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## NATIONAL ELECTRONICS HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 213)

## Interim Results Announcement for the six months ended 30 September 2013

## **UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS**

The Board (the "Board") of Directors (the "Directors") of National Electronics Holdings Limited (the "Company") would like to present the interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (together, the "Group") for the six months ended 30 September 2013.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the six months ended 30 September 2013

|   | Notes  | Six months ende<br>2013<br>(unaudited)<br>HK\$'000 | d 30 September<br>2012<br>(unaudited)<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|--------|--|---|
| Revenue<br>Cost of sales  | 3      | 583,097<br>(491,262)                               | 595,819<br>(497,129)                              |
| Gross profit Other income Other gains/(losses) Increase in fair value of investment                     | 4<br>5 | 91,835<br>3,312<br>4,787                           | 98,690<br>6,338<br>(1,459)                        |
| properties Fair value gain arising from the remeasurement of the previously held                        | 11     | 55,656   | 37,465  |
| interest in a joint venture Gain on disposal of a subsidiary Distribution costs Administrative expenses |        | (4,687)<br>(102,332)                               | 143,158<br>3,608<br>(4,196)<br>(124,221)          |
| Finance costs Share of results of associates  | 6      | (13,392)<br>37,784                                 | (11,930)<br>136,332                               |
| Profit before taxation<br>Income tax expense  | 7<br>8 | 72,963<br>(1,838)                                  | 283,785<br>(4,759)                                |
| Profit for the period   |        | 71,125   | 279,026   |
| Earnings per share<br>Basic   | 9      | <b>7.34 HK cents</b>                               | 28.54 HK cents                                    |
| Diluted   |        | <b>7.29 HK cents</b>                               | <b>28.40 HK cents</b>                             |

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 September 2013

|  | Six months ended 30 Septemb |             |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------|
|  | 2013                        | 2012        |
|  | (unaudited)                 | (unaudited) |
|  | HK\$'000                    | HK\$'000    |
| Profit for the period                          | 71,125                      | 279,026     |
| Other comprehensive income/(expense)           |                             |             |
| Items that may be subsequently reclassified to |                             |             |
| profit or loss:                                |                             |             |
| Exchange differences arising on translation of |                             |             |
| foreign operations                             | 5,412                       | (3,917)     |
| Fair value (loss)/gain on hedging instruments  |                             |             |
| in cash flow hedges                            | (2,636)                     | 878         |
| Other comprehensive income/(expense) for       |                             |             |
| the period                                     | 2,776                       | (3,039)     |
| Total comprehensive income for the period      | <u>73,901</u>               | 275,987     |

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 September 2013

|   | N.    | 30 September<br>2013<br>(unaudited) | 31 March<br>2013<br>(restated) |
|---|-------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|   | Notes | HK\$'000                            | HK\$'000                       |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS                          |       |                                     |                                |
| Investment properties                       | 11    | 731,612                             | 645,000                        |
| Property, plant and equipment               |       | 572,146                             | 552,049                        |
| Prepaid lease payments                      |       | 12,639                              | 14,348                         |
| Goodwill                                    |       | 678                                 | 678                            |
| Interests in associates                     |       | 210,880                             | 173,096                        |
| Interests in joint ventures                 |       | <del></del>                         | · —                            |
| Available-for-sale investments              |       | 21,230                              | 21,230                         |
| Derivative financial instruments            |       | 3                                   |                                |
|   |       |                                     |                                |
|   |       | 1,549,188                           | 1,406,401                      |
|   |       |                                     |                                |
| CURRENT ASSETS                              |       |                                     |                                |
| Inventories                                 |       | 134,288                             | 133,429                        |
| Prepaid lease payments                      |       | 326                                 | 326                            |
| Held-to-maturity investments                |       | _                                   | 11,768                         |
| Investment held for trading                 |       | 4,058                               | 4,058                          |
| Inventory of unsold properties              |       | 7,359                               | 7,465                          |
| Properties under development for sale       |       | 1,230,970                           | 1,183,577                      |
| Bills receivables                           | 12    | 805                                 | 1,562                          |
| Trade receivables, deposits and prepayments | 12    | 152,411                             | 136,176                        |
| Amounts due from associates                 |       | 75,124                              | 71,307                         |
| Amounts due from joint ventures             |       | 21,350                              | 16,000                         |
| Tax recoverable                             |       | 778                                 | 57                             |
| Bank balances and cash                      |       | 582,785                             | 615,705                        |
|   |       |                                     |                                |
|   |       | 2,210,254                           | 2,181,430                      |

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION** (continued)

At 30 September 2013

|  | Notes | 30 September 2013 (unaudited) | 31 March 2013 (restated) |
|--|-------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | Notes | HK\$'000                      | HK\$'000                 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES  |       |                               |                          |
| Trade payables, customers' deposits and                              |       |                               |                          |
| accrued expenses   | 13    | 156,556                       | 176,689                  |
| Bills payables   | 13    | 97,844                        | 88,075                   |
| Amount due to an associate   |       | 46,816                        | 46,816                   |
| Tax payable  |       | 10,101                        | 7,750                    |
| Derivative financial instruments                                     |       | _                             | 3,058                    |
| Obligations under finance leases                                     |       | 6,618                         | 3,320                    |
| Bank loans   |       | 524,503                       | 510,787                  |
|  |       | 842,438                       | 836,495                  |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS   |       | 1,367,816                     | 1,344,935                |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT  |       |                               |                          |
| LIABILITIES  |       | 2,917,004                     | <u>2,751,336</u>         |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES   |       |                               |                          |
| Share capital  |       | 95,819                        | 97,656                   |
| Reserves   |       | 1,496,362                     | 1,492,108                |
| TOTAL EQUITY   |       | 1,592,181                     | 1,589,764                |
| NOV CURRENT LA RIVERS  |       |                               |                          |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES  |       | ( 721                         | ( 721                    |
| Provision for long service payments Derivative financial instruments |       | 6,731                         | 6,731<br>81              |
| Obligations under finance leases                                     |       | 31,687                        | 3,378                    |
| Bank loans   |       | 1,211,462                     | 1,076,211                |
| Deferred tax liabilities   |       | 74,943                        | 75,171                   |
|  |       |                               |                          |
|  |       | 1,324,823                     | 1,161,572                |
|  |       | <u>2,917,004</u>              | <u>2,751,336</u>         |

#### NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 September 2013

#### (1) BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Listing Rules") and with the Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA").

#### (2) PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for investment properties and certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair values.

Excepted as described below, the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2013 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2013.

#### Application of new or revised HKFRSs effective in the current period

In the current interim period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following new or revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the HKICPA.

| Amendments to HKFRSs                             | Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2009-2011 Cycle  |
|--|--|
| Amendments to HKFRS 1                            | Government Loans   |
| Amendments to HKFRS 7                            | Disclosures — Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities  |
| Amendments to HKFRS 10,<br>HKFRS 11 and HKFRS 12 | Consolidated Financial Statements, Joint Arrangements and Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities: Transition Guidance |
| HKFRS 10   | Consolidated Financial Statements  |
| HKFRS 11   | Joint Arrangements   |
| HKFRS 12   | Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities  |
| HKFRS 13   | Fair Value Measurement   |
| HKAS 19 (as revised in 2011)                     | Employee Benefits  |
| HKAS 27 (as revised in 2011)                     | Separate Financial Statements  |
| HKAS 28 (as revised in 2011)                     | Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures   |
| Amendments to HKAS 1                             | Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income  |
| HK(IFRIC)—Int 20                                 | Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine  |

## New and revised standards on consolidation, joint arrangements, associates and disclosures

In the current interim period, the Group has applied for the first time HKFRS 10, HKFRS 11, HKFRS 12 and HKAS 28 (as revised in 2011) together with the amendments to HKFRS 10, HKFRS 11 and HKFRS 12 regarding the transitional guidance. HKAS 27 (as revised in 2011) is not applicable to these condensed consolidated financial statements as it deals only with separate financial statements.

The impact of the application of these standards is set out below.

### Impact of the application of HKFRS 10

HKFRS 10 replaces the parts of HKAS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements that deal with consolidated financial statements and HK(SIC)-Int 12 Consolidation — Special Purpose Entities. HKFRS 10 changes the definition of control such that an investor has control over an investee when a) it has power over the investee, b) it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and c) has the ability to use its power to affect its returns. All three of these criteria must be met for an investor to have control over an investee. Previously, control was defined as the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. Additional guidance has been included in HKFRS 10 to explain when an investor has control over an investee.

As a result of the adoption of HKFRS 10, the Group has changed its accounting policy with respect of determining whether it has control over an investee. The adoption does not change any of the control conclusions reached by the Group as at 1 April 2013.

#### Impact of the application of HKFRS 11

HKFRS 11 replaces HKAS 31 Interests in Joint Ventures, and the guidance contained in a related interpretation, HK(SIC)-Int 13 Jointly Controlled Entities — Non-Monetary Contributions by Venturers, has been incorporated in HKAS 28 (as revised in 2011). HKFRS 11 deals with how a joint arrangement of which two or more parties have joint control should be classified and accounted for. Under HKFRS 11, there are only two types of joint arrangements — joint operations and joint ventures. The classification of joint arrangements under HKFRS 11 is determined based on the rights and obligations of parties to the joint arrangements by considering the structure, the legal form of the arrangements, the contractual terms agreed by the parties to the arrangement, and, when relevant, other facts and circumstances. A joint operation is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement (i.e. joint operators) have rights to the assets, and obligations for the liabilities, relating to the arrangement. A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement (i.e. joint venturers) have rights to the net assets of the arrangement. Previously, HKAS 31 had three types of joint arrangements — jointly controlled entities, jointly

controlled operations and jointly controlled assets. The classification of joint arrangements under HKAS 31 was primarily determined based on the legal form of the arrangement (e.g. a joint arrangement that was established through a separate entity was classified as a jointly controlled entity).

The initial and subsequent accounting of joint ventures and joint operations are different. Investments in joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method (proportionate consolidation is no longer allowed). Investments in joint operations are accounted for such that each joint operator recognises its assets (including its share of any assets jointly held), its liabilities (including its share of any liabilities incurred jointly), its revenue (including its share of revenue from the sale of the output by the joint operation) and its expenses (including its share of any expenses incurred jointly). Each joint operator accounts for the assets and liabilities, as well as revenues and expenses, relating to its interest in the joint operation in accordance with the applicable standards.

The directors reviewed and assessed the classification of the Group's investments in joint arrangement in the accordance with the requirement of HKFRS 11. The directors concluded that the Group's investments which were classified as jointly controlled entities under HKAS 31 should be classified as joint ventures under HKFRS 11 and continue to apply the equity method.

## **HKFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement**

The Group has applied HKFRS 13 for the first time in the current interim period. HKFRS 13 establishes a single source of guidance for, and disclosures about, fair value measurements, and replaces those requirements previously included in various HKFRSs. Consequential amendments have been made to HKAS 34 to require certain disclosures to be made in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

The scope of HKFRS 13 is broad, and applies to both financial instrument items and non-financial instrument items for which other HKFRSs require or permit fair value measurements and disclosures about fair value measurements, subject to a few exceptions. HKFRS 13 contains a new definition for 'fair value' and defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction in the principal (or most advantageous) market at the measurement date under current market conditions. Fair value under HKFRS 13 is an exit price regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. Also, HKFRS 13 includes extensive disclosure requirements.

In accordance with the transitional provision of HKFRS 13, the Group has applied the new fair value measurement and disclosure requirements prospectively.

## HKAS 19 Employee Benefits (as revised in 2011)

In the current interim period, the Group has applied HKAS 19 Employee Benefits (as revised in 2011) and the related consequential amendments for the first time.

HKAS 19 (as revised in 2011) changes the accounting for defined benefit plans and termination benefits. The most significant change relates to the accounting for changes in defined benefit obligations and plan assets. The amendments require the recognition of changes in defined benefit obligations and in the fair value of plan assets when they occur, and hence eliminate the 'corridor approach' permitted under the previous version of HKAS 19 and accelerate the recognition of past service costs. All actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately through other comprehensive income in order for the net pension asset or liability recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position to reflect the full value of the plan deficit or surplus. Furthermore, the interest cost and expected return on plan assets used in the previous version of HKAS 19 are replaced with a 'net interest' amount under HKAS 19 (as revised in 2011), which is calculated by applying the discount rate to the net defined benefit liability or asset. These changes have had an impact on the amounts recognised in profit or loss and other comprehensive income in prior years. The Group has applied the relevant transitional provisions and restated the comparative amounts on a retrospective basis (see the tables below for details).

#### Amendments to HKAS 1 Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income

The amendments to HKAS 1 introduce new terminology for statement of comprehensive income and income statement. Under the amendments to HKAS 1, a statement of comprehensive income is renamed as a statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and an income statement is renamed as a statement of profit or loss. The amendments to HKAS 1 retain the option to present profit or loss and other comprehensive income in either a single statement or in two separate but consecutive statements. However, the amendments to HKAS 1 require additional disclosures to be made in the other comprehensive income section such that items of other comprehensive income are grouped into two categories: (a) items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss; and (b) items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when specific conditions are met. Income tax on items of other comprehensive income is required to be allocated on the same basis — the amendments do not change the existing option to present items of other comprehensive income either before tax or net of tax. The amendments have been applied retrospectively, and hence the presentation of items of other comprehensive income has been modified to reflect the changes.

## Amendments to HKAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting (as part of the Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2009-2011 Cycle)

The Group has applied the amendments to HKAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting as part of the Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2009 — 2011 Cycle for the first time in the current interim period. The amendments to HKAS 34 clarify that the total assets and total liabilities for a particular reportable segment would be separately disclosed in the interim financial statements only when the amounts are regularly provided to the chief operating decision maker ("CODM") and there has been a material change from the amounts disclosed in the last annual financial statements for that reportable segment.

Since the CODM considered that there was no material change in segment assets and liabilities of the Group's reportable segments for performance assessment and resource allocation purposes, the Group has not included segment assets and liabilities information as part of segment information.

Except as described above, the application of the other new or revised HKFRSs in the current interim period has had no material effect on the amounts reported and/or disclosures set out in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

## Summary of the effect of the above changes in accounting policy

The effect of the change in accounting policy described above on the financial positions of the Group as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year, i.e. 31 March 2013, is as follows:

|                                     | As at 31 March 2013 (originally stated) HK\$'000 | Adjustment<br>HK\$'000 | As at 31 March 2013 (restated) <i>HK</i> \$'000 |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|
| Provision for long service payments | 4,257  | 2,474                  | 6,731   |
| Total effects on net assets         | 4,257  | 2,474                  | 6,731   |
| Retained profits                    | 1,318,273  | (2,474)                | 1,315,799                                       |
| Total effects on equity             | 1,318,273  | (2,474)                | 1,315,799                                       |

## (3) SEGMENT INFORMATION

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and result by reportable and operating segment for the six months ended 30 September 2013 and 2012:

## 2013

|                            | Manufacture of watches and trading of watch movements HK\$'000 | Property<br>development<br><i>HK\$</i> '000 | Property investment HK\$'000 | Hotel<br>operation<br><i>HK\$</i> '000 | Consolidated  HK\$'000 |
|----------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| REVENUE                    |  |   |                              |  |                        |
| External sales             | <u>572,125</u>   |   | <u>276</u>                   | 10,696                                 | <u>583,097</u>         |
| RESULT                     |  |   |                              |  |                        |
| Segment result             | 20,791   | <u>(904</u> )                               | 50,651                       | <u>8,536</u>                           | 79,074                 |
| Bank interest income       |  |   |                              |  | 1,848                  |
| Unallocated other income   |  |   |                              |  | 407                    |
| Unallocated other expenses |  |   |                              |  | (32,758)               |
| Finance costs              |  |   |                              |  | (32,738) $(13,392)$    |
| Share of results of        |  |   |                              |  | , , ,                  |
| associates                 |  |   |                              |  | 37,784                 |
| Profit before taxation     |  |   |                              |  | 72,963                 |
| Income tax expense         |  |   |                              |  | (1,838)                |
| Profit for the period      |  |   |                              |  | 71,125                 |

## (3) SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

## 2012

|   | Manufacture of watches and trading of watch movements HK\$'000 | Property development <i>HK\$</i> ′000 | Property investment HK\$'000 | Hotel operation <i>HK\$'000</i> | Consolidated  HK\$'000 |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| REVENUE                                   |  |                                       |                              |                                 |                        |
| External sales                            | <u>586,331</u>   |                                       | <u>928</u>                   | 8,560                           | <u>595,819</u>         |
| RESULT                                    |  |                                       |                              |                                 |                        |
| Segment result                            | 22,907   | (26,590)                              | 28,108                       | 6,170                           | 30,595                 |
| Bank interest income                      |  |                                       |                              |                                 | 2,258                  |
| Unallocated other income                  |  |                                       |                              |                                 | 9,631                  |
| Unallocated other expenses                |  |                                       |                              |                                 | (29,867)               |
| Finance costs                             |  |                                       |                              |                                 | (11,930)               |
| Gain on disposal of a subsidiary          |  |                                       |                              |                                 | 3,608                  |
| Share of results of                       |  |                                       |                              |                                 | 126 222                |
| associates Fair value gain arising        |  |                                       |                              |                                 | 136,332                |
| from the remeasurem of the previously hel |  |                                       |                              |                                 |                        |
| interest in a joint ver                   |  |                                       |                              |                                 | 143,158                |
| Profit before taxation                    |  |                                       |                              |                                 | 283,785                |
| Income tax expense                        |  |                                       |                              |                                 | (4,759)                |
| Profit for the period                     |  |                                       |                              |                                 | <u>279,026</u>         |

Segment result represents the profit earned by / loss from each segment without allocation of central administration costs, gain on disposal of a subsidiary, fair value gain arising from the remeasurement of the previously held interest in a joint venture, share of results of associates, other income and finance costs. This is the measure reported to the Board for the purpose of resource allocation and performance assessment.

## (3) SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

## Geographical information

The Group's main operations are located in Hong Kong and other regions in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"), North America and Europe.

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue by geographical market, irrespective of the origin of the goods/services:

|                       | Revenue by<br>geographical market<br>Six months ended |                |  |
|-----------------------|---|----------------|--|
|                       |   |                |  |
|                       |   |                |  |
|                       | 30 September  |                |  |
|                       | 2013  | 2012           |  |
|                       | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000       |  |
| Hong Kong and the PRC | 478,220   | 497,002        |  |
| North America         | 26,737  | 14,438         |  |
| Europe                | 54,245  | 72,592         |  |
| Others                | _23,895   | _11,787        |  |
|                       | 583,097   | <u>595,819</u> |  |

## (4) OTHER INCOME

|   | Six months ended |          |      |
|---|------------------|----------|------|
|   | 30 Sep           | otember  |      |
|   | 2013             | 2013     | 2012 |
|   | HK\$'000         | HK\$'000 |      |
| Bank interest income                                | 1,848            | 2,258    |      |
| Interest income from held-to-maturity investments   | 98               | 196      |      |
| Interest income from associates                     | 336              | 299      |      |
| Management fee income received from a joint venture | _                | 1,094    |      |
| Sundry income                                       | 1,030            | 2,491    |      |
|   | 3,312            | 6,338    |      |

## (5) OTHER GAINS/(LOSSES)

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|  | Six months ended |           |
|--|------------------|-----------|
|  | 30 Sep           | otember   |
|  | 2013             | 2012      |
|  | HK\$'000         | HK\$'000  |
| Bargain purchase gain arising on acquisition of subsidiaries | _                | 5,657     |
| Gain/(loss) on fair value changes of derivative financial    |                  |           |
| instruments  | 4,710            | (775)     |
| Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)                             | 77               | (6,341)   |
|  | 4,787            | (1,459)   |
| FINANCE COSTS  |                  |           |
|  | Six mon          | ths ended |
|  | 30 Sep           | otember   |
|  | 2013             | 2012      |
|  | HK\$'000         | HK\$'000  |
| Interest on:   |                  |           |
| Bank loans and overdrafts                                    |                  |           |
| - wholly repayable within five years                         | 15,861           | 9,876     |
| - not wholly repayable within five years                     | 5,729            | 4,843     |
| Obligations under finance leases                             | 478              | 184       |
| Total borrowing costs  | 22,068           | 14,903    |

(8,676)

13,392

(2,973)

11,930

Less: Amounts capitalised to investment properties and properties under development for sale

## (7) PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

|  | Six months ended<br>30 September |          |
|--|----------------------------------|----------|
|  | 2013                             | 2012     |
|  | HK\$'000                         | HK\$'000 |
| Profit before taxation has been arrived at after charging: |                                  |          |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment              | 19,424                           | 11,875   |
| Staff costs including directors' emoluments                | 58,476                           | 59,430   |
| Amortisation of prepaid lease payments                     | 166                              | 163      |
| Cost of inventories recognised as an expense               | 416,671                          | 418,572  |
| Minimum lease payments for operating leases in respect of  |                                  |          |
| land and buildings   | 3,816                            | 3,374    |
| Write-down of inventories                                  | _                                | 489      |
| and after crediting:                                       |                                  |          |
| Gross rental income  | 9,221                            | 8,944    |
| Less: Outgoings  | (2,219)                          | _(2,540) |
| Net rental income  | 7,002                            | 6,404    |

Minimum lease payments for operating leases in respect of staff quarters amounting to approximately HK\$2,993,000 (six months ended 30 September 2012: HK\$3,035,000) are included in staff costs.

## (8) INCOME TAX EXPENSE

|                       |          | Six months ended<br>30 September |  |
|-----------------------|----------|----------------------------------|--|
|                       | 2013     | 2012                             |  |
|                       | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000                         |  |
| Current tax           |          |                                  |  |
| Hong Kong Profits Tax | 2,028    | 5,007                            |  |
| Deferred tax credit   | (190)    | (248)                            |  |
|                       |          | 4,759                            |  |

Hong Kong Profits Tax has been provided for at 16.5% (six months ended 30 September 2012: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the six months ended 30 September 2013.

## (9) EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the following data:

|  | Six months ended 30 September |             |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------|
|  | 2013                          | 2012        |
|  | HK\$'000                      | HK\$'000    |
| Earnings   |                               |             |
| Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company  |                               |             |
| for the purpose of basic earnings per share and diluted      |                               |             |
| earnings per share   | 71,125                        | 279,026     |
| Number of shares   |                               |             |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose   |                               |             |
| of basic earnings per share                                  | 969,481,582                   | 977,657,265 |
| Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares - Share options | 6,109,042                     | 4,889,173   |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose   |                               |             |
| of diluted earnings per share                                | 975,590,624                   | 982,546,438 |
|  |                               |             |

## (10) DIVIDENDS

|   | Six months ended<br>30 September |          |
|---|----------------------------------|----------|
|   | 2013                             | 2012     |
|   | HK\$'000                         | HK\$'000 |
| Dividends recognised as distribution 2013 final dividend of |                                  |          |
| 3.5 HK cents (2012: 3.5 HK cents) and a special cash        |                                  |          |
| dividend of 2.0 HK cents (2012: 2.0 HK cents) per ordinary  |                                  |          |
| share   | 52,817                           | 53,781   |

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, the Directors proposed an interim dividend of 0.5 HK cent per share (2012: 0.5 HK cent per share) be paid to the shareholders of the Company whose names appear in the Register of Members on 18 December 2013.

#### (11) INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

|   | HK\$'000  |
|---|-----------|
| FAIR VALUE  |           |
| At 1 April 2012                                     | 768,596   |
| Additions   | 166,275   |
| Increase in fair value recognised in profit or loss | 30,841    |
| Transfer to property, plant and equipment           | (320,000) |
| Exchange realignment                                | (712)     |
| At 31 March 2013                                    | 645,000   |
| Additions   | 30,584    |
| Increase in fair value recognised in profit or loss | 55,656    |
| Exchange realignment                                | 372       |
| At 30 September 2013                                | 731,612   |

All of the Group's property interests held under operating leases to earn rentals or for capital appreciation purposes are measured using the fair value model and are classified and accounted for as investment properties.

The fair values of the Group's investment properties at 30 September 2013 have been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out on that date by DTZ Debenham Tie Leung Limited and Knight Frank Petty Limited, independent qualified professional valuers not connected with the Group. DTZ Debenham Tie Leung Limited and Knight Frank Petty Limited are members of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors and they have appropriate qualifications and recent experiences in the valuation of similar properties in the relevant locations. The valuation was arrived at by reference to market evidence of recent transaction prices for similar properties in the similar locations and conditions.

## (12) BILLS RECEIVABLES, TRADE RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS

Bills receivables with full recourse of approximately HK\$805,000 (31 March 2013: HK\$1,562,000) are aged within 30 days.

The Group has a policy of allowing an average credit period of 30-60 days to its trade customers.

Included in trade receivables, deposits and prepayments are trade receivables net of allowance for doubtful debts of approximately HK\$64,382,000 (31 March 2013: HK\$55,106,000) with an aged analysis as follows:

|                | At           | At       |
|----------------|--------------|----------|
|                | 30 September | 31 March |
|                | 2013         | 2013     |
|                | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
| Within 30 days | 52,878       | 44,660   |
| 31 to 90 days  | 5,994        | 4,940    |
| 91 to 180 days | 2,751        | 4,496    |
| Over 180 days  |              | 1,010    |
|                | 64,382       | 55,106   |

## (13) BILLS PAYABLES, TRADE PAYABLES, CUSTOMERS' DEPOSITS AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

Included in bills payables, trade payables, customers' deposits and accrued expenses are trade payables of approximately HK\$129,192,000 (31 March 2013: HK\$121,061,000) with an aged analysis as follows:

|                | At           | At       |
|----------------|--------------|----------|
|                | 30 September | 31 March |
|                | 2013         | 2013     |
|                | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
| Within 30 days | 73,480       | 67,928   |
| 31 to 90 days  | 42,854       | 38,179   |
| 91 to 180 days | 5,660        | 5,656    |
| Over 180 days  | 7,198        | 9,298    |
|                | 129,192      | 121,061  |

## (14) CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

|   | At           | At       |
|---|--------------|----------|
|   | 30 September | 31 March |
|   | 2013         | 2013     |
|   | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
| Contingent liabilities:                                       |              |          |
| Guarantees given to banks in respect of banking facilities to |              |          |
| associates  | 90,000       | 90,000   |
| Other guarantees  | 621          | 621      |
|   | 90,621       | 90,621   |

The fair values of the guarantees are not significant and therefore the directors are of the opinion that no provision for financial guarantees should be made.

|  | At           | At       |
|--|--------------|----------|
|  | 30 September | 31 March |
|  | 2013         | 2013     |
|  | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
| Capital commitments:                         |              |          |
| Contracted for but not provided:             |              |          |
| Construction of properties                   | 41,218       | 59,393   |
| Acquisition of property, plant and equipment |              | _38,390  |
|  | 41,218       | 97,783   |

## (15) SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the period, the Group had entered into the following significant related party transactions:

(1) Transaction with associates

|  | Six months ended<br>30 September |            |
|--|----------------------------------|------------|
|  | 2013                             | 2012       |
|  | HK\$'000                         | HK\$'000   |
| Nature of transaction                                |                                  |            |
| Property management fee income received by the Group | 1,751                            | 544        |
| Interest income received by the Group                | <u>336</u>                       | <u>299</u> |

(2) Transaction with a joint venture

|   | 30 September |          |
|---|--------------|----------|
|   | 2013         | 2012     |
|   | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
| Nature of transaction                       |              |          |
| Management fee income received by the Group |              | 1,094    |

- (3) The Group's balances with related parties are set out in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position.
- (4) The remuneration of directors relating to short-term benefits, post-employment benefits and share based payments during the period was approximately HK\$12,738,000 (six months ended 30 September 2012: HK\$17,914,000).

#### INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors resolved to declare an interim dividend of 0.5 HK cent per share (2012: 0.5 HK cent per share).

### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The Group's turnover for the six months ended 30 September 2013 was approximately HK\$583,097,000 as compared with HK\$595,819,000 over the same period last year. Net profit for the six months ended 30 September 2013 was approximately HK\$71,125,000 as compared with approximately HK\$279,026,000 over the same period in 2012.

During the period under review, the turnover of the Group's watch manufacturing and watch component trading division and profit margin decreased slightly, despite the continued sluggishness of the European and U.S. economies and the escalation of manufacturing costs in China.

During the same period, the Group's three joint venture boutique hotel apartments, with a real estate fund managed by JP Morgan Asset Management, namely, The Jervois, Twenty One Whitfield and 99 Bonham received good market reviews and achieved satisfactory occupancy rates. The Group's own boutique hotel apartment, The Putman, maintained a high occupancy rate during this period and leasing interest remained strong. As a result, the Group's hotel operation division enjoyed double digit increase in terms of turnover and profit.

There were no disposal of properties in this period by the Group.

## **PROSPECTS**

With the introduction of new watch and watch-related products in the second half of this financial year, the Group's watch manufacturing and watch component trading division intends to overcome the challenging market environment ahead.

The Group's other wholly owned boutique hotel development located at No.196 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong completed construction in September 2013 and the project is expected to launch in early 2014.

The site formation work of the Group's wholly owned luxury residential development at 45 Tai Tam Road was completed and foundation work commenced.

## **PROSPECTS** (continued)

The introduction of the Special Stamp Duty, the Buyer's Stamp Duty and Double Stamp Duty together with the tightening of bank mortgage loan financing for property buyers continue to affect the transaction volume and price level of the property market. However, with regards to the recent high price transactions for luxury houses, the sentiment of the luxury residential market in Hong Kong has become positive on the back of limited supply and strong demand.

The Group remains optimistic about Hong Kong's medium and long term real estate market and will continue to look for attractive acquisition opportunities.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

## Liquidity and financial resources

At 30 September 2013, the Group's total borrowings were approximately HK\$1,736 million. The maturity profile spreads over a period of 25 years, with approximately HK\$525 million repayable within one year, approximately HK\$945 million within two to five years and approximately HK\$266 million beyond five years.

At 30 September 2013, the Group's gearing ratio was 0.76 (31 March 2013: 0.68) which is calculated based on the Group's long-term bank borrowings of approximately HK\$1,211 million and shareholders' funds of approximately HK\$1,592 million.

At 30 September 2013, the Group's total bank balances and cash was approximately HK\$583 million (31 March 2013: HK\$616 million).

Similar to last period, the Group has maintained a reasonable level of cash resources and stand-by credit facilities to provide adequate liquid funds to finance its commitments and working capital requirements.

## **Treasury Policies**

At 30 September 2013, 81% of the Group's borrowings was in HK\$, 10% in US\$, 5% in CAD and 4% in JPY.

At 30 September 2013, 77% of the Group's bank balances and cash was in HK\$, 10% in RMB, 6% in US\$, 5% in JPY and 2% in others.

All the Group's borrowings are variable-rate borrowings. The Group will carefully monitor its foreign exchange and interest rate exposures and utilise financial instruments such as forward contracts and interest rate swaps as necessary.

## Future plans for material investments

The Group currently has no other plans for material investments. All investments, if any, will be funded by bank borrowings and the internal resources of the Group.

## Charges on assets

At 30 September 2013, certain properties of the Group of approximately HK\$2,371 million (31 March 2013: HK\$2,241 million) were pledged to secure banking facilities for the Group.

## **Employees**

At 30 September 2013, the Group employed approximately 1,400 employees in Hong Kong, the PRC and other overseas countries. The staff costs for the period including directors' emoluments amounted to approximately HK\$58 million (six months ended 30 September 2012: HK\$59 million). Remuneration is determined by reference to market terms as well as the qualifications and experiences of the staff concerned. Salaries are reviewed annually and discretionary bonuses may be paid depending on individual performance and the profitability of the Group.

## PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Save for the Company's purchases of its own shares on the Stock Exchange as disclosed below, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's securities during the six months ended 30 September 2013.

|                     | Number of<br>ordinary<br>shares of | Price <sub>l</sub> | per share | Aggregate consideration |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Month of repurchase | HK\$0.1 each                       | Highest            | Lowest    | paid                    |
|                     |                                    | HK\$               | HK\$      | HK\$                    |
| June 2013           | 980,000                            | 1.02               | 1.01      | 1,002,500               |
| July 2013           | 15,282,000                         | 1.02               | 1.01      | 15,600,352              |
| September 2013      | 2,110,000                          | 0.98               | 0.97      | 2,064,119               |
|                     | 18,372,000                         |                    |           | 18,666,971              |

### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company has complied throughout the six months ended 30 September 2013 with the Corporate Governance Code contained in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited except for Code Provision A.4.1 and A.4.2.

Pursuant to Code Provision A.4.1, non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election. The non-executive directors of the Company were not appointed for a specific term, but are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the Company's Annual General Meetings in accordance with the Company's Bye-law 99. 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 Code A.4.1.

Pursuant to Code Provision A.4.2, every director, including those appointed for a specific term, should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. In the opinion of the Board, the Chairman and Managing Director play a pivotal role in charting of corporate strategies and direction of the Group and should not be subject to retirement by rotation in consideration of the stability and continuity development of the Group. As such, the Board believes that exempting the Chairman and Managing Director from retiring from office by rotation at Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Bye-law 99 of the Company is in the best interest of the Group.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Company has established an Audit Committee and its members comprise Dr. Samson Sun, M.B.E., J.P., Mr. Chan Chak Cheung, William and Mr. Chan Kwok Wai who are all independent non-executive directors. The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed the auditing, internal control and financial reporting matters. The interim results for the six months ended 30 September 2013, which have not been audited, have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

### **MODEL CODE**

The Company had adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers ("Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules. The Company has made specific enquiries to all directors who have confirmed that, during the period under review, they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code.

## **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 16 December 2013 to 18 December 2013 (both days inclusive) during which no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Share Registrar and Transfer Office in Hong Kong, Tricor Standard Limited, 26/F, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on 13 December 2013.

### PUBLICATION OF INTERIM REPORT

The interim report of the Company for the six months ended 30 September 2013 containing all applicable information required by Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules will be published on the Stock Exchange's website (http://www.hkex.com.hk) and on the Company's website (http://www.irasia.com/listco/hk/national/index.htm) in due course.

By Order of the Board

LEE YUEN CHING JIMMY

Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 November 2013

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Lee Yuen Ching, Jimmy, Mr. Lee Bon Chi, Loewe, Mr. Lee Yuen Kui, James, Mr. Lee Yuen Cheor, Edward and Mr. Wai Kwong Yuen, Ricky, the non-executive Director is Ms. Lee Yuen Yu, Dorathy and the independent non-executive Directors are Dr. Samson Sun, M.B.E., J.P., Mr. Chan Chak Cheung, William and Mr. Chan Kwok Wai.