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INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

The board of directors (the "Board") of EC-Founder (Holdings) Company Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results and financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2005, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2004. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have not been audited, but have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

		ended	For the six months ended 30 June	
	Notes	2005 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2004 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 (Restated)	
REVENUE	3	817,205	531,711	
Cost of sales		(780,256)	(498,522)	
Gross profit		36,949	33,189	
Other income and gains Selling and distribution costs Administrative expenses Other operating expenses, net Finance costs Share of profits of associates	5	554 (15,377) (17,724) (1,284) (61) 7,483	1,742 (19,710) (16,970) (449) (45) 2,779	
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	6	10,540	536	
Tax	7	(590)	(3)	
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDI	ERS	9,950	533	
EARNINGS PER SHARE — Basic	8	0.90 cents	0.05 cents	
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCI	E SHEET			
CONDENSED CONSODEDITED BILLINGS	SULLI	30 June 2005	31 December 2004	
	Notes	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	(Audited) HK\$'000	
NON-CURRENT ASSETS Fixed assets Goodwill Interests in associates		5,640 2,892 30,455	6,324 2,892 22,972	
Total non-current assets		38,987	32,188	
CURRENT ASSETS Inventories Trade and bills receivables Prepayments, deposits and other receivables Pledged deposits Cash and cash equivalents	9	118,702 276,603 30,245 37,585 109,667	108,010 195,356 36,076 32,805 156,907	
Total current assets		572,802	529,154	
CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade and bills payables Other payables and accruals Tax payable	10	334,029 82,229 380	308,548 67,479	
Total current liabilities		416,638	376,027	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		156,164	153,127	
		195,151	185,315	
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Share capital Other reserves Accumulated losses		110,056 674,634 (589,539)	110,056 674,748 (599,489)	
		195,151	185,315	

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting". The accounting policies and basis of preparation adopted in the preparation of the interim financial statements are the same as those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004, except in relation to the following new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs", which also include HKASs and Interpretations) that affect the Group and are adopted for the first time for the current period's financial state

- Presentation of Financial Statements HKAS 1
- HKAS 2 Inventories
- HKAS 7 Cash Flow Statements
- HKAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- HKAS 10 Events after the Balance Sheet Date
- HKAS 12 Income Taxes
- HKAS 16 HKAS 17 Property, Plant and Equipment
- Leases
- HKAS 18 Revenue
- HKAS 19 Employee Benefits
- HKAS 20 Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance
- HKAS 21 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates
- HKAS 23 Borrowing Costs
- HKAS 24 HKAS 27
- Related Party Disclosures Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements HKAS 28 Investments in Associates
- HKAS 32
- Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation HKAS 33 Earnings Per Share
- HKAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
- HKAS 39 HKFRS 2 Share-based Payment

- The adoption of HKASs 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 32, 33, 37 and 39 has had no material impact on the accounting policies of the Group and the method of computation in the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements. In summary,
- HKAS 1 has affected certain presentations in the condensed consolidated balance sheet and condensed consolidated incom statement. Taxes of associates attributable to the Group, which were previously included in the tax charge on the condensed consolidated income statement, are now included in the share of profits of associates.
- HKAS 24 has affected the identification of related parties and some other related-party disclosures

The adoption of HKFRS 2 has resulted in a change in the accounting policy for share-based payments. In prior periods, no recognition and measurement of share-based transactions in which employees (including directors) were granted share options over shares in the Company was required until such options were exercised by employees, at which time the share capital and share premium were credited with the proceeds received.

Upon the adoption of HKFRS 2, when employees (including directors) render services as consideration for equity instruments ("equity-settled transactions"), the cost of equity-settled transactions with employees is measured by reference to the fair value at the date at which the instruments are granted. The fair value is determined by an external valuer using a binomial model. In valuing equity-settled transactions, no account is taken of any performance conditions, other than conditions linked to the price of the shares of the Company, if applicable.

The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognised, together with a corresponding increase in equity, over the period in which the performance and/or service conditions are fulfilled, ending on the date on which the relevant employees become fully entitled to the award (the "vesting date"). The cumulative expense recognised for equity-settled transactions at each balance sheet date until the vesting date reflects the extent to which the vesting period has expired and the Group's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. The charge or credit to the income statement for a period represents the movement in cumulative expense recognised as at the beginning and end of that period.

No expense is recognised for awards that do not ultimately vest, except for awards where vesting is conditional upon a market condition, which are treated as vesting irrespective of whether or not the market condition is satisfied, provided that all other performance conditions are satisfied.

The dilutive effect of outstanding options is reflected as additional share dilution in the computation of earnings per share

The adoption of this accounting policy did not have any impact to the interim financial statements as all outstanding options as at 30 June 2005 and 2004 and 31 December 2004 were either (i) granted to employees on or before 7 November 2002; or (ii) granted after 7 November 2002 but were vested already before the effective date of this HKFRS, under which the new recognition and measurement policies are not applied.

SUMMARY OF THE IMPACT OF CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2004, the Group had elected to early adopt the following HKFRSs:

HKFRS 3 HKAS 36 "Impairment of Assets' HKAS 38 "Intangible Assets"

The results for the six months ended 30 June 2004 have been restated in accordance with the new HKFRSs

(a) Effect on equity as at 30 June 2004

	earnings (Unaudited) HK\$`000
Amortisation of goodwill — increase in equity	321
Effect on profit after tax for the six months ended 30 June 2004	
	For the six months ended 30 June 2004 (Unaudited) HK\$*000
Impairment of goodwill previously eliminated against consolidated reserves — decrease in other operating expenses, net	43,500
Amortisation of goodwill — decrease in other operating expenses, net	321
Total effect for the period	43,821
Increase in earnings per share — Basic	3.98 cents

Retained

SEGMENT INFORMATION

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

The Group is principally engaged in (i) the distribution of information products; and (ii) the provision of software solutions and services (discontinued during prior year).

The summary details of discontinued operation are as follows:

Disposal of EC-Founder Co., Ltd. — Provision of software solutions and services business

On 20 October 2004, Founder Data Corporation International Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered On 20 October 2004, Furnisher Data Corporation International Limited, a winny-ownieu substituty of the Company, emitted*) into a conditional disposal agreement with 方正軟件(蘇州)有限公司 (Founder Software (Suzhou) Company Limited*) ("Founder Suzhou"), 上海方正信息安全技術有限公司 (Shanghai Founder Information Security Technology Company Limited*) ("Shanghai Founder"), associates of Peking University Founder Group Corporation ("Peking Founder") which is a substantial shareholder of the Company, and Peking Founder to dispose of its entire equity interest in EC-Founder Co., Ltd. to Founder Suzhou and Shanghai Founder and to waive the entire outstanding balances on current accounts owed by EC-Founder Co., Ltd. to the Group at a total cash consideration of RMB13.4 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$12.6 million). The disposal was completed on 3 December 2004.

The principal activity of EC-Founder Co., Ltd. was the provision of software solutions and services in the PRC.

Discontinued operation of Beijing AdTargeting Inc. ("Beijing ADT") — Provision of software solutions and services

On 15 October 2004, the Company and Beijing ADT entered into a termination agreement with a subsidiary of a then shareholder which held 8.47% of the shares of the Company, to terminate the advertising sales representative agreement. Pursuant to the termination agreement, the subsidiary of the then shareholder paid an ex gratia payment of approximately RMB4.9 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$4.6 million) to the Company.

The principal activity of Beijing ADT was the provision of internet advertising agency services

The following table presents revenue and results for the Group's primary segments for the six months ended 30 June 2005 and 2004.

	infor	oution of mation	software and s	ision of e solutions services	_		_	
	products		(Discontinued)		Corporate		Consolidated	
	2005				2005			
								(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
								(Restated)
Revenue:								
External sales	817,205	503,656		28,055	_		817,205	531,711
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Segment results	4,783	2,945	(167	(3,561)	(2,052	(1,968) 2,564	(2,584)
Interest income							554	386
Finance costs							(61) (45)
Share of profits of associates							7,483	
Profit before tax							10,540	536
Tax							(590	(3)
Profit attributable to sharehold	ers						9,950	533
OTHER INCOME AND CA	INC							

4. OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

	ended 30 June	
	2005	2004
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest income	554	386
Gross rental income	_	156
Government grants	_	1,184
Others		16
	554	1,742
		

. FINANCE COSTS

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2005	2004
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts	61	45

6. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

Profit before tax was determined after charging the following:

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2005	2004
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Depreciation	845	1,746
Provision and write-off of doubtful trade receivables	1,240	193
Provision and write-off of obsolete inventories	1,867	263
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	44	255

7. TAX

	For the six months	
	ended 30 June	
	2005	2004
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(Restated)
Current — Hong Kong profits tax	_	3
Current — The People's Republic of China (the "PRC")		
corporate income tax	590	
Total tax charge for the period	590	3

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as the relevant Hong Kong subsidiaries did not generate any assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the period. Hong Kong profits tax had been provided at a rate of 17.5% on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during prior period.

Beijing Founder Century Information System Co., Ltd. ("PRC Century"), a wholly-owned PRC subsidiary of the Group, is exempted from PRC corporate income tax for the three fiscal years which commenced in 2002 and ended on 31 December 2004 and, thereafter, is taxed at 50% of its standard tax rate in the fourth to sixth years, inclusive. At present, the standard tax rate applicable to PRC Century is 15%.

The PRC corporate income tax provision in respect of operations in the PRC is calculated at the applicable tax rates on the estimated assessable profits for the period based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof. No provision for PRC corporate income tax had been provided in prior period as the relevant PRC subsidiaries were either under tax exemption periods or had sufficient tax losses brought forward to offset against the assessable profits arising during prior period.

Share of tax attributable to associates amounted to approximately HK\$1,073,000 (2004: HK\$1,477,000) is included in "Share of profits of associates" on the face of the condensed consolidated income statement.

8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share for the period is based on the unaudited profit attributable to shareholders of approximately HK\$9,950,000 (2004 (Restated): HK\$533,000), and the weighted average number of 1,100,562,040 (2004: 1,100,562,040) ordinary shares in issue during the period.

Diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2005 and 2004 have not been disclosed as the impact of the outstanding share options was anti-dilutive.

9. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES

The Group's trading terms with its customers are mainly on credit, except for new customers, where payment in advance is normally required. The credit period is generally for a period of one month, extending up to six months for major customers. Each customer has a maximum credit limit. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management.

 $An aged \ analysis \ of \ the \ trade \ and \ bills \ receivables, \ net \ of \ provision \ for \ impairment, \ as \ at \ the \ balance \ sheet \ date \ is \ as \ follows:$

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	30 Julie	31 December
	2005	2004
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within 6 months	259,622	178,545
7-12 months	15,898	15,306
13-24 months	1,083	1,435
Over 24 months		70
	276,603	195,356

A provision is made when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect the amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Included in the Group's trade and bills receivables are amounts due from fellow subsidiaries and related companies of approximately HK\$4,476,000 (2004: HK\$1,896,000) and HK\$1,544,000 (2004: 1,094,000) respectively, which are repayable on similar credit terms to those offered to the major customers of the Group.

10. TRADE AND BILLS PAYABLES

An aged analysis of trade and bills payables as at the balance sheet date is as follows:

30 June	31 December
2005	2004
(Unaudited)	(Audited)
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
332,801	306,497
524	1,970
704	81
334,029	308,548
	2005 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 332,801 524 704

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2005

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Overall Performance

For the six months

Following the continuous effort in restructuring and streamlining the Group's business since 2003, the Group's operating results has recorded a continuous growth for this reporting period. The turnover for the period ended 30 June 2005 has increased by 53.7% to approximately HK\$817.2 million (Six months ended 30 June 2004: HK\$531.7 million) and the gross profit for the period has increased by 11.3% to HK\$36.9 million (Six months ended 30 June 2004: HK\$33.2 million). Gross profit ratio has dropped from 6.2% to 4.5% for the periods ended 30 June 2004 and 2005 respectively mainly due to the discontinuance of other business segments having higher gross profit margin as compared to the distribution of information products business which had a much lower gross profit margin.

The profit attributable to shareholders for the period ended 30 June 2005 was approximately HK\$10.0 million (Six months ended 30 June 2004 (Restated): HK\$0.5 million).

The improvement in operating results for the period was mainly due to:

- (a) segment results of the distribution of information products business has increased by HK\$1.9 million to HK\$4.8 million;
- (b) tremendous decrease of segment loss of provision of software solutions and services business after its disposal and termination in late 2004; and
- (c) increase in share of profits of associates by HK\$4.7 million to HK\$7.5 million.

Basic earnings per share for the period ended 30 June 2005 was HK0.90 cents (Six months ended 30 June 2004 (Restated): HK0.05 cents).

OPERATING REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

$Distribution\ of\ information\ products\ ("Distribution\ Business")$

The Group recorded a turnover of HK\$817.2 million for the Distribution Business for the six months ended 30 June 2005 which was 62.3% higher than that of the six months ended 30 June 2004 and segment results also increased to HK\$4.8 million (Six months ended 30 June 2004: HK\$2.9 million). However, the gross profit ratio for the Distribution Business for this interim reporting period has dropped to 4.5% from 2004's twelve-month average gross profit ratio of 5.4%.

The Distribution Business is mainly focused on the distribution of information technology products such as switches, networking products, servers, storage devices, workstations and notebook computers of a number of internationally famed and branded information product manufacturers such as HP, 華為3COM, Netgear, Apple and IBM. The increase in turnover for the period was mainly attributable to the continued expansion in the distribution network in the PRC. At present, the Distribution Business has established a nationwide distribution channel and network with branch offices/representative offices spanning 14 major cities in the PRC (as at 30 June 2004: 12 branch offices/representative offices).

The Distribution Business was ranked the 5th place in 2005 by Computer Partner World (電腦商報) of the PRC among the top 200 information products distribution enterprises in the PRC's information products distribution business. In addition, the Distribution Business was ranked the 6th and 7th places by China Information World (中國計算機報) in 2005 as one of PRC's top 100 largest and top 100 dominant information products distributors respectively.

Despite having obtained an encouraging growth in the sales of information products, the Group's operation in the Distribution Business is faced with severe competition and recorded a descending trend of gross profit ratio for the six months ended 30 June 2005 of 4.52% as compared with the gross profit ratio for the first half and second half of 2004 of 5.50% and 5.35% respectively. However, the Group's continuous effort to control operating costs was proved to be successful, total selling and administrative expenses of the Distribution Business for the six months ended 30 June 2005 compared to the first half and second half of 2004 has recorded an increase of 31.0% and decrease of 7.5% respectively. On the other hand, total selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of total turnover of the Distribution Business improved to 3.78% from 2004's first half and second half of 4.7% and 4.8% respectively. As a result, the Group is able to maintain its profitability in the Distribution Business

To sustain a high rate of growth in the Distribution Business, more working capital will be required to support the distribution chain. The control on operating costs, trade accounts receivable and payables, and inventories will be vital to the future growth of the Distribution Business. In addition, the Group believes that the continuous exploration and co-operation with international information products manufacturers would help the Group to expand its present product range and level of recognition among the information products distributors in the PRC.

Software solutions and services business ("Software Business")

The Software Business

In view of the poor operating performance in the past, the Software Business was disposed of and terminated during the second half of 2004. As a result, no turnover was recorded for the six months ended 30 June 2005 and segment loss for the Software Business has decreased by 95.3% to approximately HK\$0.2 million (Six months ended 30 June 2004: HK\$3.6 million).

Employee and remuneration policies

As at 30 June 2005, the Group had 354 employees. These employees almost all work in the Mainland China. The Company has also established share option schemes and share options are granted at the Directors' discretion to motivate and reward the employees with outstanding performance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Liquidity, financial resources and capital commitments

As at 30 June 2005, the Group recorded total assets of approximately HK\$611.8 million (31 December 2004: HK\$561.3 million) which were financed by liabilities of approximately HK\$416.6 million (31 December 2004: HK\$376.0 million) and equity of approximately HK\$195.2 million (31 December 2004: HK\$185.3 million). The Group's net asset value as at 30 June 2005 was approximately HK\$195.2 million (31 December 2004: HK\$185.3 million).

The Group had total cash and bank balance of approximately HK\$147.3 million as at 30 June 2005 (31 December 2004: HK\$189.7 million). The Group had no bank loan and overdraft as at 30 June 2005 (31 December 2004: Nil), hence the Group recorded a net cash balance of approximately HK\$147.3 million as at 30 June 2005 (31 December 2004: HK\$189.7 million). As at 30 June 2005, the Group's current ratio was 1.37 (31 December 2004: 1.41) and the Group had no long-term debt as at 30 June 2005 (31 December 2004: Nil)

As at 30 June 2005, the Group did not have any material capital expenditure commitments (31 December 2004: Nil).

Treasury policies

The Group adopts conservative treasury policies and controls tightly over its cash and risk management. The Group's cash and cash equivalents are held mainly in Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi and United States dollars. Surplus cash is generally placed in short-term deposits denominated in Hong Kong dollars and United States dollars.

Exposure to fluctuations in exchange rates and related hedges

Most of the Group's payables are denominated in Hong Kong dollars and United States dollars and the turnover of the Group are mainly denominated in Renminbi and United States dollars. As the exchange rates of Renminbi and United States dollars against Hong Kong dollars were relatively stable during the period under review, the Group's exposure to fluctuations in exchange rates is considered minimal and no financial instruments have been used for hedging purposes.

Charges on asset

As at 30 June 2005, bank deposits of approximately HK\$37.6 million were pledged to banks to secure general banking facilities granted.

Contingent liabilities

The Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2005.

PURCHASE, SALE AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the period.

CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

In the opinion of the directors, the Company complied with the code provisions as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") (the "Code") throughout the six months ended 30 June 2005, except for deviations in respect of (i) the service term and the rotation of directors under code provisions A.4.1 and A.4.2 of the Code; (ii) establishment of a remuneration committee under code provision B.1.1 of the Code; and (iii) the chairman of the Board should attend the annual general meeting under code provision E.1.2 of the Code.

- (i) Under code provision A.4.1 of the Code, non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term and be subject to re-election. Under code provision A.4.2 of the Code, all directors appointed to fill a casual vacancy should be subject to election by shareholders at the first general meeting after their appointment, and every director, including those appointed for a specific term, should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.
 - None of the existing non-executive directors of the Company was appointed for a specific term when they were appointed, which constitutes a deviation from code provision A.4.1 of the Code. To comply with code provision A.4.1 of the Code, the Company has entered into service contracts with all existing non-executive directors for a fixed term of one year on 30 June 2005.
 - Furthermore, according to the Bye-laws of the Company, one third of the directors are subject to retirement by rotation at each annual general meeting and the Chairman or Managing Director of the Company is not subject to retirement by rotation, which constitutes a deviation from code provision A.4.2 of the Code. To comply with code provision A.4.2 of the Code, relevant amendments to the Byelaws of the Company will be proposed for the shareholders' approval at the forthcoming general meeting.
- (ii) Under code provision B.1.1 of the Code, a remuneration committee should be established with specific written terms of reference which deal clearly with its authority and duties.
 - To comply with code provision B.1.1 of the Code, the Company has established a remuneration committee and adopted its own terms of reference on 30 June 2005.
- (iii) The chairman of the Board had not attended the annual general meeting of the Company held on 27 May 2005. The chairman will endeavour to attend all future annual general meetings of the Company unless unexpected or special circumstances prevent him from doing so.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS OF LISTED ISSUERS (THE "MODEL CODE")

The Company has adopted the Model Code as the Company's code of conduct for dealings in securities of the Company by the directors. Based on specific enquiry of the Company's directors, the directors have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 June 2005

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has an audit committee which was established in compliance with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules for the purpose of reviewing and providing supervision over the Group's financial reporting process and internal controls. The audit committee comprises the three independent non-executive directors of the Company. These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2005 of the Group now reported have been reviewed by the audit committee.

By Order of the Board
EC-FOUNDER (HOLDINGS) COMPANY LIMITED
Zhang Zhao Dong
Chairman

Hong Kong, 23 September 2005

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of the Company comprises the executive directors of Mr Zhang Zhao Dong, Mr Cheung Shuen Lung, Professor Wei Xin, Mr Xia Yang Jun and Mr Xie Ke Hai, a non-executive director of Mr Yung Chih Shin, Richard and the independent non-executive directors of Mr Li Fat Chung, Ms Wong Lam Kit Yee and Ms Cao Qian.