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ZHONG HUA INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

中華國際控股有限公司

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1064)

UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS

The Board of Directors (the “Directors”) of Zhong Hua International Holdings Limited (the “Company”) would like to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”) for the six months ended 30 June 2017 (the “Interim Results”), together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2016, as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	Notes	For the six months ended 30 June	
		2017 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2016 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Revenue	2	19,323	18,088
Other income		182	191
Administrative expenses		(12,907)	(11,726)
Finance costs	3	(3,444)	(3,892)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	4	3,154	2,661
Income tax expense	5	(2,670)	(2,366)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		484	295
ATTRIBUTABLE TO:			
Ordinary equity holders of the Company		(3,142)	(2,448)
Non-controlling interests		3,626	2,743
		484	295
LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY	7		
– Basic		HK(0.52) cents	HK(0.40) cents
– Diluted		HK(0.52) cents	HK(0.40) cents

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2017	2016
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit for the period	484	295
Other comprehensive income/(expense)		
<i>Other comprehensive income/(expense) to be reclassified to income statement in subsequent periods:</i>		
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	<u>101,998</u>	<u>(46,403)</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(EXPENSE) FOR THE PERIOD	<u>102,482</u>	<u>(46,108)</u>
Total comprehensive income/(expense) attributable to:		
Ordinary equity holders of the Company	27,104	(16,291)
Non-controlling interests	<u>75,378</u>	<u>(29,817)</u>
	<u>102,482</u>	<u>(46,108)</u>

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	30 June 2017	31 December 2016
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
<i>Notes</i>	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	4,960	4,912
Investment properties	4,162,412	4,017,248
Total non-current assets	4,167,372	4,022,160
CURRENT ASSETS		
Properties held for sales	35,759	34,515
Trade receivables	8 12,131	1,151
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	12,575	12,711
Cash and bank balances	54,494	65,169
Total current assets	114,959	113,546
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade payables	9 (2,001)	(1,931)
Other payables and accruals	(35,783)	(35,130)
Tax payable	(45,416)	(41,976)
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	(7,442)	(8,630)
Total current liabilities	(90,642)	(87,667)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	24,317	25,879
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,191,689	4,048,039
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Loan from a director	(73,577)	(71,018)
Due to a director	(166,618)	(160,160)
Long term other payables	(132,100)	(128,351)
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	(10,396)	(13,143)
Deferred tax liabilities	(895,530)	(864,381)
Total non-current liabilities	(1,278,221)	(1,237,053)
Net assets	2,913,468	2,810,986
EQUITY		
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		
Issued capital	15,140	15,140
Reserves	834,827	807,723
	849,967	822,863
Non-controlling interests	2,063,501	1,988,123
Total equity	2,913,468	2,810,986

Notes:

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard (“HKAS”) 34 “Interim Financial Reporting”. The accounting policies and basis of preparation adopted in the preparation of the interim financial statements are the same as those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016, except in relation to the following new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) which also include HKASs and Interpretations, that affect the Group and are mandatory for the accounting period beginning on or after 1 January 2017:

Amendments to HKAS 7	<i>Disclosure Initiative</i>
Amendments to HKAS 12	<i>Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses</i>

The adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs had no material effect on how the results and financial position for the current or prior accounting periods have been prepared and presented. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been required.

2. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION

For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on their services and two reportable operating segments as follows:

- (a) the property investment segment, which invests in properties located in the Mainland of the People’s Republic of China (“Mainland China”) for generating potential income from letting; and
- (b) the corporate and other segment, which provides management services to group companies.

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as those described in the Group’s financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

No geographical segment information is presented as over 90% of the Group’s revenue is derived from customers based in Mainland China.

The following table presents revenue and results information for the Group's operating segments:

For the six months ended 30 June

	Property investment		Corporate and others		Total	
	2017 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2016 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2017 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2016 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2017 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2016 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Segment revenue:						
Sales to external customers	<u>19,323</u>	<u>18,088</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,323</u>	<u>18,088</u>
Segment results	<u>14,015</u>	<u>13,172</u>	<u>(7,599)</u>	<u>(6,810)</u>	<u>6,416</u>	<u>6,362</u>
Other income					<u>182</u>	<u>191</u>
Finance costs					<u>(3,444)</u>	<u>(3,892)</u>
Profit before tax					<u>3,154</u>	<u>2,661</u>
Income tax expense					<u>(2,670)</u>	<u>(2,366)</u>
Profit the period					<u><u>484</u></u>	<u><u>295</u></u>

Information about major customers

For the six months ended 30 June 2017 (the "Period"), aggregate revenue from four customers (2016: four) with each of whom transactions had exceeded 10% of the Group's total revenue amounted to approximately HK\$19,323,000 (2016: HK\$18,088,000).

3. FINANCE COSTS

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2017 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2016 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Interest on:		
Bank loans	<u>617</u>	<u>915</u>
Loan from a director	<u>2,827</u>	<u>2,977</u>
	<u><u>3,444</u></u>	<u><u>3,892</u></u>

4. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Group's profit before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2017	2016
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Depreciation	127	188
Interest income	(85)	(36)
Income from letting of investment properties	(19,323)	(18,088)
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5. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2017	2016
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Provision for the period:		
Elsewhere	2,670	2,366
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax had been made as the Group did not generate any taxable profits in Hong Kong during the Period (2016: Nil).

Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof. The subsidiaries established in Mainland China are subject to income taxes at the rate of 25% (2016: 25%).

6. INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Period (2016: Nil).

7. LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

The calculation of basic loss per share for the Period is based on the loss attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company of HK\$3,142,000 (2016: HK\$2,448,000) and the weighted average number of 605,616,520 (2016: 605,616,520) ordinary shares in issue during the Period.

During the six months ended 30 June 2017 and 2016, the Group had no potentially dilutive ordinary shares in issue.

8. TRADE RECEIVABLES

An aged analysis of the Group's trade receivables at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	30 June 2017		31 December 2016	
	(Unaudited)		(Audited)	
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>%</i>
Within 6 months	<u>12,131</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>1,151</u>	<u>100</u>

The Group generally grants a credit term of 3 months to 12 months to its customers.

The age of the Group's trade receivables is based on the date of recognition of turnover and the due date of instalments as stipulated in the sale contracts. The Group does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements over its trade receivable balances. Trade receivables are non-interest-bearing.

9. TRADE PAYABLES

An aged analysis of the Group's trade payables at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	30 June 2017		31 December 2016	
	(Unaudited)		(Audited)	
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>%</i>
Within 1 year	<u>2,001</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>1,931</u>	<u>100</u>

The age of the Group's trade payables is based on the dates of the goods received or services rendered. The trade payables are non-interest-bearing.

REVIEW OF RESULTS

The Group's consolidated turnover for the Period was HK\$19,323,000, which is almost the same level compared with the same period last year (30 June 2016: HK\$18,088,000). The Group's profit for the Period was HK\$484,000 (30 June 2016: HK\$295,000). The Group's loss attributable to equity shareholders was HK\$3,142,000 for the Period (30 June 2016: HK\$2,448,000).

BUSINESS REVIEW

The Company is an investment holding company. Its subsidiaries are principally engaged in property investment and development in Mainland China and have two property interests, one in Chongqing (重慶市) and the other in Guangzhou (廣州市).

Guang Yu Square (港渝廣場), a 15-storey commercial building, is situated at the most prime commercial area at Chaotianmen (朝天門), Yuzhong District (渝中區), Chongqing (重慶市). Chaotianmen is one of the major clothing wholesale points in Chongqing while Guang Yu Square is the most popular men's clothing and footwear wholesale centre in the region.

The property interest in Guangzhou (廣州市) is situated at the most prime commercial area in Yuexiu District (越秀區), Guangzhou. It is planned that the development site will be developed into a versatile grade A commercial building complex with wholesale and exhibition hall facilities and with an objective to be the landmark of the Yuexiu District. The development site is comprised of three contiguous land parcels located at the east of Jiefang Road South (解放南路), to the south of Daxin Road (大新路), to the north of Yede Road (一德路) and to the west of Xieen Road (謝恩里), Yuexiu District and is wholly owned by Guangzhou Zheng Da Real Estate Development Company Limited (廣州市正大房地產開發有限公司) ("Guangzhou Zheng Da") which in turn Zheng Da Real Estate Development Co. Ltd. ("HK Zheng Da"), a private company incorporated in Hong Kong, has 100% interest.

Guangzhou Zheng Da was set up as a Sino-foreign joint venture by HK Zheng Da as the foreign partner and 越秀房地產開發經營公司 ("越秀國企"), a state-owned enterprise, as the Sino partner in Guangzhou in December 1993. Since its formation, 越秀國企 has not provided any capital or management support to Guangzhou Zheng Da to a material extent. Pursuant to the terms of the Enforcement Rules of the Joint Venture Agreement (合作合同實施細則) (the "Enforcement Rules") executed in 1994, 越秀國企 agreed to surrender its entire interest in Guangzhou Zheng Da except those benefits specified in the Enforcement Rules and therefore HK Zheng Da assumed 100% interest in Guangzhou Zheng Da. 越秀國企 is an independent third party.

The Group acquired a 25% indirect interest in HK Zheng Da in December 2007 while the remaining 75% interest to be completed by the Group not later than 30 June 2018 at an aggregate consideration of RMB1,361,100,000 (approximately HK\$1,565,265,000 as at 30 June 2017). Details of the intended acquisition, including terms and conditions, consideration and settlement mechanism, and their amendments thereafter were disclosed in the Company's circular dated 26 November 2007 and the Company's subsequent announcements, latest of which dated 26 May 2017 (primarily refers to the deferment of the long stop date for completion of the acquisition from 31 March 2009 to 30 June 2018).

Pending for re-developing into a commercial complex, the development site is presently comprised of a 2-storey non-permanent commercial podium and a car park for loading and offloading inventory. With a history of over one century for footwear wholesale business in the area surrounding the development site, the commercial podium is the most popular footwear boutique showcase and wholesale centre in Guangzhou.

The development project was initially planned to be completed within a period of 15 years but its progress was interrupted by the modifications of municipal planning in the region from time to time in the past years. Pursuant to the terms of the relevant joint venture agreement, the joint venture period of Guangzhou Zheng Da is from 31 December 1993 to 31 December 2008 and can be further extended at the request of either foreign or sino partner upon maturity. In December 2008, both Guangzhou Zheng Da and its foreign partner, HK Zheng Da, agreed to extend the joint venture period by 15 years with effect from 1 January 2009 in accordance with the provisions of the articles of Guangzhou Zheng Da but 越秀國企, its sino partner and a state-owned enterprise, had become dormant a couple of years ago and therefore its consent could not be obtained. On the other hand, it appeared that another enterprise namely 越秀房地產開發經營有限公司 (“越房私企”), a privately owned enterprise which acquired certain assets (but interest in Guangzhou Zheng Da not included) from 越秀國企 some years ago, claimed that it had taken up certain interest in Guangzhou Zheng Da from 越秀國企, but that was not the case. As such, In late December 2008, Guangzhou Zheng Da, served a writ against 越房私企 at the Guangdong Provincial Guangzhou Municipal Yuexiu District People’s Court (廣東省廣州市越秀區人民法院) (the “Yuexiu Court”) demanding for the confirmation of disqualification of 越房私企 from the sino partnership (if any) of the subject joint venture.

The relevant judgment was issued in July 2009 with rulings endorsing the request made by Guangzhou Zheng Da, 越房私企 then filed an appeal petition (the “Appeal”) at the Guangdong Provincial Guangzhou Municipal Intermediate People’s Court (廣東省廣州市中級人民法院) (the “Guangzhou Court”) in August 2009. An hearing was made in October 2009 and no further hearings had been made since then. Both Guangzhou Zheng Da and HK Zheng Da have not yet received a valid judgement in writing issued by the Guangzhou Court in accordance with the relevant PRC laws and due judicial procedures. Both Guangzhou Zheng Da and HK Zheng Da had dialogues with the relevant court officials from time to time and are looking forward to receiving a formal and legally valid verdict, notice or directive in relation to the Appeal to be granted by the Guangzhou Court or its higher court in accordance with the relevant PRC laws and due judicial procedures, but no such verdict or directive in proper manner was received up-to-date. Taking into account the rulings granted by the Yuexiu Court in July 2009, the facts and legal grounds substantiated at the first hearing of the Appeal, and the opinion given by the PRC legal counsels and advisors, the Group remains optimistic in obtaining a favourable judgement in the Appeal. Details of the developments of the Appeal were disclosed in the Company’s 2016 annual report.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Liquidity and financial resources

The Group generally financed its businesses with internally generated cash flows and banking facilities during the Period. Cash and bank balances of the Group as at 30 June 2017 amounted to HK\$54,494,000 (31 December 2016: HK\$65,169,000). As at 30 June 2017 and 31 December 2016, there were no pledged deposits.

As at 30 June 2017, the Group had outstanding borrowings of approximately HK\$91,415,000 (31 December 2016: HK\$92,791,000) comprising interest-bearing bank loans amounted to HK\$17,838,000 (31 December 2016: HK\$21,773,000), and loan from a director amounted to HK\$73,577,000 (31 December 2016: HK\$71,018,000). Of the Group's interest-bearing bank loans, 42%, 38% and 20% respectively were repayable within one year or on demand, in the second year, and in the third to fifth years, inclusive.

As at 30 June 2017, the secured bank loans of HK\$17,838,000 (31 December 2016: HK\$21,773,000) of the Group bore interest at floating interest rate, out of which HK\$1,040,000 (31 December 2016: HK\$2,630,000) and HK\$16,798,000 (31 December 2016: HK\$19,143,000) were denominated in Hong Kong dollars and in Renminbi ("RMB"), respectively.

The Group's gearing ratio as at 30 June 2017 was 0.02 (31 December 2016: 0.02), calculated based on the Group's interest-bearing bank and other borrowings and loan from a director of HK\$73,577,000 (31 December 2016: HK\$71,018,000) over total assets of HK\$4,282,331,000 (31 December 2016: HK\$4,135,706,000). The Group's gearing was maintained at a relatively low level during the Period.

Currency structure

The Group had limited exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuations as most of its transactions, including borrowings, were mainly conducted in Hong Kong dollars or Renminbi and the exchange rates of these currencies were relatively stable throughout the Period.

Pledge of assets

The Group had utilized bank loan facilities amounting to approximately HK\$17,838,000 (31 December 2016: HK\$21,773,000) as at 30 June 2017. Certain investment properties and trade receivables of the Group were pledged to secure banking facilities utilised by the Group and an independent third party. In addition, the Company and one of its substantial shareholders also granted guarantees to these banking facilities.

Contingent liabilities

As at 30 June 2017, guarantees given for mortgage loans granted by banks to certain purchasers of the Group's properties amounted to HK\$139,000 (31 December 2016: HK\$139,000).

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

The total staff cost for the Period was approximately HK\$3,460,000. The Group employed about 30 full time staff in Hong Kong, Chongqing and Guangzhou as at 30 June 2017. Employees are remunerated according to the nature of their job and market trend, with built-in merit components incorporated in the annual increment to reward and motivate individual performance. In Chongqing and Guangzhou, the Group provided staff welfare and bonuses to its employees in accordance with the prevailing labour law. In Hong Kong, other staff benefits included medical schemes, Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme and employee share option scheme.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS

Looking ahead to 2017, all eyes are on the new Trump administration of the United States (“US”) for his “America First” policy and the Federal rate hikes that may impact on global markets. The “America First” policy may change the rules of international trades, particularly trades with Mainland China. The Federal rates may rise at a faster pace than forecast given that the US economy looks robust. Nevertheless, US dollar will remain strong for the coming year.

In Asia Pacific region, uncertainties rest on sino-US relations under the new US president and the political tension in the region due to North Korean nuclear weapon crisis and deployment of Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system in South Korea. All these factors will foreshadow the investment sentiment in the region.

The economy of Mainland China will show signs of further improvement in 2017. The Ministry of Finance has set the growth target of GDP at 6.5-6.8% for the year, which is still an encouraging growth rate for such a large and complex economy. The State Council will continue its efforts on supply-side structural reforms as well as curbs on capital outflows and overleveraging. Renminbi will continue to be soft in coming year. However, the property market in Tier-1 cities remains strong, and the e-commerce continues to play the lead role in the consumer market.

Having considered these matters, the Directors will keep on a cautious approach in its property development projects on hand and re-mapping its business directions for the coming three years and are of the view that the Group should diversify its business. It is anticipated that the engagement in renewable energy and related industries will be a new business model all over the world in the forthcoming years.

With strong asset backing and low gearing ratio for the Group’s financial position, the Group may take these advantages to explore new business opportunities in 2017 and 2018. The Directors will also strengthen its management expertise and redeploy the Group’s resources for meeting these new challenges.

Looking ahead, the Directors are confident and optimistic about the Group’s future prospects.

CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICE

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company complied with the Code on Corporate Governance Practice (the “Code”) as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules from time to time throughout the Period, except for the following deviation:

Code Provision A.4.2

The second part of Code A.4.2 stipulates that every director, including those appointed for a specific term, should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.

The Managing Director of the Company, though without a specific term, had retired and voluntarily offered himself for re-election at general meetings in the past years. The Directors consider that this practice, though is voluntary by nature, is in line with the spirit of the Code’s practice.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company had adopted the Model Code set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its code of conduct regarding securities transactions by its directors. Having made specific enquiry of the Directors, the Company confirmed that the Directors had complied with required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the accounting period covered by the Company’s interim report.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY’S LISTED SECURITIES

During the Period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any listed securities of the Company.

REVIEW BY AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Interim Results had been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company.

**PUBLICATION OF THE INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED
30 JUNE 2017**

The Company's interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2017 will be despatched to shareholders and will be published on the website of Hong Kong Exchange and Clearing Limited (www.hkex.com.hk) as well as the website of the Company (www.zhonghuagroup.com) as soon as practicable.

By order of the Board
Ho Kam Hung
Executive Director

Hong Kong, 21 August 2017

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises: (i) Ho Kam Hung as executive director; (ii) Young Kwok Sui as non-executive director; and (iii) Tam Kong, Lawrence, Wong Miu Ting, Ivy and Wong Kui Fai as independent non-executive directors.