# **GUOCO GROUP LIMITED**

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 53)

# **OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT**

(This overseas regulatory announcement is issued pursuant to Rule 13.09(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.)

Please refer to the attached announcement on the next page.

The board of directors of Guoco currently comprises Mr. Quek Leng Chan as Executive Chairman; Mr. Kwek Leng Hai as President, CEO; Mr. Tan Lim Heng and Mr. James Eng, Jr. as executive directors; Mr. Kwek Leng San as non-executive director and Mr. Sat Pal Khattar, Mr. Volker Stoeckel and Mr. Ding Wai Chuen as independent non-executive directors.

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**BIL Finance Limited** 

Headline

Half Year Results between 1 July 2006 to 31 December 2006

Announcement text

Name of listed issuer: BIL Finance Limited

For Half Year Ended 31 December 2006

This report has been prepared in a manner, which complies with generally accepted accounting practice and gives a true and fair view of the matters to which the report relates and is based on unaudited accounts.

CONSOLIDATED OPERATING STATEMENT Current Half Year NZ\$'000; Up/Down %; Previous Corresponding Half Year NZ\$'000

Total operating revenue: \$552; Down 58%; \$1,311.

OPERATING SURPLUS BEFORE UNUSUAL ITEMS AND TAX: \$10; Up 11%: \$9.

Unusual items for separate disclosure: Nil.

OPERATING SURPLUS BEFORE TAX: \$10; Up 11%; \$9.

Less tax on operating profit: Nil.

OPERATING SURPLUS AFTER TAX BUT BEFORE MINORITY INTEREST: \$10; Up 11%; \$9.

Less minority interest: Nil.

OPERATING SURPLUS AFTER TAX ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF LISTED INSSUER \$10; Up 11%; \$9.

Extraordinary Items after tax attributable to Members of the Listed

OPERATING SURPLUS AND EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS AFTER TAX ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE LISTED ISSUER: \$10; Up 11%; \$9.

Earnings per share: 0.098 cps; 0.087 cps

Dividends: Nil.

### Summary of commentary:

As at 31 December 2006 Capital Notes to the value of \$7,783,000 (31 December 2005 : \$14,993,000) with election date of 15 October 2007 were held external to the BIL Group of Companies. The Capital Notes pay interest at rate 8.0% (31 December 2005: 8.0% to 9.25%).

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None

### **Attachments**

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#### Last 5 Released Announcement(s)

- Change of Director Released - 1 Dec 2006 at 08:33:14 AM
- BIL Finance Limited Capital Notes Released - 17 Oct 2006 at 08:37:33 AM
- BIL Finance Limited Annual Report Released - 3 Oct 2006 at 08:45:30 AM
- Interest Payments on Capital Notes Released - 15 Sep 2006 at 08:33:13 AM
- BIL Finance Limited Capital Notes Released - 1 Sep 2006 at 09:14:46 AM

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#### PRELIMINARY HALF YEAR REPORT ANNOUNCEMENT

For Period between 1 July 2006 to 31 December 2006

(referred to in this report as the "current half year")

Preliminary half year report on results (including the results for the previous corresponding half year) in accordance with Listing Rule 10.4.2. of the Listing Rules of the New Zealand Exchange Limited.

This report has been prepared in a manner which complies with generally accepted accounting practice and gives a true and fair view of the matters to which the report relates and is based on **unaudited** financial statements.

The Issuer does not have a formally constituted Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

The Issuer is wholly owned subsidiary of BIL International Limited ("BIL"). The principal activity of the Issuer is to borrow, by way of Capital Notes, and lend at a margin above average cost to BIL Group of Companies. The Issuer has advanced all its monies to BIL Group of Companies in accordance with the terms of the issue of the Capital Notes and accordingly has received interest income on those advances. The advances are on a subordinated basis, repayable on demand, and no amounts were in arrears at the above date.

All of the Capital Notes issued by the Issuer have been guaranteed by BIL on a subordinated basis.

# **BIL FINANCE LIMITED**

Result	s for announcement to the r	narket				
Reporting Period 01 July 2006 to 31 December 2006						
Previous Reporting Period	01 July 2005 to 31 December 2005					
	\$NZ'000	Percentage change %				
Revenue from ordinary activities	552	-58%				
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to security holders.	10	11%				
Net Profit attributable to security holders.	10	11%				
Interim/Final Dividend	Amount per security	Inputed amount per security				
	Not applicable	Not applicable				
Record Date	Not applicable	Not applicable				
Dividend Payment Date	Not applicable	Not applicable				

# **BIL FINANCE LIMITED**

		Statement Financial Performance			
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1	STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE	Current		corresponding	
		I half Voor	%	half year	
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1.1	OPERATING REVENUE	552	-58%	1,311	
	(a) Trading Revenue	NIL	NIL	NIL	
	(b) Other Revenue	552	-58%	1,311	
	(c) Total Operating Revenue	552	-58%	1,311	
1.2	OPERATING SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION	10	11%	9	
	(a) Less taxation on operating result	NIL	NIL	NIL	
1.3	OPERATING SURPLUS AFTER TAX	10	11%	9	
	(a) Extraordinary Items after Tax [detail in Item 3]	NIL	NIL	NIL	
	(b) Unrealised net change in value of investment properties	NIL	NIL	NIL	
1.4	NET SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD	10	11%	9	
	(a) Net Surplus attributable to minority interests	NIL	NIL	NIL	
1.5	NET SURPLUS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS	10	11%	9	
	OF THE LISTED ISSUER				

			Statem Financial F	ent of Performance
2	5.1	AILS OF SPECIFIC RECEIPTS/OUTLAYS, REVENUES/ PENSES FOR HALF YEAR	Current half year \$NZ'000	Previous corresponding half year \$NZ'000
2.1	INC	LUDED IN CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL		
	PER	RFORMANCE		
	(a)	Interest revenue included in Item 1.1(b)	552	1,311
	(b)	Unusual items for separate disclosure (detail - Item 3)	NIL	NIL
	(c)	Equity earnings (gain/loss) (detail - Item 16)	NIL	NIL
	(d)	Interest expense included in Item 1.2 (include all forms of interest, etc)	510	1,165
	(e)	Leasing and renting expenses	NIL	NIL
	<b>(f)</b>	Depreciation including all forms of amortisation and writing down of investment	3	5
	(g)	Diminution in the value of assets (other than depreciation)	NIL	NIL
	(h)	Amortisation of goodwill	NIL	NIL
	(i)	Amortisation of other intangible assets	NIL	NIL
	(j)	Impairment of goodwill	NIL	NIL
	(k)	Impairment of other intangible assets	NIL	NIL
2.2	SUP	PLEMENTARY ITEMS		
	(a)	Interest costs excluded from Item 2.1(d) and capitalised	NIL	NIL
	(b)	Outlays (other than those arising from the acquisition of an existing	NIL	NIL
		business) capitalised in intangibles		
	(c)	Unrecognised differences between the carrying value and market value	NIL	NIL
		of publicly traded investments		

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3 DISCONTINUED, UNUSUAL (INCLUDING NON RECURRING), AND EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS OF THE GROUP			
DETAILS AND COMMENTS	Operating Revenue \$NZ'000	Operating Surplus \$NZ'000	
Discontinued Activities:	NIL	NIL	
(Disclose Operating Revenue and Operating Surplus)	NIL	NIL	
TOTAL DISCONTINUED ACTIVITIES			
Material Unusual (including Non Recurring) Items (included in 1.2)	NIL	NIL	
Description:	NIL	NIL	
TOTAL MATERIAL NON RECURRING ITEMS			
Extraordinary Items (Ref. Item 1.3(a))	NIL	NIL	
Description:	NIL	NIL	
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS	NII	MII	

		Statement of Movements		
		In Equity		
4	STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY	Current half year \$NZ'000	Previous corresponding half year \$NZ'000	
4.1	NET SURPLUS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF LISTED ISSUER	10	9	
	(a) Net Surplus attributable to minority interest	NIL	NIL	
4.2	OTHER RECOGNISED REVENUE AND EXPENSES	NIL	NIL	
	(a) *Increases (decreases) in revaluation reserves	NIL	NIL	
	(b) Current Translation Differences	NIL	NIL	
	(c) Minority interest in other recognised revenue and expenses	NIL	NIL	
4.3	TOTAL RECOGNISED REVENUES AND EXPENSES	NIL	NIL	
4.4	OTHER MOVEMENTS	NIL	NIL	
	(a) Contributions by Owners	NIL	NIL	
	(b) Distributions to Owners	NIL	NIL	
	(c) Other	NIL	NIL	
4.5	EQUITY AT BEGINNING OF HALF YEAR	3,343	3,328	
4.6	EQUITY AT END OF HALF YEAR	3,353	3,337	

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5	EARNINGS PER SECURITY		Previous
	Calculation of basic and fully diluted, EPS in accordance with IAS33: Earnings	Current	corresponding
	Per Share	half year \$NZ'000	half year \$NZ'000
	(a) Basic EPS (b) Diluted EPS (if materially different from (a))	0.098	0.087

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#### 6 MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS OF SUBSIDIARIES

- (a) Name of subsidiary or group of subsidiaries
- (b) Percentage of ownership acquired
- (c) Contribution to consolidated net \*Surplus (Deficit) (Item 1.4)

(d) Date from which such contribution has been calculated

NA

#### 7 MATERIAL DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES (See Note (VII) attached)

- (a) Name of subsidiary or group of subsidiaries
- (b) Contribution to consolidated net \*Surplus (Deficit) (Item 1.4)
- (c) Date from which such contribution has been calculated
- (d) Contribution to consolidated net \*Surplus (Deficit) (Item 1.4) for the previous corresponding full year

 (e) Contribution to consolidated net \*Surplus (Deficit) (Item 1.4) from sale of subsidiary NA

#### 8 REPORTS FOR INDUSTRY AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS

The principal activity of the Issuer is to borrow and lend at a margin above average cost to BIL Group of Companies. The Issuer operates principally in New Zealand.

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			Staten	ent of Financial Posit	ion
į			At end of	As shown in	As shown in
			current	last	last half
1	. 9	CURRENT ASSETS:	half Year	Annual Report	yearly report
	/ <sub>6</sub> \	COAL	\$NZ'000	\$NZ'000	\$NZ'000
	(a) (b)	Cash Trade receivables	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	NIL NIL
	(c)	Investments	NIL	NIL	NIL
	(d)	Inventories	NIL	NIL	NIL
	(e)	Prepaid Interest and Capitalised Issue Cost	3	NIL	5
		TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	3	NIL	5
9.1	NON	I-CURRENT ASSETS			
	(a)	Trade receivables			
	(b)	Investments	NIL	NIL	NIL
	(c)	Inventories	NIL	NIL	NIL
	(d)	Property, plant and equipment	NIL	NIL	NIL
	(e)	Goodwill	NIL	NIL	NIL
	(f)	Deferred Taxation Assets	NIL	NIL	NIL
	(g)	Other Intangible Assets	NIL.	NIL	NIL
	(h)	Advances to BIL Group of Companies	11,316	18,666	18,644
9.2	TOT	AL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	11,316	18,666	18,644
9.3		TOTAL ASSETS	11,319	18,666	18,649
9.4	CHE	RENT LIABILITIES	(1,010	10,000	10,043
3.4	(a)	Trade Creditors			
	(b)	Income in advance, current	NIL	NiL	NIL
	(c)	Capital Notes	7,783	7,210	7,210
		Unsecured loans			
	(d)		NIL	NIL	NIL
	(e)	Provisions, current	NIL	NIL	NIL
	(f)	Accounts payable	183	330	319
		TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,966	7,540	7,529
9.5	NON	I-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
	(a)	Accounts payable, non-current			
	(b)	Capital notes	NIL	7,783	7,783
	(c)	Unsecured loans	NIL	NIL	NIL
	(d)	Provisions, non-current	NJL	NIL	NIL
	(e)	Deferred Taxation Liability, non-current	NIL	NIL	NIL
	(f)	Other liabilities, non-current	NIL.	NIL	NIL
9.6	TOT	AL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	NIL	7,783	7,783
9.7		TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,966	15,323	15,312
9.8		NET ASSETS	3,353	3,343	3,337
9.9	SHA	REHOLDERS' EQUITY		1 2,0.0	0,007
**	(a)	Share capital*	NIL	NIL	NIL
	(b)	Retained Surplus	3,353	3,343	3,337
9 10		REHOLDERS' EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS	3,353	3,343	3,337
		HE LISTED ISSUER	0,000	0,070	0,001
	(a)	Minority equity interests in subsidiaries	NIL	NIL	NIL
9.11	٠,	AL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	3,353	3,343	3,337
	(a)	Returns on Assets (%) (EBIT divided by Total Assets)	NIL	NIL.	NIL
		Return on Equity (%) (Net Income divided by Shareholders'	NIL	NIL	NIL
		Equity)	INIL	INIL	INIL
	(c)	Debt to Equity Ratio (%) (Total Liabilities divided by Shareholders' Equity)	2.4	4.6	4.6
		Shareholders Equity)			

<sup>\*</sup> The paid in share capital of the issuer is NZ\$100

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10 CASE	FLOWS RELATING TO OPERATING ACTIVITIES	of cash flows Current	Corresponding
io GAGI		half year \$NZ'000	half year \$NZ'000
(a)	Receipts from customers	NIL	NIL
(b)	Interest received	552	1,311
(c)	Dividends received	NIL	NIL
(d)	Payments to suppliers and employees	(44)	(147)
(e)	Interest paid	(648)	(1,527)
(f)	Income taxes paid	NIL	NIL
(g)	Other cash flows relating to operating activities	NIL	NIL
	NET OPERATING FLOWS	(140)	(363)
11 CASH	I FLOWS RELATING TO INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(epigivêjî (epigivî ji k
(a)	Cash proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	NIL	NIL
(p)	Cash proceeds from sale of equity investments	NIL	NIL
(c)	Loans repaid by other entities	NIL	NIL
(d)	Cash paid for purchases of property, plant and equipment	NIL	NIL
(e)	Interest paid - capitalised	NIL	NIL
(f)	Cash paid for purchases of equity investments	NIL	NIL
(g)	Advances to BIL Group of Companies	7,350	20,423
(h)	Other cash flows relating to operating activities	NIL	NIL
!	NET INVESTING CASH FLOWS	7,350	20,423
12 CASH	FLOWS RELATED TO FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
(a)	Cash proceeds from issue of Capital Notes	NIL	NIL
(b)	Borrowings	NIL	NIL
(c)	Repayment of Capital Notes	7,210	20,060
(d)	Dividends paid	NIL	NiL
(e)	Other cash flows relating to operating activities	NIL	NIL
	NET FINANCING CASH FLOWS	7,210	20,060
	NCREASE (DECREASE IN CASH HELD)		
(a)	Cash at beginning of half year	NIL	NIL
(b)	Exchange rate adjustments to Item 12.3(a) above	NIL	NIL
(c) (	CASH AT END OF HALF YEAR	NIL	NIL

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#### 15 RECONCILIATION OF CASH

For the purposes of the above Statement of cash flows, cash includes:

Cash at the end of the half year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the financial statements as follows:

Cash on hand and at bank

Deposits at call

Bank overdraft

Other

Total = Cash at End of \*Half/half Year (Item 13(c) above)

	Previous
Current	Corresponding
half Year	half year
NZ\$'000	NZ\$'000
NIL	NIL

# 16 EQUITY ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES

#### 16.1 GROUP SHARE OF RESULTS OF ASSOCIATES

- (a) OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) BEFORE TAX
- (b) Less tax
- (c) OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX
  - (i) Extraordinary items
- (d) NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) AND EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS AFTER TAX

Equity Earnings					
Previous					
Current	corresponding				
half year	half year				
\$NZ'000	\$NZ'000				
NIL	NIL				
NIL	NIL				
NIL	NIL				
NIL	NIL				
NIL	NIL				

#### 16.2 MATERIAL INTERESTS IN CORPORATIONS NOT BEING SUBSIDIARIES

(a) The group has a material (from group's viewpoint) interest in the following corporations:

Name	Percentage of ordinary shares held at end of		Contribution to net surplus (deficit)	
Equity Accounted Associates	Current half Year	Previous Corresponding half Year	(Item Current half Year NZ\$'000	Previous Corresponding half Year NZ\$'000
			Equity Accounted	in current year
	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Other Material Interests			Not Equity Accounted in current year	
	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

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(b) Investments in Associates

Carrying value of investments in associates beginning of half year Share of changes in associates' post acquisition surpluses/and reserves:

- Retained surplus
- Reserves

Net goodwill amortisation and impairment adjustments in the period Less Dividends received in the period

Equity carrying value of investments at the end of half year

Amount of goodwill included in carrying value at end of that half year

	Previous
Current	Corresponding
half Year	half year
\$NZ'000	\$NZ'000
NIL	NIL
NIL	NIL
NIL	NIL

#### 17 ISSUED AND QUOTED SECURITIES AT END OF CURRENT HALF YEAR

		Number	Number	Paid-Up Value
Category of Securities	Issued	Quoted	Cents	(If not half paid)
ORDINARY SHARES:	100	NIL		
Issued during current half year	NIL	NIL		
CAPITAL NOTES	7,783,000	7,783,000		Election Date 15/10/07

As at 31 December 2006, the above are the only outstanding Capital Notes on issue.

As at 15 October 2006, BIL procured the cancellation of the following BIL Finance Limited Capital Notes which is purchased: -7,210,000 units with an election date 15 October 2006.

# 18 COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS

- (a) Material factors affecting the revenues and expenses of the group for the current half year

  Cancellation of the above Capital Notes during the period has resulted in a reduction in interest expense for the period.

  Corresponding repayment of advances from the Company to BIL Group of Companies has resulted in a reduction in interest revenue.
- (b) Significant trends or events since end of current half year NIL

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	(c)	Changes in accounting policies since last Annual Report and/or last Half Yearly to be disclosed  NIL
	(d)	Critical Accounting Policies - Management believes the following to be critical accounting policies. That is they are both important to the portrayal of the Issuer's financial condition and results, as they require management to make judgments and estimates about matters that they are inherently uncertain  NIL
	(e)	Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition, result and/or operations (optional) - this section should contain forward looking statements that should outline where these involve risk and uncertainty  NIL
	(f)	Other comments
	As a	t 31 December 2006 Capital Notes to the value of \$7,783,000 (31 December 2005 : \$14,993,000) with election
	date	s of 15 October 2007 were held external to the BIL Group. The Capital Notes pay interest at rate of 8.0%
	(31	December 2005 : 8.0% and 9.25%)
19	DIV	DEND
	(a)	Dividend Yield as at balance date (%) (Annual dividend per share divided by price per share
		No dividend has been authorised by the Board.
	(b)	Tax Adjusted Dividend Yield as at balance date (%) (Annual net dividend per share divided by price per share)
		NIL
,	***************************************	
20	ANN	IUAL MEETING (If full year report)
	(a) <sup>1</sup>	To be held at : NIL
	(b)	Date: Time:
	(c)	Approximate date of availability of Annual Report
	This	full year report was approved by resolution of the Board of Directors on 27 February 2007
_		27 February 2007
_		(signed by) Authorised Officer of Listed Issuer (date)

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