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# HERALD HOLDINGS LIMITED

興利集團有限公司\* (Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code : 00114)

## INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

### **RESULTS**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Herald Holdings Limited (the "Company") presents the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the six months ended 30 September 2010, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2009, as follows:

#### **Consolidated Income Statement – Unaudited**

For the six months ended 30 September 2010

Tor the six months children 20 September 2010		Six months ended 30 September	
	Note	2010 HK\$'000	2009 HK\$'000
<b>Turnover</b> Cost of sales	3	937,216 (720,220)	908,023 (649,353)
Gross profit		216,996	258,670
Other revenue Other net income Selling expenses Administrative expenses		8,653 5,167 (25,792) (119,343)	8,786 32,403 (22,612) (113,706)
Profit from operations		85,681	163,541
Finance costs Share of (losses)/profits of jointly controlled entities Share of profit of associate		(274) 142	(2) 433 309
<b>Profit before taxation</b> Income tax	4 5	85,549 (23,063)	164,281 (34,202)
Profit for the period		62,486	130,079

Attributable to: Equity shareholders of the Company Non-controlling interests		61,291 1,195	129,375 704
Profit for the period		62,486	130,079
Interim dividends		18,075	18,075
Interim dividends per share		3 cents	3 cents
Earnings per share - Basic and diluted	6	<u>10.17 cents</u>	21.47 cents

# **Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income - Unaudited** *For the six months ended 30 September 2010*

	Six months ended 30 September 2010 2009		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Profit for the period	62,486	130,079	
Other comprehensive income for the period Exchange differences on translation of the financial statements of overseas			
subsidiaries (no tax effect)	2,841	6,142	
Total comprehensive income for the period	65,327	136,221	
Attributable to: Equity shareholders of the company Non-controlling interests	63,958 1,369	135,587 634	
Total comprehensive income for the period	65,327	136,221	

# Consolidated Balance Sheet - Unaudited

At 30 September 2010

<i>At 30 September 2010</i>			
		As at	As at
		30 September 2010	31 March 2010
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Fixed assets			
- Property, plant and equipment		198,263	200,548
- Investment properties		33,760	33,760
- Interests in leasehold land held for		55,700	55,700
own use under operating leases		5,223	5,376
1 0		237,246	239,684
Intangible assets		7,036	6,861
Interest in jointly controlled entities		6,588	5,405
Interest in associate			
Other financial assets		2,869	2,629
		4,680	4,680
Deferred tax assets		6,270	8,815
		264,689	268,074
Current assets			
Trading securities		165,039	116,480
Inventories		203,792	159,193
Trade and other receivables	7	308,271	167,238
Current tax recoverable		2,166	2,760
Pledged bank balances		32,489	57,015
Cash and cash equivalents		235,943	311,745
-		947,700	814,431
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	272,491	183,579
Current tax payable	0	31,718	18,278
		304,209	201,857
Net current assets		643,491	612,574
Total assets less current liabilities		908,180	880,648
Non-current liabilities Deferred tax liabilities		<b>177</b>	333
		277	
Provision for long service payment		3,072	3,362
		3,349	3,695
NET ASSETS		904,831	876,953
			, -
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital		46,994	46,994
Reserves		834,690	806,881
Total equity attributable to equity			
shareholders of the Company		881,684	853,875
			<b>-</b>
Non-controlling interests		23,147	23,078
TOTAL EQUITY		904,831	876,953
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#### **NOTES:**

#### **1. BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The interim financial results have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), including compliance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34, *Interim financial reporting*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA"). It was authorised for issue on 30 November 2010.

The interim financial results have been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2009/2010 annual financial statements, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the 2010/2011 annual financial statements. Details of these changes in accounting policies are set out in note 2.

The preparation of interim financial results in conformity with HKAS 34 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The interim financial results are unaudited, but have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

The financial information relating to the financial year ended 31 March 2010 that is included in the interim financial results as being previously reported information does not constitute the Company's statutory financial statements for that financial year but is derived from those financial statements. Statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010 are available from the Company's registered office. The auditors have expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements in their report dated 2 July 2010.

#### 2. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The HKICPA has issued two revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), a number of amendments to HKFRSs and one new interpretation that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group and the Company. Of these, the following developments are relevant to the Group's financial statements:

- HKFRS 3 (revised 2008), Business combinations
- Amendments to HKAS 27, Consolidated and separate financial statements
- Improvements to HKFRSs (2009)

The Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

The above developments resulted in changes in accounting policy but none of these changes in policy have a material impact on the results of the current or comparative periods.

#### 3. SEGMENT REPORTING

The Group manages its businesses by divisions, which are organised by business lines. In a manner consistent with the way in which information is reported internally to the Group's most senior executive management for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment, the Group has presented the following six reportable segments. No operating segments have been aggregated to form the following reportable segments.

Toys	:	The manufacture, sale and distribution of toy products.
Computer products	:	The manufacture and sale of computer products.
Housewares	:	The manufacture, sale and distribution of housewares.
Timepieces	:	The manufacture, sale and distribution of clocks, watches, and
		electronic and gift products.
Investments	:	The investment in equity securities, structured products and managed
		funds.
Others	:	The leasing of properties to generate rental income.

(a) Information regarding the Group's reportable segments as provided to the Group's most senior executive management for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance for the period is set out below.

			Six months e	ended 30 Septe	ember 2010		
	Toys HK\$'000	Computer products HK\$'000	Housewares HK\$'000	Timepieces HK\$'000	Investments HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Revenue from external customers Inter-segment revenue	491,718	161,616 -	82,666 -	201,216	-	-	937,216 -
Reportable segment revenue	491,718	161,616	82,666	201,216	_	_	937,216
Reportable segment profit	49,571	27,588	1,202	1,161	3,976	1,368	84,866
	Toys	Computer products	As at Housewares	30 September Timepieces	2010 Investments	Others	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Reportable segment assets	390,311	191,436	123,043	217,470	197,528	48,128	1,167,916
Reportable segment liabilities	149,499	39,215	37,145	65,619		414	291,892

	Six months ended 30 September 2009						
	Toys HK\$'000	Computer products HK\$'000	Housewares HK\$'000	Timepieces HK\$'000	Investments HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Revenue from external customers Inter-segment revenue	564,498	94,202	91,963	157,360	-	-	908,023
Reportable segment revenue	564,498	94,202	91,963	157,360	-	_	908,023
Reportable segment profit/(loss)	126,164	6,798	8,297	(5,525)	27,888	2,111	165,733
			<b>A</b> a	at 21 March 20	10		
		Computer	As	at 31 March 20	110		
	Toys HK\$'000	products HK\$'000	Housewares HK\$'000	Timepieces HK\$'000	Investments HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Reportable segment assets	330,538	170,793	121,577	162,380	173,495	48,050	1,006,833
		110,190	121,077	102,000	1,0,00	10,000	-,,
Reportable segment liabilities	96,680	39,541	32,515	32,743		301	201,780

# (b) Reconciliations of reportable segment profit, assets and liabilities

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## (c) Geographic information

The following table sets out information about the geographical location of the Group's revenue from external customers. The geographical location of customers is based on the location at which the goods are delivered.

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2010 HK\$'000	2009 HK\$'000	
Revenue from external customers			
Hong Kong (place of domicile)	92,119	43,287	
North America	441,137	552,541	
United Kingdom	216,380	169,019	
Europe (excluding United Kingdom)	118,405	89,984	
Asia (excluding Mainland China and Hong Kong)	36,204	28,067	
Mainland China	3,291	3,161	
Others	29,680	21,964	
=	845,097	864,736	
	937,216	908,023	

### 4. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging/ (crediting):

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2010	2009	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Interest on borrowings	-	2	
Depreciation	14,983	13,178	
Amortisation of land lease premium	165	164	
Net (gains)/losses on disposal of fixed assets	(369)	855	
Net realised and unrealised gains on			
trading securities	(1,366)	(25,047)	
Staff costs	216,420	200,741	
Interest income			
- trading securities	(1,282)	(1,354)	
- deposits with banks	(433)	(321)	
- other loans	(92)	(89)	
Rental income	(1,732)	(2,163)	
Dividend income	(1,263)	(1,443)	
Share of jointly controlled entities' taxation	100	160	

### 5. INCOME TAX

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2010		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Hong Kong Profits Tax	14,708	29,040	
Taxation outside Hong Kong	5,867	1,302	
Deferred taxation	2,488	3,860	
	23,063	34,202	

Provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% (2009: 16.5%) of the estimated assessable profits for the six months ended 30 September 2010. Taxation for subsidiaries outside Hong Kong is charged at the appropriate current rates of taxation ruling in the relevant tax jurisdictions.

#### 6. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company of HK\$61,291,000 (2009: HK\$129,375,000) and the weighted average number of shares of 602,491,000 (2009: 602,491,000) in issue during the period.

There were no dilutive potential shares in existence during the periods ended 30 September 2010 and 2009, therefore diluted earnings per share is the same as the basic earnings per share for both the current and prior periods.

#### 7. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Included in trade and other receivables are trade debtors and bills receivable (net of allowance for doubtful debts) with the following ageing analysis as of the balance sheet date:

	At 30 September 2010 HK\$'000	At 31 March 2010 HK\$'000
Current Less than 1 month past due 1 to 3 months past due	173,713 79,155 4,988	92,336 27,793 3,982
More than 3 months but less than 12 months past due	4,923	1,337
Trade debtors and bills receivable Deposits, prepayments and other receivables Derivative financial instruments	262,779 45,492	125,448 40,765 1,025
	308,271	167,238

The credit terms given to the customers vary and are generally based on the financial strengths of individual customers. In order to effectively manage the credit risks associated with trade receivables, credit evaluations of customers are performed periodically.

#### 8. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Included in trade and other payables are trade creditors and bills payable with the following ageing analysis as of the balance sheet date:

	At 30 September	At 31 March
	2010	2010
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
By date of invoice		
Within 1 month	53,483	44,709
Over 1 month but within 3 months	45,615	6,335
Over 3 months	3,025	1,913
Trade creditors and bills payable	102,123	52,957
Accruals and other payables	169,805	130,622
Derivative financial instruments	563	
	272,491	183,579

All of the trade and other payables including receipts in advance from customers are expected to be settled or recognised as income within one year.

## **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The Group's turnover for the 6 months ended 30 September 2010 amounted to HK\$937 million, representing an increase of HK29 million or 3% compared to the same period last year. However, the profit attributable to shareholders for the same period was HK\$61.3 million, down HK\$68.1 million or 52.6% from HK\$129.4 million in the same period a year earlier. The decrease in profit was mainly attributable to the significant decrease both in the net realized and unrealized gains on trading securities and the profit margin of the Toys Division.

During the period, the Toys Division has lost the benefit of the savings in material cost that contributed to the exceptional performance in the corresponding period in 2009. Coupled with a decrease of 13% in turnover from HK\$564 million in the previous year to HK\$492 million and a general reduction in profit margin amid stiff competition among the toy manufacturers, the operating profit dropped significantly from HK\$126.2 million a year ago to HK\$49.6 million.

The Computer Products Division continued to record encouraging results. The turnover for the period amounted to HK\$162 million, up 72% from HK\$94 million in 2009, due to the increased sales in the thin-film computer heads and shipments of the newly-developed product, the smart thermostats, and the profit was HK\$27.6 million, compared to HK\$6.8 million in the previous corresponding period.

The business of the Housewares Division remained stable during the first half of the financial year. The turnover was HK\$83 million, down 10% from HK\$92 million in 2009. The profit amounted to HK\$1.2 million compared to HK\$8.3 million a year ago mainly because the aluminium price has not been moving in favour of the Division.

The performance of the Timepiece Division for the 6 months ended 30 September 2010 has improved over last year. The turnover increased to HK\$201 million from HK\$157 million in the same period of the previous year with profit of HK\$1.2 million compared to an operating loss of HK\$5.5 million last year.

As the global investment market has improved modestly in these 6 months, the Group had net realized and unrealized gains on trading securities of HK\$1.4 million for the period compared to gains of HK\$25 million in the same period last year. At 30 September 2010, the Group's trading securities increased to HK\$165 million from HK\$116 million as at the beginning of the financial year.

## **FINANCIAL POSITION**

The Group continues to exercise prudence in managing its financial resources. As in the past, the Group maintains a good liquidity position without any long term debt funding. At 30 September 2010, the Group's net cash surplus was HK\$268 million (at 31 March 2010: HK\$369 million). During the period under review, the Group used HK\$29 million to finance investing activities and HK\$36 million to pay the final dividend for the year ended 31 March 2010.

The Group's current assets position as at 30 September 2010 was HK\$948 million (at 31 March 2010: HK\$814 million). The trade and other receivables amounted to HK\$308 million (at 31 March 2010: HK\$167 million) and current liabilities HK\$304 million (at 31 March 2010: HK\$202 million). The trading securities increased to HK\$165 million from HK\$116 million as at the beginning of the financial year. Trading securities and bank deposits totalling HK\$179 million (at 31 March 2010: HK\$140 million) are pledged to the banks to secure banking facilities granted to the Group.

At 30 September 2010, the Group's working capital ratio, an indicator of liquidity represented by a ratio between the current assets and the current liabilities, was 3.12 compared to 3.05 at 30 September 2009. The quick ratio, another ratio that gauges the short-term liquidity and measured by trade debtors and cash and cash equivalents over current liabilities, decreased to 1.64 from 1.76 at 30 September 2009.

# **PROSPECTS AND GENERAL OUTLOOK**

Although the Toys Division will continue to experience severe competition from other toy manufacturers, the management anticipates that it will remain profitable in the second half of the financial year. On the other hand, with the current level of orders, the Computer Products Division is expected to sustain growth both in sales volume and profitability. However, the operating results of the Housewares Division will likely suffer due to the expected increase in aluminium price. Meanwhile, the management believes that the business of the Timepiece Division will continue to recover and that the performance for the year ending 31 March 2011 will improve over last year.

The management is concerned about the uncertainty of the global economy, and its impacts on the Group's business activities. In addition, the issues of appreciation of Renminbi and shortage of workers in China are also matters of concern. Nevertheless, based on the information currently available, the management is confident that the Group will be profitable in the second half of the fiscal year.

# **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

As at 30 September 2010, the Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

The Group is exposed to foreign exchange primarily through sales and purchases that are denominated in a foreign currency, such as United States Dollars and Pound Sterling. From time to time, the Group takes out foreign exchange contracts to hedge against its foreign exchange exposure.

## **DIVIDENDS**

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of HK3 cents per share (2009: HK3 cents). The total amount of dividend payment of HK\$18,075,000 (2009: HK\$18,075,000) was based on the total number of shares in issue as at 29 November 2010, being the latest practicable date prior to the announcement of the interim results. Dividend will be payable on 31 December 2010 to shareholders registered in the Register of Members on 21 December 2010.

## **REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The Register of Members will be closed from 20 December 2010 to 21 December 2010, both days inclusive. Shareholders should ensure that all transfers accompanied by relevant share certificates are lodged with the Company's Registrars, Tricor Tengis Limited at 26<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:00 pm on 17 December 2010 in order that they may receive their dividend entitlement.

## **EMPLOYEES**

As at 30 September 2010, the number of employees of the Group was 244 (2009: 242) in Hong Kong, 7,710 (2009: 8,923) in the Mainland China and 111 (2009: 106) in Europe. Total staff costs for the period under review amounted to HK\$216,420,000 (2009: HK\$200,741,000). The Group ensures that its employees' remuneration packages are competitive. Employees are rewarded based on their performance and experience and the prevailing industry practice.

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 September 2010.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee reports to the board of directors and currently comprises three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr Ng Tze Kin David, being the chairman, Mr David Tai Chong Lie-A-Cheong and Mr Yeh Man Chun Kent. The audit committee meets with the Group's senior management and external auditors regularly to discuss audit matters. The audit committee also reviews the effectiveness of the internal control systems. The interim results of the Group has been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company.

## **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

The remuneration committee comprises two independent non-executive directors, namely Mr Ng Tze Kin David, being the Chairman, and Mr Yeh Man Chun Kent and one executive director, namely Mr Thong Yeung Sum Michael. The terms of reference of the remuneration committee have been included on the Company's website.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company has complied throughout the six months ended 30 September 2010 with the code provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "CG Code") as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules except that the non-executive director and independent non-executive directors are not appointed for a specific term, which deviates from the code provision A.4.1. However, the non-executive director and independent non-executive directors are subject to retirement from office by rotation under the requirements of the Bye-laws of the Company. As such, the Company considers that sufficient measures have been taken to ensure that the Company's corporate governance practices are no less exacting than those in the CG Code.

## **MODEL CODE**

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions on terms no less exacting than the required standards of the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules. Having made specific enquiry of the Company's directors, all directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code and the Company's code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions.

## PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT

This announcement is published on the Stock Exchange's website (<u>www.hkex.com.hk</u>) and the Company's website (<u>www.heraldgroup.com.hk</u>). The interim report of the Company for the six months ended 30 September 2010 containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be dispatched to shareholders and published on the same websites in due course.

By Order of the Board Cheung Tsang Kay Stan Chairman

Hong Kong, 30 November 2010

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

Executive Directors: Dr Cheung Tsang Kay Stan PhD, Hon LLD, Hon DBA, JP Mr Robert Dorfman Mr Thong Yeung Sum Michael FCCA, CPA Mr Tang King Hung ACA, FCCA, ACIS, CPA

Non-Executive Director: Mr Chang Dong Song

Independent Non-executive Directors: Mr David Tai Chong Lie-A-Cheong SBS, OM, JP Mr Yeh Man Chun Kent Mr Ng Tze Kin David CA(AUST.), FCPA

\**For identification only*