solutions and providing quality customer services. In September 2003, Leeport partnered with Mitutoyo Corporation to form a joint venture "Leeport Metrology Corporation" with asset value of US\$ 7 million to penetrate into the PRC precision measuring instruments market.

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