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Leepor (Holdings) Limited Announces 2017 Interim Results

- **Sales in the 1st half of 2017 down 32.4% to HK\$266,772,000 (1st half 2016: HK\$394,735,000)**
- **Profit attributable to owners of the company down 3.8% to HK\$14,886,000 in the 1st half of 2017 (1st half of 2016: HK\$15,478,000)**
- **Interim dividend of HK2.5 cents per ordinary share and special interim dividend of HK2 cents per ordinary share recommended (1st half of 2016: HK3.5 cents)**

(Hong Kong, 11 August 2017) Leepor (Holdings) Limited (“Leepor” or the “Group”) (Stock Code: 387), which is principally engaged in the distribution of advanced manufacturing equipment and precision tools for the manufacturing industry, today announced its interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2017. The Group’s sales amounted to HK\$266,772,000 (2016: HK\$394,735,000), representing a decrease of 32.4% compared with the same period last year. The profit attributable to owners of the company was HK\$14,886,000 (2016: HK\$15,478,000), representing a decrease of 3.8% compared with the same period last year.

The basic earnings per share were HK6.57 cents in the first half of 2017, compared with the basic earnings per share of HK6.92 cents in the same period last year, representing a decrease of 5.1%.

The Directors recommended an interim dividend of HK2.5 cents per ordinary share and a special interim dividend of HK2 cents per ordinary share (2016: HK3.5 cents per ordinary share) to celebrate the Group’s 50th anniversary.

In the first half of 2017, the Group’s equipment sales were considerably lower, despite the improvement in China’s economic situation. The reasons were that in the first half of last year there were a number of big orders from key customers in the Group’s equipment division, and furthermore there was a delay in a significant number of equipment shipments this year before the end of June 2017. However, the business of the cutting tools division grew significantly, with successful market penetration in the first half of 2017. The car manufacturing and mobile phone manufacturing industries continued to be the major customer segments of the Group’s business.

The business of the associated company, Mitutoyo Leeport Metrology Corporation, was about the same compared with the same period last year. However, the net profit was very much improved, because in the first half of 2016 there were significant unfavorable currency impacts due to shifts in the value of the Japanese Yen. The business of OPS Ingersoll Funkenerosion GmbH was still strong in the first half of 2017. The breakeven situation is likely to be a short-term situation, due mainly to a number of delayed shipments in the period. The business of Prima Power Suzhou Company Limited was unsatisfactory in the first quarter of the year, however it improved in the second quarter. The overall demand for sheetmetal machinery in China was stronger in the first half of the year.

Mr. Joseph Lee, Chairman and Group CEO of Leeport (Holdings) Limited, commented, “We feel positive about the future of the manufacturing industry in China, as the Chinese Government has set its “Made in China 2025 Goal”. The objective is to become the global leader in “Smart Manufacturing” by 2025. This provides us with enormous opportunities as we integrate all the manufacturing technologies that we have accumulated over the past 50 years, and our aim is to become a high-value-adding manufacturing solutions provider. On the other hand, the business of the associated companies looks promising in the second half of 2017 as the global market including the China market has recovered.”

“The Group will continue to explore new products and acquisition opportunities. We are confident that these initiatives will broaden the business scale and investment portfolio of the Group in the future. The management team will strive to improve the business performance of the Group in the second half of the year, so that the business results for the whole year are satisfactory,” concluded Mr. Lee.

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

Established in 1967, Leeport is principally engaged in the trading and installation of machine tools, measuring instruments 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.

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