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21 Holdings Limited

21 控股有限公司*

(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(stock code: 1003)

**INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2009**

The board of directors (the “Board”) of 21 Holdings Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to present the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the six months ended 30 June 2009 as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2009

	<i>Notes</i>	Six months ended 30 June	
		2009	2008
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Revenue	3	85,272	66,507
Cost of sales		(68,557)	(64,136)
Gross profit		16,715	2,371
Other income		372	1,782
Distribution costs		(2,168)	(1,866)
Administrative expenses		(15,581)	(8,845)
Fair value loss on derivative component of convertible notes	12	(106,441)	—
Other operating expenses		—	(4,754)
Finance costs	4	(5,268)	—
Loss before income tax	5	(112,371)	(11,312)
Income tax	6	(308)	—
Loss for the period		(112,679)	(11,312)
Other comprehensive income		—	—
Total comprehensive income for the period		(112,679)	(11,312)
Loss and total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		(112,679)	(11,312)
Minority interests		—	—
		(112,679)	(11,312)
		HK\$	HK\$
			<i>(restated)</i>
Loss per share for loss attributable to the equity holders of the Company during the period	8		
Basic		(0.83)	(0.18)
Diluted		N/A	N/A

* for identification purpose only

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2009

	<i>Notes</i>	30 June 2009 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	31 December 2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		139	533
Investment properties		14,294	14,482
Goodwill		256,000	256,000
		<u>270,433</u>	<u>271,015</u>
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	9	55,411	27,008
Bank balances and cash		12,419	11,888
		<u>67,830</u>	<u>38,896</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	57,013	31,149
Amount due to a director		—	862
Promissory note	11	70,000	—
Convertible notes – derivative component	12	110,915	—
Provision for tax		72	4,095
		<u>238,000</u>	<u>36,106</u>
Net current (liabilities) / assets		<u>(170,170)</u>	<u>2,790</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>100,263</u>	<u>273,805</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Promissory note	11	—	100,000
Convertible notes – liability component	12	133,294	117,352
		<u>133,294</u>	<u>217,352</u>
NET (LIABILITIES) / ASSETS		<u>(33,031)</u>	<u>56,453</u>
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company			
Share capital		2,179	156,456
Reserves		(35,210)	(100,003)
(CAPITAL DEFICIENCIES) / TOTAL EQUITY		<u>(33,031)</u>	<u>56,453</u>

NOTES:

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and include 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”).

At 30 June 2009, the Group had net current liabilities of approximately HK\$170,170,000 and net liabilities of approximately HK\$33,031,000. The Group’s current liabilities as at 30 June 2009 included a promissory note of HK\$70,000,000 due to Mr. Ng Kai Man, the Chairman of the Company, (“Mr. Ng”) and the derivative component of convertible notes issued by the Company of approximately HK\$110,915,000. Taking into account that Mr. Ng has confirmed not to demand repayment of the promissory note until the Group has sufficient fund for its operations and such repayment and that the derivative component of the convertible notes has been transferred to and recorded as share premium upon the conversion of the convertible notes in July 2009, the directors of the Company (the “Directors”) are in the opinion that the Group will be able to meet its financial obligations when they fall due in the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the interim financial information has been prepared on a going concern basis.

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies adopted in preparing these condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those used in the annual financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2008 except for the adoption of a number of new and revised standards, amendments and interpretations issued by the HKICPA (the “New HKFRSs”) which are relevant to and effective for the Group’s financial year beginning on 1 January 2009.

HKAS 1 (Revised) “Presentation of Financial Statements” has resulted in certain changes to the format and titles of the financial statements and to the presentation of some items within these statements. It also gives rise to additional disclosures. HKFRS 8 “Operating Segments” requires the reportable segment information to be based on internal management reporting information that is regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker. It replaces the requirement under the predecessor standard, HKAS 14, to determine two set of segments (business and geographical). The application of HKFRS 8 has not resulted in redesignation of the Group’s reportable segments as compared with the primary reportable segments determined in accordance with HKAS 14 (see note 3). The adoption of the New HKFRSs has no material impact on how the results and financial position of the Group for the current and prior periods have been prepared. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment is required.

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group is organised into three reportable segments:—

Business segment	Nature of business activities
1. Toy products trading	Sourcing and distribution of toy, gift and premium products
2. Property agency *	Provision of property agency and related services
3. Securities trading and investments	Trading and investing of marketable securities

* Property agency segment has been commenced in July 2008

	Six months ended 30 June 2009			Group HK\$'000
	Toy products trading HK\$'000	Property agency HK\$'000	Securities trading and investments HK\$'000	
Revenue				
External sales	35,084	50,188	—	85,272
Segment results	(2,793)	4,853	—	2,060
Unallocated operating income and expenses				(2,722)
Fair value loss on derivative component of convertible notes				(106,441)
Finance costs				(5,268)
Loss before income tax				(112,371)
Income tax				(308)
Loss for the period				(112,679)

	Six months ended 30 June 2008			Group HK\$'000
	Toy products trading HK\$'000	Securities trading and investments HK\$'000		
Revenue				
External sales	66,507	—		66,507
Segment results	(1,883)	(3,917)		(5,800)
Unallocated operating income and expenses				(5,512)
Finance costs				—
Loss before income tax				(11,312)
Income tax				—
Loss for the period				(11,312)

4. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest charges on:		
Bank loans and other borrowings wholly repayable within five years	4	—
Convertible notes	3,937	—
Promissory note	1,327	—
	<u>5,268</u>	<u>—</u>

5. LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Loss before income tax is arrived at after charging (crediting):		
Staff costs (include Directors' emoluments)	7,122	2,167
Cost of inventories recognised as expense	33,558	64,136
Depreciation	261	259
Loss on disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (expensed in other operating expenses)	—	4,754
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	296	—
Operating lease payments for premises	1,940	225
	<u>43,917</u>	<u>71,281</u>

6. INCOME TAX

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (six months ended 30 June 2008: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profit for the period.

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current tax		
Hong Kong profits tax	296	—
Under provision in respect of prior years	12	—
	<u>308</u>	<u>—</u>

No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of the unused tax losses of the Group due to the unpredictability of future profit streams.

7. DIVIDENDS

No dividends were paid during the period. The Board does not recommend payment of interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2009 (six months ended 30 June 2008: nil).

8. LOSS PER SHARE

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

	Six months ended 30 June 2009	2008
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Loss attributable to equity holders of the Company for the purpose of basic loss per share	<u>(112,679)</u>	<u>(11,312)</u>
	Number of shares '000	Number of shares '000 (restated)
	<i>(note a)</i>	<i>(note b)</i>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic loss per share	<u>135,369</u>	<u>62,582</u>

Notes:

- a. The weighted average number of shares for the six months ended 30 June 2009 was adjusted to reflect the share consolidation of every twenty shares of HK\$0.125 each of the Company into one share of HK\$2.5 each, which became effective on 12 February 2009 (the "Share Consolidation").
- b. The weighted average number of shares for the six months ended 30 June 2008 was adjusted to reflect the share consolidation of every five shares of HK\$0.025 each of the Company into one share of HK\$0.125 each with effect from 15 July 2008 and the Share Consolidation.

Diluted loss per share for the six months ended 30 June 2009 and 2008 have not been presented because the impact of the conversion of convertible notes was anti-dilutive.

9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	30 June 2009	31 December 2008
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade receivables		
From third parties	50,737	20,513
Less: provision for impairment of receivables	<u>(2,093)</u>	<u>(2,101)</u>
	48,644	18,412
Other receivables		
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables	<u>6,767</u>	<u>8,596</u>
	<u>55,411</u>	<u>27,008</u>

For toy products trading segment, the Group allows an average credit period ranging from 30 to 90 days to its trade customers. For property agency segment, the customers are obliged to settle the amounts upon completion of the relevant agreements and no general credit facilities are available. Based on the invoice dates and relevant agreements, the ageing analysis of trade receivables (net of impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts) as of the balance sheet date is as follows:

	30 June 2009 <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 December 2008 <i>HK\$'000</i>
0 to 30 days	12,392	7,533
31 to 60 days	17,743	2,422
61 to 90 days	6,871	797
Over 90 days	11,638	7,660
	<u>48,644</u>	<u>18,412</u>

10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	30 June 2009 <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 December 2008 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade payables	33,574	11,891
Accrued charges and other creditors	23,439	19,258
	<u>57,013</u>	<u>31,149</u>

The ageing analysis of trade payables as at the balance sheet date is as follows:

	30 June 2009 <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 December 2008 <i>HK\$'000</i>
0 to 30 days	6,043	2,413
31 to 60 days	10,439	1,734
61 to 90 days	5,693	490
Over 90 days	11,399	7,254
	<u>33,574</u>	<u>11,891</u>

11. PROMISSORY NOTE

The promissory note was issued to Mr. Ng. The amount is unsecured, bears interest at 3% per annum and due on 23 January 2010. During the six months ended 30 June 2009, the Group has repaid HK\$30,000,000 of the promissory note.

12. CONVERTIBLE NOTES

	Liability component <i>HK\$'000</i>	Derivative component <i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 January 2008	—	—
Net carrying amounts on initial recognition	115,321	—
Imputed interest expenses	3,185	—
Interest on convertible notes accrued	(1,154)	—
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Net carrying amounts at 31 December 2008 and 1 January 2009	117,352	—
Net carrying amounts on initial recognition (<i>note a</i>)	13,346	53,936
Imputed interest expenses	3,937	—
Interest on convertible notes accrued	(1,341)	—
Changes in fair value (<i>note a</i>)	—	56,979
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Net carrying amounts at 30 June 2009	<u>133,294</u>	<u>110,915</u>

Notes:

- a. On 15 May 2009, the Company issued 2-year 2.25% convertible notes with an aggregate principal amount of HK\$18,000,000 (the “CNs”). The CNs are convertible into shares of the Company at an initial conversion price of HK\$0.18 per share at any time from the fifteenth day after the date of issue up to and including the date which is fifteen days prior to the maturity date of the CNs. Besides the anti-dilution adjustments, the conversion price will be adjusted to the average closing price of the shares of the Company for the five trading days ending on the day immediately preceding the date of a relevant conversion notice, if lower than HK\$0.18, but subject to a limit of not less than HK\$0.15. Further details of the CNs have been set out in the circular of the Company dated 12 January 2009.

The CNs were split into liability and derivative components upon initial recognition. The excess of the fair values of the liability and derivative components over the net proceeds from the issue of the CNs was recognised as the fair value loss on the derivative component of the CNs in the income statement.

The derivative component of the CNs is revalued to its fair value using Binominal model at the balance sheet date and change in fair values is recognised as an expense in the income statement. During the six months ended 30 June 2009, the fair value loss resulted from initial recognition and revaluation at the balance sheet date was HK\$106,441,000 (six months ended 30 June 2008: nil).

- b. None of the convertible notes issued by the Company were converted into shares of the Company during the six months ended 30 June 2009.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Business and Operation Review

The outbreak of financial crisis in the last quarter of 2008 awfully hit the global economy. Since then, the management has taken various measures to sail through the adversity. In the first quarter of 2009, two self-operating property agency branches were closed down. Besides, the Group also refined its positioning and directed more resources to the primary property market.

The revival of the property market in Hong Kong and the launch of a number of large-scaled residential projects in the second quarter of 2009 benefited the adapted Group. The property agency segment reported revenue of HK\$50.2 million for the six months ended 30 June 2009. The revenue from the property agency business for the last five months of year 2008 after the completion of the acquisition of Century 21 Hong Kong Limited and its associated companies (the “C21 Group”) in July 2008 was HK\$15.7 million only. Profits before income tax from the property agency segment for the review period was HK\$4.9 million whilst the segment loss (excluding the provision for impairment loss on goodwill) for the last five months of year 2008 was HK\$3.0 million.

Nonetheless, the revival has not much stretched to the consumer industry. Toy trading segment of the Group remained weak in the first half of 2009 after the economy downturn. Revenue from this segment during the six months ended 30 June 2009 was HK\$35.1 million, being a drop of HK\$31.4 million or 47.2% when compared with the corresponding period in 2008. Even though the profit margin was maintained at a steady level, the reduced gross profit hardly covered the distribution costs and the administrative expenses and the toy trading segment reported a loss of HK\$2.8 million.

Similar to the property market, the financial market has resumed its dynamics since the second quarter this year. However, the sluggish economic statistic still cast uncertainty to the investment environment and thus the management continued its prudent approach and did not involve in any securities trading and investment during the period under review.

Prospects

With the backdrop of historical low interest rate and moderate inflation rate, the management is in the view that the property market will continue to prosper in the second half of 2009 and is confident that the property agency segment will have a remarkable growth when compared with year 2008. The management also envisages that the toy trading segment will be moderately improved but remains difficult.

Searching for promising opportunities to enhance the performance and value of the Group is always the key task of the management. In July 2009, the Group had entered into a conditional agreement to invest in a renewable energy project in the Mainland China. However, because of the recent changes in market condition, the management considered the attractiveness of this particular sector diminished and decisively retreated from this proposed investment. Nevertheless, the Board will keep on looking for suitable and favorable investments for healthy growth of the Group and better return to the shareholders.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of Results

The Group reported revenue of HK\$85.3 million for the six months ended 30 June 2009, representing an increase of HK\$18.8 million or 28.3% when compared with that of the last corresponding period. Gross profit improved by HK\$14.3 million from HK\$2.4 million for the last corresponding period to HK\$16.7 million. Increases in revenue and gross profit were principally due to the acquisition of C21 Group in July last year, which has generated new revenue and profit stream for the Group and offset the shrinkage effect from the lessened toy trading segment in the period under review.

For the same reason, C21 Group pushed up the distribution costs and administrative expenses of the Group. Finance cost incurred during the six months ended 30 June 2009 was essentially the interest charged for the promissory note and the convertible note issued by the Group as part of the consideration for the acquisition of C21 Group in July 2008. Loss for this reporting period was HK\$112.7 million, substantially contributed by the noteworthy fair value loss of HK\$106.4 million which was resulted from the valuation of the conversion options embedded in HK\$18.0 million convertible notes issued by the Company in May 2009.

Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 30 June 2009, the Group's net current liabilities was HK\$170.2 million, principally comprised of a promissory note of HK\$70.0 million and the derivative component of the convertible notes issued by the Company in May 2009. Taking into account that Mr. Ng, Chairman of the Company and holder of the promissory note, has confirmed not to demand repayment until the Group has sufficient funds to meet its operations and such repayment and that the derivative component has already been transferred to and recorded as share premium in July 2009 upon the full conversion of the relevant convertible notes, the Directors are of the opinion that the Group has sufficient financial resources for its operations.

Gearing ratio, expressed as the percentage of total borrowings over total capital, of the Group as at 30 June 2009 was 119.4% (31 December 2008: 79.4%). Total capital is calculated as total equity plus total borrowings. The upsurge in gearing ratio was caused by the substantial loss incurred by the Company which resulted in reduction in equity.

Capital Structure

On 12 February 2009, the Company effected a capital reorganisation which included:—

- a. share consolidation of every twenty shares of HK\$0.125 each into one consolidated share of HK\$2.50 each;
- b. capital reduction of the par value of each issued consolidated share from HK\$2.50 to HK\$0.01 by cancellation of HK\$2.49 of the paid-up capital on each consolidated share; and
- c. cancellation of the entire balance in the share premium account of the Company.

A total of credit of approximately HK\$323.9 million was arisen from the capital reorganisation which was applied to eliminate the accumulated losses of the Company.

Furthermore, 155,300,000 new shares of HK\$0.01 each were allotted and issued by the Company during the review period pursuant to a share placing agreement approved by the shareholders of the Company on 11 February 2009.

As at 30 June 2009, there were convertible notes in issue, the aggregate principal amount of which were HK\$148.0 million. One of the convertible notes with principal amount of HK\$130.0 million is held by Mr. Ng and convertible into 129,224,652 shares of the Company at a conversion price of HK\$1.006. The remaining convertible notes with principal amount of HK\$18.0 million have been fully converted into 99,999,994 new shares of the Company at conversion price of HK\$0.18 in July 2009.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has complied with the code provision set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the “CG Code”) contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules throughout the six months ended 30 June 2009 except for the deviation from A.4.1 of the CG Code that none of the existing non-executive Directors is appointed for specific term. However, as the Directors are subject to the retirement by rotation provisions under the bye-laws of the Company, the Company considers that sufficient measures have been in place to ensure that the Company’s corporate governance practices are no less exacting than the CG Code.

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 regarding securities transaction by the Directors. Having made specific enquiry, all Directors confirmed that they fully complied with the Model Code throughout the review period.

OTHER INFORMATION

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company’s Listed Securities

During the six months ended 30 June 2009, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company’s listed securities.

Review of Interim Results

The audit committee of the Company has reviewed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and the unaudited condensed financial information of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2009.

By Order of the Board
21 Holdings Limited
Ng Kai Man
Chairman

Hong Kong, 21 September 2009

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Ng Kai Man (Chairman), Mr. Ha Kee Choy, Eugene and Ms. Ma Wai Man, Catherine as executive directors and Mr. Cheng Yuk Wo, Mr. Chui Chi Yun, Robert and Mr. Lui Siu Tsuen, Richard as independent non-executive directors.