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As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of Guoco Group Limited comprises Mr. Kwek Leng Hai as Executive Chairman; Mr. Tang Hong Cheong as President & CEO; Mr. Kwek Leng San and Mr. Tan Lim Heng as Non-executive Directors and Mr. Volker Stoeckel, Mr. Roderic N. A. Sage and Mr. David Michael Norman as Independent Non-executive Directors.

Financial Statements and Related Announcement::Second Quarter and/ or Half Yearly Results

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Unaudited Financial Statement And Related Announcement For Half Year and Second Quarter Ended 31 December 2017

1(a)(i) An income statement and statement of comprehensive income, or a statement of comprehensive income, for the group, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

	Unaudited 1 st Half Year ended		Favourable / (unfavourable) variance %	Unaudited 2 nd Quarter ended		Favourable / (unfavourable) variance %
	1 July to 31 Dec 2017 US\$m	1 July to 31 Dec 2016 US\$m		1 Oct to 31 Dec 2017 US\$m	1 Oct to 31 Dec 2016 US\$m	
Revenue	186.7	184.5	1	88.7	86.7	2
Cost of sales	(75.3)	(71.5)	(5)	(36.2)	(34.0)	(6)
Gross profit	111.4	113.0	(1)	52.5	52.7	(0)
Other operating income	0.6	0.2	200	0.6	0.2	200
Administrative expenses	(67.5)	(64.0)	(5)	(33.7)	(30.4)	(11)
Other operating expenses	–	(11.0)	N.M.	–	(2.5)	N.M.
Operating profit	44.5	38.2	16	19.4	20.0	(3)
Finance income	0.7	0.4	75	0.4	0.1	300
Finance costs	(6.7)	(5.3)	(26)	(3.4)	(2.8)	(21)
Net financing costs	(6.0)	(4.9)	(22)	(3.0)	(2.7)	(11)
Profit before tax	38.5	33.3	16	16.4	17.3	(5)
Income tax expense	(9.5)	(8.8)	(8)	(4.8)	(3.8)	(26)
Profit for the period	29.0	24.5	18	11.6	13.5	(14)
Profit / (loss) attributable to:						
Owners of the Company	29.0	24.6	18	11.6	13.6	(15)
Non-controlling interests	*	(0.1)	N.M.	*	(0.1)	N.M.
Profit for the period	29.0	24.5	18	11.6	13.5	(14)

Note to Income Statement

	Unaudited 1 st Half Year ended		Favourable / (unfavourable) variance %	Unaudited 2 nd Quarter ended		Favourable / (unfavourable) variance %
	1 July to 31 Dec 2017 US\$m	1 July to 31 Dec 2016 US\$m		1 Oct to 31 Dec 2017 US\$m	1 Oct to 31 Dec 2016 US\$m	
Profit before tax is stated after (charging) / crediting:						
Depreciation of hotels, property and equipment	(10.0)	(11.2)	11	(5.1)	(5.4)	6
Amortisation of intangible assets	(1.7)	(1.6)	(6)	(0.8)	(0.8)	0
Gain on disposal of property and equipment	–	*	N.M.	–	*	N.M.
Write off of property and equipment	–	(3.2)	N.M.	–	(3.2)	N.M.

* Amount less than US\$0.1m

Note: N/M - not meaningful

1(a)(ii) Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Unaudited 1 st Half Year ended		Favourable / (unfavourable) variance %	Unaudited 2 nd Quarter ended		Favourable / (unfavourable) variance %
	1 July to 31 Dec 2017 US\$m	1 July to 31 Dec 2016 US\$m		1 Oct to 31 Dec 2017 US\$m	1 Oct to 31 Dec 2016 US\$m	
	Profit for the period	29.0		24.5	18	
Other comprehensive income:						
<u>Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</u>						
Net exchange differences from consolidation of foreign operations	32.2	(71.1)	N.M.	7.9	(42.9)	N.M.
Change in fair value of available-for- sale investment	*	0.8	N.M.	*	0.8	N.M.
Change in fair value of cash flow hedge, net of tax	1.4	1.3	8	0.5	2.3	(78)
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of income tax	33.6	(69.0)	N.M.	8.4	(39.8)	N.M.
Total comprehensive income for the period	62.6	(44.5)	N.M.	20.0	(26.3)	N.M.
Total comprehensive income attributable to:						
- Owners of the Company	62.7	(44.7)	N.M.	20.1	(26.4)	N.M.
- Non-controlling interests	(0.1)	0.2	N.M.	(0.1)	0.1	N.M.
Total comprehensive income for the period	62.6	(44.5)	N.M.	20.0	(26.3)	N.M.

* Amount less than US\$0.1m

Note: N/M - not meaningful

1(b)(i) A Statement of Financial Position (for the issuer and group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	Unaudited 31 Dec 2017 US\$m	Audited 30 June 2017 US\$m	Unaudited 31 Dec 2017 US\$m	Audited 30 June 2017 US\$m
ASSETS				
Hotels, property and equipment	1,030.7	985.1	–	–
Intangible assets	113.0	112.0	–	–
Investments in subsidiaries	–	–	1,133.2	1,133.2
Pensions surplus	0.5	0.6	–	–
Other investments	0.3	0.3	–	–
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	1,144.5	1,098.0	1,133.2	1,133.2
Inventories	0.7	0.7	–	–
Development properties	183.5	182.4	–	–
Trade and other receivables	35.1	46.2	0.3	0.3
Advances to subsidiaries	–	–	453.3	483.8
Cash and cash equivalents	87.3	76.0	–	–
Assets held for sale	8.8	8.8	–	–
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	315.4	314.1	453.6	484.1
TOTAL ASSETS	1,459.9	1,412.1	1,586.8	1,617.3
LIABILITIES				
Loans and borrowings	5.9	6.1	–	–
Trade and other payables	67.7	79.4	1.3	0.9
Corporate tax payable	13.5	4.8	–	–
Provisions	0.3	0.3	–	–
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	87.4	90.6	1.3	0.9
Loans and borrowings	262.3	252.1	–	–
Pension obligations	2.5	2.8	–	–
Deferred tax liabilities	12.0	11.2	–	–
Derivative financial liability	6.4	8.1	–	–
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	283.2	274.2	–	–
TOTAL LIABILITIES	370.6	364.8	1.3	0.9
NET ASSETS	1,089.3	1,047.3	1,585.5	1,616.4
SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	1,091.9	1,049.8	1,585.5	1,616.4
Non-controlling interests	(2.6)	(2.5)	–	–
TOTAL EQUITY	1,089.3	1,047.3	1,585.5	1,616.4

1(b)(ii) Aggregate amount of group's borrowings and debt securities

Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

As at 31 Dec 2017		As at 30 June 2017	
Secured US\$m	Unsecured US\$m	Secured US\$m	Unsecured US\$m
–	5.9	–	6.1

Amount repayable after one year

As at 31 Dec 2017		As at 30 June 2017	
Secured US\$m	Unsecured US\$m	Secured US\$m	Unsecured US\$m
77.2	185.1	74.4	177.7

Details of any collateral

As at 31 December 2017, the Group's unsecured borrowings that are repayable in one year or less were US\$5.9 million, and amount repayable after one year was US\$185.1 million. The Group continues to have banking lines for its funding requirements.

The Group's secured borrowings as at 31 December 2017 of US\$77.2 million and repayable after one year, are secured by a hotel owned by the Group with a net book value of US\$120.7 million.

1(c) A statement of cash flows (for the group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

	Unaudited 1 st Half Year ended		Unaudited 2 nd Quarter ended	
	1 July to 31 Dec 2017 US\$m	1 July to 31 Dec 2016 US\$m	1 Oct to 31 Dec 2017 US\$m	1 Oct to 31 Dec 2016 US\$m
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Profit before financing costs	44.5	38.2	19.4	20.0
Adjustments for non-cash items				
Depreciation of hotels, property and equipment	10.0	11.2	5.1	5.4
Amortisation of intangible assets	1.7	1.6	0.8	0.8
Share option benefits, doubtful debts and others	0.7	(0.1)	0.2	(0.2)
Gain on disposal of property and equipment	–	*	–	*
Write off of property and equipment	–	3.2	–	3.2
Net change in working capital items				
Inventories / development properties	(1.0)	(3.2)	(0.6)	(2.8)
Trade and other receivables	11.2	17.7	7.6	13.2
Trade and other payables	(15.2)	(34.2)	(9.2)	(30.0)
Pension surplus and obligations / provisions	(0.1)	0.5	–	(6.6)
Income tax (paid) / refund	(0.8)	(5.6)	2.0	(2.0)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	51.0	29.3	25.3	1.0
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	–	*	–	*
Cash distribution from other investments	–	0.2	–	–
Acquisition of hotels, property and equipment	(16.3)	(4.8)	(10.0)	(2.6)
CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(16.3)	(4.6)	(10.0)	(2.6)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Interest received	0.1	0.6	–	0.2
Interest paid	(4.8)	(4.9)	(3.0)	(3.1)
Other financing costs	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Realised exchange gain / (loss) on financial derivatives	0.1	(0.5)	0.2	(0.5)
Dividend paid to shareholders of the Company	(21.0)	(20.5)	(21.0)	(20.5)
CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(25.8)	(25.5)	(23.9)	(24.0)
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	8.9	(0.8)	(8.6)	(25.6)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	69.9	45.2	89.3	69.2
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held	2.6	(2.0)	0.7	(1.2)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD[#]	81.4	42.4	81.4	42.4

* Amount less than US\$0.1m

including bank overdraft of US\$5.9 million (2016: US\$5.2 million) under loan and borrowings

1 (d)(i) A statement (for the issuer and group) showing either (i) all changes in equity or (ii) changes in equity other than those arising from capitalisation issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

Statement of Changes in Equity – Group

	Share Capital US\$m	Contributed Surplus US\$m	Translation Reserve US\$m	Fair Value Reserve US\$m	Hedging Reserve US\$m	Capital Reserve Share Based Payment US\$m	Equity Compensation Reserve US\$m	ESOS Reserve US\$m	Retained Earnings US\$m	Total US\$m	Non-Controlling Interests US\$m	Total Equity US\$m
Balance at 1 Jul 2017	273.6	654.2	(257.2)	(0.7)	(6.7)	(1.6)	3.4	(46.2)	431.0	1,049.8	(2.5)	1,047.3
Profit for the period	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29.0	29.0	*	29.0
Other comprehensive income:												
Net exchange differences from consolidation of foreign operations	–	–	32.3	–	–	–	–	–	–	32.3	(0.1)	32.2
Changes in fair value of available for-sale investments	–	–	–	*	–	–	–	–	–	*	–	*
Changes in fair value of cash flow hedges, net of tax	–	–	–	–	1.4	–	–	–	–	1.4	–	1.4
Total other comprehensive income, net of tax	–	–	32.3	*	1.4	–	–	–	–	33.7	(0.1)	33.6
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	–	–	32.3	*	1.4	–	–	–	29.0	62.7	(0.1)	62.6
<i>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity:</i>												
Value of employee services received for issue of share options	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.4	–	–	0.4	–	0.4
First and final dividend of SGD0.022 per share for the year ended 30 June 2017	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(21.0)	(21.0)	–	(21.0)
Total transactions with owners	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.4	–	(21.0)	(20.6)	–	(20.6)
Balance at 31 Dec 2017	273.6	654.2	(224.9)	(0.7)	(5.3)	(1.6)	3.8	(46.2)	439.0	1,091.9	(2.6)	1,089.3
Balance at 1 Jul 2016	273.6	654.2	(231.9)	0.6	(8.8)	(1.6)	3.6	(46.2)	407.7	1,051.2	(2.5)	1,048.7
Profit for the period	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	24.6	24.6	(0.1)	24.5
Other comprehensive income:												
Net exchange differences from consolidation of foreign operations	–	–	(71.4)	–	–	–	–	–	–	(71.4)	0.3	(71.1)
Changes in fair value of available-for-sale investments	–	–	–	0.8	–	–	–	–	–	0.8	–	0.8
Changes in fair value of cash flow hedges, net of tax	–	–	–	–	1.3	–	–	–	–	1.3	–	1.3
Total other comprehensive income, net of tax	–	–	(71.4)	0.8	1.3	–	–	–	–	(69.3)	0.3	(69.0)
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	–	–	(71.4)	0.8	1.3	–	–	–	24.6	(44.7)	0.2	(44.5)
<i>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity:</i>												
Value of employee services received for issue of share options	–	–	–	–	–	–	(0.1)	–	–	(0.1)	–	(0.1)
First and final dividend of SGD0.022 per share for the year ended 30 June 2016	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(20.5)	(20.5)	–	(20.5)
Total transactions with owners	–	–	–	–	–	–	(0.1)	–	(20.5)	(20.6)	–	(20.6)
Balance at 31 Dec 2016	273.6	654.2	(303.3)	1.4	(7.5)	(1.6)	3.5	(46.2)	411.8	985.9	(2.3)	983.6

* Amount less than US\$0.1m

Statement of Changes in Equity – Company

	Share Capital US\$m	Contributed Surplus US\$m	Capital Reserve Share Based Payment US\$m	Equity Compensation Reserve US\$m	ESOS Reserve US\$m	Retained Earnings US\$m	Total US\$m
Balance at 1 Jul 2017	273.6	654.2	(1.6)	2.7	(46.2)	733.7	1,616.4
Loss for the period	–	–	–	–	–	(9.9)	(9.9)
Other comprehensive income	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	–	–	–	–	–	(9.9)	(9.9)
<i>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity:</i>							
First and final dividend of SGD0.022 per share for the year ended 30 June 2017	–	–	–	–	–	(21.0)	(21.0)
Total transactions with owners	–	–	–	–	–	(21.0)	(21.0)
Balance at 31 Dec 2017	273.6	654.2	(1.6)	2.7	(46.2)	702.8	1,585.5
Balance at 1 Jul 2016	273.6	654.2	(1.6)	2.7	(46.2)	729.3	1,612.0
Loss for the period	–	–	–	–	–	(8.9)	(8.9)
Other comprehensive income	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	–	–	–	–	–	(8.9)	(8.9)
<i>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity:</i>							
First and final dividend of SGD0.022 per share for the year ended 30 June 2016	–	–	–	–	–	(20.5)	(20.5)
Total transactions with owners	–	–	–	–	–	(20.5)	(20.5)
Balance at 31 Dec 2016	273.6	654.2	(1.6)	2.7	(46.2)	699.9	1,582.6

1(d)(ii) Details of any changes in the company's share capital arising from rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on. State also the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles, as well as the number of shares held as treasury shares, if any, against the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer, as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

Issued Share	As at 31 Dec 2017	As at 30 June 2017
Issued and fully paid ordinary share	1,368,063,633	1,368,063,633

Share Options	Half Year ended	
	31 Dec 2017	31 Dec 2016
(a) Grant of share options under ESOS 2008:		
As at 1 July	19,500,000	72,400,000
Options granted	–	–
Options lapsed	(2,000,000)	(46,400,000)
As at 31 December	17,500,000	26,000,000
(b) Number of shares held in the ESOS Trust to be transferred to eligible employees to satisfy the outstanding share options under the ESOS 2008	68,295,000	68,295,000

There has been no change in the Company's share capital since the immediate preceding financial period.

1(d)(iii) To show the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period and as at the end of the immediately preceding year

	As at 31 Dec 2017	As at 30 June 2017
Total issued ordinary shares	1,368.1 million	1,368.1 million
Less: Number of shares acquired by the ESOS Trust for ESOS 2008	(68.3) million	(68.3) million
Total issued ordinary shares excluding shares acquired by the ESOS Trust for ESOS 2008	1,299.8 million	1,299.8 million

1(d)(iv) A statement showing all sales, transfers, disposal, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

Not applicable.

2. Whether the figures have been audited, or reviewed and in accordance with which auditing standard or practice.

These figures have not been audited nor reviewed by the Group's auditors.

3. Where the figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditors' report (including any qualifications or emphasis of a matter).

Not applicable.

4. Whether the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements have been applied.

The Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the preparation of the financial statements for the half year ended 31 December 2017 as with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

5. If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and the effect of, the change.

Not applicable.

6. Earnings per ordinary share of the group for the current financial period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year, after deducting any provision for preference dividends.

	Unaudited 1 st Half Year ended		Unaudited 2 nd Quarter ended	
	1 July to 31 Dec 2017	1 July to 31 Dec 2016	1 Oct to 31 Dec 2017	1 Oct to 31 Dec 2016
Basic earnings per share (US cents)	2.2	1.9	0.9	1.1
Diluted earnings per share (US cents)	2.2	1.9	0.9	1.1

Based on 1,299.8 million shares, which is the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue after adjusting for the shares held by the ESOS Trust for ESOS 2008.

7. **Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on issued share capital of the issuer at the end of the:-**
(a) current financial period reported on; and
(b) immediately preceding financial year.

Net assets per share (US cents)	Unaudited Half Year	Audited Full Year
	31 Dec 2017	30 June 2017
The Group	84.0	80.8
The Company	122.0	124.4

Based on 1,299.8 million shares, which is the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue after adjusting for the shares held by the ESOS Trust for ESOS 2008.

8. **A review of the performance of the group, to the extent necessary for a reasonable understanding of the group's business. It must include a discussion of the following:-**
(a) any significant factors that affected the turnover, costs, and earnings of the group for the current financial period reported on, including (where applicable) seasonal or cyclical factors; and
(b) any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial period reported on

Income Statement

Profit after tax for the half year ended 31 December 2017 was US\$29.0 million, an increase of 18% compared to US\$24.5 million in the previous corresponding period. The following review sets out the factors that affected profit after tax for the period:

Revenue

Revenue was 1% higher than previous corresponding period due mainly to the strengthening of GBP and AUD against USD.

Hotel revenue was lower in GBP terms as a result of fewer rooms available for sale due to the refurbishment of the Cumberland Hotel during the period. However, this was offset by the strengthening of GBP against USD by 4.5% compared to last year.

Gaming and oil & gas segments continue to generate lower revenue compared to previous corresponding period. This was mainly due to lower gaming drop and lower oil & gas production during the period. However, the impact was offset by the strengthening of GBP and AUD against USD.

Cost of sales

The increase in cost of sales was associated with the strengthening of GBP against USD during the period.

Other operating income

The increase in other operation income was due to the a recovery of legacy loan which has been written off previously.

Administrative expenses

The increase in administrative expenses for the half year was principally attributable to higher business operating cost in the hotel segment as well as the strengthening of GBP against USD.

Other operating expenses

The decrease in other operating expenses was mainly due to the assets written off and the settlement of a legal claim against a subsidiary in the United Kingdom which provided a guarantee to a third party in relation to a hotel property previously leased and operated by another subsidiary in the previous corresponding period.

Net financing costs

Higher financing costs for the period were due to higher interest cost from an interest rate hedging contract.

Income tax expense

Higher income tax expense was associated with higher earnings from the hotel segment.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Total comprehensive income for the half year was US\$62.6 million. This included a net foreign exchange gain of US\$32.2 million as a result of translating the financial statements of the Group's UK subsidiaries which are denominated in GBP into the Group's presentation currency, which is USD. As at the end of 31 December 2017, GBP appreciated by 4% against USD as compared to 30 June 2017.

Statement of Financial Position

The Group's net assets before non-controlling interests increased by 4% from US\$1,049.8 million as at 30 June 2017 to US\$1,091.9 million as at 31 December 2017. This was mainly attributable to the net foreign exchange translation gain referred to above.

Excluding the effects of currency translation, other significant factors that affected the Group's net assets as at 31 December 2017 were as follows:

- a) Trade and other receivables – decrease was primarily due to lower prepayment for the hotel segment during the period.
- b) Development properties – increase was due to land improvement during the period.
- c) Cash and cash equivalents – increase was due to the receipt of net operational income and oil and gas royalty income after netting off capital expenditure and dividend payment during the period.
- d) Trade and other payables – decrease was due to scheduled settlement of creditor balances and timing differences on suppliers' billing.
- e) Corporate tax payable – increase was mainly due to tax provision from the hotel earnings and oil & gas royalty during the period.
- f) Derivative financial liability – decrease was mainly due to fair value adjustment for interest rate swap contract.

Statement of Cash Flows

Higher net cash inflow of US\$8.9 million at the end of the period compared with net cash outflow of US\$0.8 million in the previous corresponding period. This was primarily due to higher receipt from the hotel operational income compared to last year.

9. Where a forecast, or a prospect statement, has been previously disclosed to shareholders, any variance between it and the actual results.

The Group had not previously released any forecast or prospect statements.

10. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months

The London hotel market remains soft, and city-wide RevPARs were flat or have fallen on a year-on-year basis. Factors such as uncertainties over Brexit and an increase in London room supply continue to affect the UK hotel industry. Our London hotels continue to operate in a challenging environment due to increasing operating costs and stagnant demand. The market is not expected to grow significantly and the Group maintains a cautious outlook.

The refurbishment of The Cumberland Hotel is progressing in stages and is on track to be launched as Hard Rock Hotel London in the next financial year. The Group's total rooms available for sale will be affected during this refurbishment period.

11. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on?

None.

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year?

None.

(c) Date payable

Not applicable.

(d) Book closure date

Not applicable.

12. If no dividend has been declared/recommended, a statement to that effect

No dividend has been declared/recommendeded.

13. If the group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for IPTs, the aggregate value of such transactions as required under Rule 920(1)(a)(ii). If no IPT mandate has been obtained, a statement to that effect

The Group does not have a general mandate from shareholders for interested person transactions.

14. Confirmation by the Board of Directors

The Directors confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board of Directors which may render the unaudited consolidated financial statements of GL Limited for the half year ended 31 December 2017 to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

15. Confirmation pursuant to Rule 720(1) of the Listing Manual

GL Limited confirms that undertakings under Rule 720(1) have been obtained from all its directors and executive officers in the format set out in Appendix 7.7.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

SUSAN LIM
Group Company Secretary

2 February 2018