

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock code: 279)

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2008

INTERIM RESULTS

The Board of Directors of Freeman Corporation Limited (the "Company") announces the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30th September, 2008 and its state of affairs as at 30th September, 2008 together with the comparative figures as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30th September, 2008

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	NOTES	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2007 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) (Restated)
REVENUE Cost of sales	4	(4,765) (3,092)	83,637 (4,482)
Gross profit/(loss)		(7,857)	79,155
Other income and gains Gains/(losses) arising from changes in fair value of		2,734	21,782
investment properties, net Gain on disposal of subsidiaries, net Fair value losses on investments		(9,043)	982 37
at fair value through profit or loss, net General and administrative expenses Other expenses Finance costs		(309,188) (15,636) (10,114) (2,558)	(209,829) (15,753) - (1,758)
LOSS BEFORE TAX	5	(351,662)	(125,384)
Tax	6	_	
LOSS FOR THE PERIOD ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY		(351,662)	(125,384)
LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY	8		(Restated)
Basic		HK(38.04)cents	HK(35.99)cents
Diluted		N/A	N/A

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

30th September, 2008

Som September, 2008	NOTES	30th September, 2008 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31st March, 2008 <i>HK</i> \$'000 (Audited)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS Property, plant and equipment		30,222	31,271
Investment properties	9	92,566	101,579
Prepaid land premium		50,376	51,047
Available-for-sale investment		17,672	18,793
Loans receivable	10	4,014	-
Deposits paid for purchases of investment properties		1,781	
Total non-current assets		196,631	202,690
CURRENT ASSETS			
Loans receivable	10	256,671	254,152
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	11	5,181	5,042
Investments at fair value through profit or loss		353,307	345,791
Cash and bank balances		350,209	278,649
Total current assets		965,368	883,634
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other payables and accruals		4,366	5,934
Interest-bearing bank borrowings		5,928	5,240
Tax payable		4,706	4,706
Total current liabilities		15,000	15,880
NET CURRENT ASSETS		950,368	867,754
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,146,999	_1,070,444
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Interest-bearing bank borrowings		88,989	92,541
Convertible notes		-	31,853
Deferred tax liabilities		2,431	2,741
Total non-current liabilities		91,420	127,135
Net assets		1,055,579	943,309
EQUITY Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company			
Issued capital		488,659	814,431
Reserves		566,920	128,878
Total equity		1,055,579	943,309

NOTES TO THE INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30th September, 2008

1. Basis of preparation

This interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30th September, 2008 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 with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 2008.

2. Summary of the effects of the changes in accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 2008, except for the adoption of the following new and revised standards and interpretations issued by HKICPA for the first time for the current period's interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

HK(IFRIC)-Int 12 Service Concession Arrangements

HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 HKAS 19 - The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding

Requirements and their Interaction

The adoption of the above new and revised standards and interpretations has had no material impact on the accounting policies of the Group and the methods of computation in the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

The Group has not applied the following new and revised HKFRSs, that have been issued but are not yet effective, in these unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements. The Group is in the process of making an assessment of the impact of these new and revised HKFRSs upon initial application but is not yet in a position to state whether these new and revised HKFRSs would have a significant impact on its results of operations and financial position.

HKFRS 1 and HKAS 27 Amendments to HKFRS 1 First-time Adoption of HKFRSs and

Amendments HKAS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements - Cost of an

Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate 4

Cancellations 1

HKFRS 3 (Revised) Business Combinations ⁴
HKFRS 8 Operating Segments ¹

2. Summary of the effects of the changes in accounting policies (continued)

HKAS 1 (Revised) Presentation of Financial Statements ¹

HKAS 23 (Revised) Borrowing Costs ¹

HKAS 27 (Revised) Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements ⁴

HKAS 32 and HKAS 1 Amendments to HKAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation and

Amendments to HKAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements - Puttable

Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation ¹

HKAS 39 Amendments Amendments to HKAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and

Measurements - Eligible Hedged Items 4

HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7 Amendments to HKAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and

Measurements and HKFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures -

Reclassification of Financial Assets 4

HK(IFRIC)-Int 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes ²

HK(IFRIC)-Int 15 Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate ¹
HK(IFRIC)-Int 16 Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation ³

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st January, 2009

- ² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st July, 2008
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st October, 2009
- ⁴ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st July, 2009

3. Segment information

The Group's operating businesses are structured and managed separately according to the nature of their operations and the products and services they provide. Each of the Group's business segments represents a strategic business unit that offers products and services which are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of the other business segments. Summary details of the business segments are as follows:

- (i) the trading of securities segment engages in the purchase and sale of securities and the holding of investments primarily for dividend income and capital appreciation;
- (ii) the provision of finance segment engages in the provision of financing services in Hong Kong;
- (iii) the trading of goods segment engaged in the purchase and sale of commodities;
- (iv) the property holding and investment segment engages primarily in the investments in commercial and residential properties for their rental income potential and/or their appreciation in values;
- (v) the insurance agency and brokerage business segment engages in general and life insurance brokerage business and the provision of related investment linked financial products in Hong Kong; and
- (vi) the investment holding segment engages in holding investments for continuing strategic or long term purposes, primarily for their dividend income and capital appreciation.

3. Segment information (continued)

Segment information about these businesses is presented below:

Business Segments

For the six months ended 30th September, 2008							
	Property Insurance Elimination of						
	Provision of	Trading of	holding and	agency and	Investment	intersegment	
	finance	securities	investment	brokerage		transactions	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
SEGMENT REVENUE	E	(15,907)	1,776	<u>2,136</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	(4,765)
SEGMENT RESULTS	2,625	(325,128)	(7,574)	(3,677)			(333,754)
Unallocated corporate expenses Finance costs							(15,350) (2,558)
Loss before tax Tax							(351,662)
Loss for the period							(351,662)
		For	the six months	ended 30th Se	ntember 2007		
		101		Insurance	-	Elimination of	
	D C	TD 1: C	Property				
	Provision of	Trading of	holding and	agency and		intersegment	
	finance	securities	investment	brokerage	activities		Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
		(Restated)					(Restated)
SEGMENT REVENUE	E	72,029	1,450	3,172	8,829	(9,159)	83,637
SEGMENT RESULTS	7,416	(137,245)	1,730	<u>11,703</u>	9,513	(9,159)	(116,042)
Unallocated corporate							
expenses							(7,584)
Finance costs							(1,758)
1 manes costs							(1,750)
Loss before tax							(125,384)
Tax							-
Loss for the period							(125,384)

4. Revenue

Revenue, which is also the Group's turnover, represents interest income earned from provision of finance; dividend income from equity investments; gains/(losses) from the sale of investments at fair value through profit or loss; insurance agency and brokerage income; and gross rental income received and receivable from investment properties during the period.

	For the six months	
	ended 30th September,	
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
		(Restated)
Gains/(losses) from the sale of investments at fair value		
through profit or loss, net#	(17,177)	70,766
Interest income from provision of finance	7,230	7,316
Dividend income from investments at fair value through		
profit or loss	1,270	1,263
Gross rental income	1,776	1,120
Insurance agency and brokerage income	2,136	3,172
	(4,765)	83,637

The Group's proceeds from the sale of investments at fair value through profit or loss and the corresponding carrying amount were separated into "Revenue" and "Cost of sales", respectively, in the prior period's condensed consolidated income statement. During the current period, the Group changed its presentation, as in the opinion of the directors, it is more appropriate to present the gains/losses from the sale of investments at fair value through profit or loss in "Revenue" on a net basis.

The effect of this change in presentation was to decrease revenue and cost of sales for the six months ended 30th September, 2008 by HK\$164,705,000, representing the carrying amount of investments at fair value through profit or loss disposed of during the period.

To conform with the current period's presentation, the carrying amount of investments at fair value through profit or loss disposed of for the six months ended 30th September, 2007 of HK\$815,126,000 has been offset against revenue, resulting in a decrease in revenue and cost of sales for that period by the same amount. This has resulted in no change in the amount of accumulated losses as at 1st April, 2007.

5. Loss before tax

The Group's loss before tax is arrived at after charging:

For the six months		
ended 30th September,		
2008	2007	
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
1,083	711	
-	2,502	
-	1,179	
58	-	
5,333	-	
4,781		
	ended 30 2008 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) 1,083 	

For the six months

6. Tax

No provision for tax was made as the Group has not derived any estimated assessable profit for the period (2007: nil).

7. Dividend

The directors do not recommend the payment of any interim dividend for the period (2007: nil).

8. Loss per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company

(a) Basic loss per share

The calculation of basic loss per share for the period is based on the loss for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company of HK\$351,661,000 (2007: HK\$125,384,000) and on the weighted average of 924,437,000 (2007: 348,419,000, as restated) ordinary shares in issue. The basic loss per share amounts for the six months ended 30th September, 2008 and 2007 have been adjusted to reflect (1) the capital reorganisation effected on 14th May, 2008 which involved (i) a reduction of the nominal value of each issued ordinary share of the Company from HK\$0.10 to HK\$0.01 each by the cancellation of HK\$0.09 of the paid up capital for each issued ordinary share; (ii) the cancellation of the credit arising from such reduction towards the accumulated losses of the Company in the amount of approximately HK\$732,988,000 with the balance to be transferred to the distributable reserve of the Company; and (iii) the consolidation of every ten reduced shares of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company into one adjusted share ("Adjusted Share"); (2) a rights issue of five rights share for every Adjusted Shares was made on 8th July, 2008 at an issue price of HK\$0.12 per rights share, resulting in the issue of 4,072,156,000 new ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each; and (3) the share consolidation subsequent to the balance sheet date as further detailed in the section headed "Post Balance Sheet Events" below.

^{*} These items are included in "Other expenses" on the face of the condensed consolidated income statement.

8. Loss per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company (continued)

(b) Diluted loss per share

Diluted loss per share amounts for the periods ended 30th September, 2008 and 2007 have not been disclosed, as the share options outstanding during these periods had an anti-dilutive effect on the basic loss per share amounts for these periods.

9. Investment properties

	30th September,	31st March,
	2008	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Carrying amount at beginning of period/year	101,579	63,340
Additions	30	50,589
Disposal of a subsidiary	-	(11,500)
Transfer to owner-occupied property	-	(34,810)
Transfer from owner-occupied properties	-	17,830
Change in fair value of investment properties, net	(9,043)	_16,130
Carrying amount at end of period/year	92,566	101,579

The fair values of the Group's investment properties at 30th September, 2008 have been arrived at on the basis of valuation performed by independent professionally qualified valuers on an open market, existing use basis.

10. Loans receivable

	30th September, 2008 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31st March, 2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Loans receivable Impairment	265,466 (4,781)	254,152
	260,685	254,152
Loans receivable within one year included incurrent assets	(256,671)	(254,152)
Non-current portion	4,014	

Loans receivable represent receivables arising from the provision of finance business of the Group, and bear interest at floating rates ranging from 1% below the Hong Kong dollar prime rate, quoted by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (the "Prime Rate"), per annum to 4% per month (31st March, 2008: from the Prime Rate per annum to 3% above the Prime Rate per annum). The grantings of these loans were approved and monitored by the Company's executive directors in charge of the Group's provision of finance operation.

11. Prepayments, deposits and other receivables

	30th September,	31st March,
	2008	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Deposits and prepayments	1,973	1,893
Other receivables	2,168	2,206
Prepaid land premium	690	455
Advances to employees/agents	350	1,798
	5,181	6,352
Impairment		_(1,310)
	5,181	5,042

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The directors of the Company (the "Directors") have resolved not to declare an interim dividend for the six months ended 30th September, 2008 (2007: Nil).

OPERATIONS REVIEW

For the period under review, the Group was principally engaged in the trading of securities, provision of finance, property holding, insurance business and investment holding.

During the period, the Group had reduced its business in securities trading in view of the recent downturn of the equity market. Revenue of trading of securities and its related income for the period was a debit balance of HK\$15,907,000 (2007: credit balance of HK\$72,029,000). The segment had recorded a loss of HK\$325,128,000 after taking into account of the changes in fair values of listed securities held for trading (2007: HK\$137,245,000).

Revenue of the provision of finance business for the period amounted to HK\$7,230,000 (2007: HK\$7,316,000). The business recorded a profit of HK\$2,625,000 in this period (2007: HK\$7,416,000).

As a result of the adverse economic environment affecting the local property market, the fair value of the Group's investment properties decreased in the period. As at 30th September, 2008, the aggregate carrying amount of the investment properties was HK\$92,566,000 compared with that of HK\$101,579,000 at 31st March, 2008.

The insurance agency and brokerage business of the Group recorded a turnover and a loss of HK\$2,136,000 and HK\$3,677,000 respectively, in the period. Due to the financial turmoil, the Company has exercised cautions not to over expand in the long term life insurance business in Hong Kong.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Liquidity, Financial Resources and Capital Structure

At 30th September, 2008, net current assets of the Group amounted to HK\$950,368,000 (31st March, 2008: HK\$867,754,000) with cash and bank balances of HK\$350,209,000 (31st March, 2008: HK\$278,649,000).

As at 30th September, 2008, the Group had secured bank loans of HK\$94,917,000 (31st March, 2008: HK\$97,781,000). Gearing ratio calculated on the basis of the Group's total bank borrowings over shareholders' funds was 8.99% (31st March, 2008: 10.37%) at the balance sheet date. The secured bank loans of the Group were carried floating interest rates calculated by reference to the Hong Kong dollar prime rate and made in Hong Kong dollars. There is no exposure to fluctuations in exchange rates in relation to the borrowings.

The capital commitments of the Group at period end were approximately HK\$24,050,000 (31st March, 2008: nil). In light of the amount of liquid assets in hand and banking facilities available, the Directors are of the view that the Group has sufficient financial resources to meet its ongoing operational requirements.

The Group's assets portfolio is mainly financed by its shareholders' funds. At 30th September, 2008, the Group had shareholders' funds of HK\$1,055,579,000 (31st March, 2008: HK\$943,309,000). During the period, the Company had completed rights issue of approximately 4,072,156,000 shares. The capital base of the Company had been much improved after the said financing exercises.

Foreign Currency Management

During the period, since the amount of the Group's foreign currency transactions is not material, the Directors are of the view that the Group's exposure to exchange rate risk is not material.

Pledge of Assets

At 30th September, 2008, (i) investments held for trading of approximately HK\$353,307,000 were pledged to a financial institution to secure margin financing facilities provided to the Group; (ii) prepaid land premium and buildings of approximately HK\$50,376,000 and HK\$19,869,000, respectively, were pledged to a bank to secure loan facilities granted to the Group; and (iii) investment properties with a total carrying amount of HK\$92,566,000 were pledged to banks to secure loan facilities granted to the Group.

Contingent Liabilities

The Group had no material contingent liabilities at 30th September, 2008.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS

The Group was still focused on the trading of securities, provision of finance, property holding and investment, insurance agency and brokerage business and investment holding during the period. However, due to financial turmoil, the year ahead is full of uncertainties, the economy will grow thanks to various economic stimulus packages offered by the governments, but in the face of high inflation, tight credit and uncertainties, the economy will grow sluggishly. The board will proceed with caution for the remainder of the year.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 30th September, 2008, the Group employed about 39 staff members including directors of the Company. Staff costs incurred for the period, including directors' remuneration, were HK\$7,918,000 (2007: HK\$5,511,000).

It is the remuneration policy of the Group to reward its employees with reference to their qualifications, experience and work performance as well as to market benchmarks. Remuneration packages, including the grant of share options, are structured to motivate individual performance and contributions to the Group.

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

During the six months ended 30th September 2008, the Company had repurchased two ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") at HK\$0.04 per share. The repurchased shares were cancelled and accordingly the issued share capital of the Company was reduced by the nominal value of these shares. The difference between the issued capital purchased and the value of cash consideration paid was credited to the capital redemption reserve of the Company.

Save as disclosed herein, there was no purchase, sale or redemption by the Company, or any of its subsidiaries of any listed securities of the Company during the period.

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

(a) On 12th August, 2008, the Company proposed a capital reorganisation whereby (i) the nominal value of all the issued existing shares be reduced from HK\$0.1 each to HK\$0.02 each by cancelling HK\$0.08 paid up on each issued existing share by way of a reduction of capital; (ii) the credit arising from such reduction will be applied towards cancelling the accumulated deficit of the Company with the balance (if any) to be transferred to the distributable reserve account of the company; and (iii) every five reduced shares of HK\$0.02 each be consolidated into one consolidated share of HK\$0.10 each.

The proposed capital reorganisation has been approved by the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands and by the shareholders of the Company and effected on 25th November, 2008.

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS (continued)

- (b) On 23rd October, 2008, the Group entered into a sale and purchase agreement with a vendor, pursuant to which the Group has agreed to purchase, and the vendor has agreed to sell, the property of unit 2801 on 28th Floor, China United Centre, No. 28 Marble Road, North Point, Hong Kong for a cash consideration of approximately HK\$14,177,500. The transaction has not been completed at the date of issuance of this interim announcement.
- (c) On 10th November, 2008, the Group entered into a sale and purchase agreement and an assignment with the vendor, pursuant to which the Group has agreed to purchase, and the vendor has agreed to sell, the property of unit 2802 on 28th Floor, China United Centre, No. 28 Marble Road, North Point, H.K. for a cash consideration of HK\$10,720,200.
- (d) On 25th November, 2008, Freeman Financial Services Ltd ("FFSL"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, as the purchaser entered into a sale and purchase agreement (the "S&P Agreement") with Equity Spin Investments Limited ("Equity Spin") as the vendor, pursuant to which FFSL agreed to purchase and Equity Spin agreed to sell approximately 3,937,133,000 fully paid ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each of Hennabun Capital Group Limited ("Hennabun") for a consideration of HK\$105.8 million. On the same day, FFSL as the subscriber entered into a convertible note subscription agreement with Hennabun, pursuant to which FFSL agreed to subscribe and Hennabun agreed to issue convertible notes in a principal amount of HK\$250 million (the "Convertible Note Subscription Agreement"). A special general meeting of the Company will be held to consider and, if thought fit, pass the resolutions to approve, amongst other things, the S&P Agreement and the Convertible Note Subscription Agreement. The transaction has not been completed at the date of issuance of this interim announcement.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The condensed consolidated results of the Company for the six months ended 30th September, 2008 have not been audited, but have been reviewed by the Audit Committee which comprises all the four independent non-executive directors of the Company. The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal controls and financial reporting matters including the review of the condensed consolidated financial statements for the period.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company adopted all the code provisions in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code") contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules as its own code on corporate governance practices. During the six months ended 30th September, 2008, the Company has complied with the code provisions as set out in the Code and there has been no material deviations from the Code.

The Company has adopted the Model Code set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the directors. Having made specific enquiry of all directors, the Company confirmed that in respect of the six months ended 30th September, 2008, all directors have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code.

By Order of the Board

Freeman Corporation Limited Yang Fan Shing, Andrew

Chairman

Hong Kong, 19 December, 2008

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises the following Directors:

Executive Directors:

Dr. Yang Fan Shing, Andrew (Chairman)

Mr. Lo Kan Sun (Managing Director)

Ms. Kwok Wai Ming

Ms. Au Shuk Yee, Sue

Mr. Scott Allen Phillips

Non-Executive Director:

Mr. Kwong Wai Tim, William

Alternate Director to Ms. Kwok Wai Ming:

Ms. Chong Wing Sze

Independent non-executive Directors:

Mr. Chiu Siu Po

Ms. Hui Wai Man, Shirley

Mr. Gary Drew Douglas

Mr. Peter Temple Whitelam