# STELUX Holdings International Limited 實光實業(國際)有限公司\*

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Stock Code: 84

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

The directors of Stelux Holdings International Limited (the "Company") are pleased to report the interim results and financial information of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the six months ended 30th September 2006 as follows:

Unaudited

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the six months ended 30th September 2006

Six months ended 30th September 2006 2005 Restated Note HK\$'000 HK\$'000 **Continuing operations:** 2 812,740 660,346 Revenues Cost of sales (324,799)(229,874)487,941 430,472 Gross profit Fair value gains of investment properties 36,660 Compensation received from arbitration 38,489 40,559 18,209 Other gains 3 (365,444)(320,106)Selling expenses General and administrative expenses (87,952)(82,154)Other operating expenses (19,775)(2,157)Operating profit 72,947 101,795 Finance costs (11,007)(12,875)61,940 Profit before taxation 4 88,920 5 (18,725)(12,138)Taxation charge 43,215 76,782 Profit from continuing operations

<sup>\*</sup> For identification purpose only

<b>Discontinued operation:</b> Loss from discontinued operation		_	(7,908)
Profit for the period		43,215	68,874
Attributable to: Equity holders of the Company  - Continuing operations  - Discontinued operation Minority interests-continuing operations		42,677 - 538	76,782 (7,908)
		43,215	68,874
Dividend	6	10,465	9,513
Earnings per share from continuing operations  - Basic	7	HK cents 4.49	HK cents 8.07
– Diluted		N/A	N/A
Loss per share from discontinued operation  – Basic	7		(0.83)
– Diluted		N/A	N/A
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED B At 30th September 2006 and 31st Ma		6	
		Unaudited 30th September 2006	31st March 2006
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets  Property, plant and equipment Investment properties Prepayment of lease premium Intangible assets Deferred tax assets Available-for-sale financial assets		178,874 34,648 146,518 24,849 21,113 10,920	130,380 34,340 146,877 22,036 21,840 10,920
		416,922	366,393

Current assets			
Stocks		500,682	456,827
Debtors and prepayments	8	290,677	303,926
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		104	90,851
Bank balances and cash		105,632	142,858
		897,095	994,462
Total assets		1,314,017	1,360,855
EQUITY			
Capital and reserves attributable to			
the equity holders of the Compan	у	05.124	05.104
Share capital		95,134	95,134 525,873
Reserves Declared interim/proposed final		562,992	525,873
dividend		10,465	26,638
Shareholders' funds		668,591	647,645
Minority interests		6,480	6,777
Total equity		675,071	654,422
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities		( (()	2.407
Deferred tax liabilities		6,660 44,183	3,486 35,976
Borrowings		·	
		50,843	39,462
Current liabilities	0	206.451	211 120
Creditors and accruals	9	296,471	311,120
Taxation payable Current portion of borrowings		31,466 260,166	26,687 329,164
current perturb or correwings		588,103	666,971
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Total liabilities		638,946	706,433
Total equity and liabilities		1,314,017	1,360,855
Net current assets		308,992	327,491
Total assets less current liabilities		725,914	693,884

# NOTES TO CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# 1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial information have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" and other relevant HKASs and Interpretations, the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the applicable requirements of Appendix 16 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

The condensed interim consolidated financial information should be read in conjunction with the 2006 annual financial statements.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of these condensed interim consolidated financial information are consistent with those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2006 except for the adoption of new and revised HKASs and HKFRSs which are effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1st April 2006 as set out below:

HKAS 39 (Amendment)	Cash flow hedges accounting for forecast intragroup transactions
HKAS 39 (Amendment)	The fair value option
HKAS 39 and HKFRS 4 (Amendment)	Financial guarantee contracts
HKFRS 6	Exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources
HKFRS Interpretation 4	Determining whether an arrangement contains a lease
HKFRS Interpretation 5	Rights to interests arising from decommissioning, restoration and environmental rehabilitation funds
HKFRS Interpretation 6	Liabilities arising from participating in a specific market – waste electrical and electronic equipment

The adoption of the above new and revised accounting standards has no material impact on the Group's balance sheet and profit and loss account.

# 2.

**Segment information**Primary reporting format – business segments

Six	months	ended	<b>30th</b>	Sei	ptember	2006
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	Continuing operations		Discontinued operation				
	Retail and	l trading			Retail and trading		
	<b>Watch</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000	Optical HK\$'000	Property HK\$'000	Sub-total HK\$'000		Hipo.fant HK\$'000	Group Total HK\$'000
Revenues							
Gross segment Inter-segment	513,662	297,329	5,161 (3,412)	816,152 (3,412)		816,152 (3,412)	
	513,662	297,329	1,749	812,740		812,740	
Segment results	30,425	27,752	1,841	60,018		60,018	
Unallocated income Net corporate expenses				30,527 (17,598)	_ ) _	30,527 (17,598)	
Operating profit Finance costs				72,947 (11,007)		72,947 (11,007)	
Profit before taxation Taxation charge				61,940 (18,725)		61,940 (18,725)	
Profit after taxation				43,215		43,215	

# Six months ended 30th September 2005 Discontinued

		Continuing	operations		operation	
	Retail and trading				Retail and trading	
	Watch HK\$'000	Optical HK\$'000	<b>Property</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000	Sub-total HK\$'000	Hipo.fant HK\$'000	Group Total HK\$'000
Revenues Gross segment Inter-segment	414,387	232,051	19,348 (5,440)	665,786 (5,440)	40,979	706,765 (5,440)
	414,387	232,051	13,908	660,346	40,979	701,325
Segment results	9,038	17,270	87,333	113,641	(7,811)	105,830
Unallocated income Net corporate expenses				8,069 (19,915)	_ )	8,069 (19,915)

Operating profit/(loss) Finance costs	101,795	(7,811)	93,984
	(12,875)	(97)	(12,972)
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	88,920	(7,908)	81,012
Taxation charge	(12,138)		(12,138)
Profit/(Loss) after taxation	76,782	(7,908)	68,874

Secondary reporting format – geographical segments Continuing operations

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(3,765)
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# Discontinued operation

1	Six months ended 30th September				
	Turn	over	<b>Segment Results</b>		
	2006 2005		2006	2005	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Hong Kong	_	36,980	_	(4,428)	
South East and Far East Asia	_	1,138	_	(503)	
Mainland China	_	2,861	_	(2,880)	
	_	40,979	_	(7,811)	

# 3. Other gains

		Six months ended 30th September		
		2006	2005	
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Building management fee income		1,433	5,332	
Dividend income		1,381	4	
Interest income		2,334	2,668	
Gain on disposal of financial assets at fair				
value through profit or loss	Note	29,250	_	
Fair value gain on financial assets at fair value				
through profit or loss		_	8,000	
Sundries		6,161	2,205	
		40,559	18,209	

Note: On 23rd August 2006, the Group disposed of its entire holding of 30 million shares of a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss at HK\$4 per share, attributable to a gain of HK\$29,250,000 recorded in the six months ended 30th September 2006.

# 4. Expenses by nature

Expenses included in arriving the profit/(loss) before taxation are analysed as follows:

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2006	2005
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Continuing operations:		
Depreciation		
Owned property, plant and equipment	25,027	22,314
Leased property, plant and equipment	243	185
Amortisation of prepayment of lease premium	4,462	4,445
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	411	225
Write-down of stocks to net realisable value	1,588	2,902
Reversal of stock write downs	(775)	(4,670)
Impairment of debtors and bad debts written off	800	1,090
Discontinued operation:		
Depreciation		
Owned property, plant and equipment	_	814
Leased property, plant and equipment	_	35
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	_	164
Write-down of stocks to net realisable value	_	3,263
Reversal of stock write downs		(7,217)

# 5. Taxation charge

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 17.5% (2005: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the period less relief for available tax losses. Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profits for the period at the rates of taxation prevailing in the territories in which the Group operates.

The amount of taxation charged to the consolidated profit and loss account represents:

Six months ended 30th September		
2006	2005	
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
5,227	_	
10,654	4,009	
(929)	195	
14,952	4,204	
3,773	7,934	
18,725	12,138	
Six mont	hs ended	
30th Sep	otember	
2006	2005	
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
10,465	9,513	
	30th Sep 2006 HK\$'000 5,227 10,654 (929) 14,952 3,773 18,725 Six mont 30th Sep 2006 HK\$'000	

At a meeting held on 14th December 2006, the directors declared an interim dividend of HK\$0.011 per ordinary share. This dividend is not recognized as a liability at the balance sheet date, but will be reflected as an appropriation of retained earnings for the year ending 31st March 2007.

# 7. Earnings per share

Basic

Basic earnings/(loss) per share is calculated by dividing the Group's profit/ (loss) attributable to equity holders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2006	2005
Weighted average number of ordinary shares		
in issue (thousands)	951,340	951,340
Group's profit from continuing operations		
attributable to equity holders (HK\$'000)	42,677	76,782
Basic earnings per share from continuing operation		
(HK cents per share)	4.49	8.07

Loss from discontinued operation attributable to equity holders (HK\$'000)		(7,908)
Basic loss per share from discontinued operation (HK cents per share)	_	(0.83)

#### Diluted

The diluted earnings/(loss) per share is calculated by dividing the Group's profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares which is adjusted for the weighted average number of shares deemed to be issued at no consideration if all outstanding options had been exercised. There were no potential ordinary shares as at 30th September 2006 and 2005.

# 8. Debtors and prepayments

The Group allows an average credit period of 60 days to its trade debtors. Included in debtors and prepayments are trade debtors (net of impairment of debtors) with the following aging analysis:

	30th September	31st March
	<b>2006</b> HK\$'000	<b>2006</b> HK\$'000
Trade debtors Below 60 days	54,933	86,340
Over 60 days	13,721	15,098
Deposits, prepayments and other debtors	68,654 222,023	101,438 202,488
	290,677	303,926

#### 9. Creditors and accruals

Included in creditors and accruals are trade creditors with the following aging analysis:

	30th September 2006 HK\$'000	31st March 2006 HK\$'000
Trade creditors Below 60 days Over 60 days	103,810 52,021	110,359 34,606
Other creditors and accruals	155,831 140,640	144,965 166,155
	296,471	311,120

#### 10. Commitments

30th 31st September March 2006 2006 HK\$'000 HK\$'000

Capital commitments for property, plant and equipment:

Contracted but not provided for

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# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS Review of Group Operations

For the first six months ended 30th September 2006, the Group announces a net contribution to its shareholders of HK\$42.7 million after tax and minority interests. During the same period last year, the Group announced a net profit of HK\$68.8 million which included two major sources of non-recurring income. For the first six months of this financial year, the Group's watch and optical businesses reported a growth in profits. Group turnover was up 16% compared to last year from HK\$701 million (restated) to HK\$813 million.

The Directors have proposed that an interim dividend of HK\$0.011 per share, representing an increase of 10% compared to the first six months ended 30th September 2005, be payable to its shareholders.

#### **Watch Retail Business**

The Group's watch retail business comprising of "City Chain", "Moments" and "Genie" generally returned a better performance compared to the same period last year with a year on year increase in turnover of 16%. Profits before tax for this sector was HK\$18 million compared to a loss of nearly HK\$3 million during the same time last year.

Our operations in Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand returned stellar performances in all instances, vastly improved compared to last year. There was an overall increase in turnover of 21% and profits of almost HK\$20 million compared to profits of HK\$3.9 million last year. Without accounting for foreign exchange gains, our Thai, Malaysian and Singapore operations alone reported an average year on year growth in profits of 75%. We are confident that all these operations will continue to report good results for the second half of the financial year.

Our Hong Kong and Macau operations reported a gain in turnover up by 8% from last year returning a profit of HK\$4.2 million compared to breakeven results last year. Turnover growth in Macau was very satisfactory but turnover growth in Hong Kong was less than expected. Heavy reliance on mainland solo visitors, (with a drop in arrivals reported during the period under review), impacted on Hong Kong's turnover growth. We expect the performance of our Macau operations to continue its good performance for the rest of the year. In view of resurgent local consumption sentiment, we expect our Hong Kong operations to catch up in the second half of the financial year.

Operations in the Mainland returned a significantly improved turnover up by 108% compared to the corresponding period last year. However, due to high setting up costs, losses widened from last year. We expect results to improve when critical mass is reached within one to two years and are confident that this segment will become a profit contributor.

# **Optical Retail Business**

The optical retail segment of the Group's business consisting of "Optical 88", "INSIGHT" and "IZE", reported significant growth compared to the same period last year – with a 28% increase in turnover to HK\$297 million and a 64% increase in profits to HK\$25 million before tax.

Operations in Hong Kong and Macau generated profits of nearly HK\$19 million before tax. Increased market share, enhancement of shop image together with constant improvements made to product mix contributed to the pleasing results.

Operations in Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia all performed well, despite increased oil prices in these countries and the political uncertainty in Thailand reporting an overall turnover increase of 31% and profits of HK\$8 million. Likewise, without accounting for foreign exchange gains, our Thai, Malaysian and Singapore operations reported an average year on year growth in profits of 88%.

Our optical business in the Mainland also reported a significant growth in turnover up by 118%. However, due also to high set up costs, losses were also reported for the first six months. Like our watch retail business on the Mainland, we are confident that this segment will also be a profit contributor when critical mass is reached within the next one to two years.

Growth in the optical business is expected to continue during the second half of the financial year.

# Watch Assembly, Wholesale and Export Trading

Our export trading unit reported a huge drop in turnover and a loss of nearly HK\$5 million as negotiations on new watch licences, to replace a previous licensed brand, has taken longer than expected. Performance at this unit is expected to improve over the next 18 months when more licences are signed and new products are launched. The decrease in turnover has also impacted on our watch assembly unit since it also produces for our export trading unit. A loss of around HK\$2 million was reported but is expected to narrow in the next six months. We have already undertaken measures to cut costs at these two subsidiaries and will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Our Swiss subsidiary, Universal Geneve S.A., reported a wider than expected loss of HK\$6.7 million. This was due mainly to developmental costs for the second generation "MICROTOR" movement to be launched at the Basel Watch Fair 2007. Research and development costs for this movement will continue to be incurred and expensed over the next six months. The situation at Universal Geneve S.A. will continue to be periodically reviewed.

The Group's wholesale arm, the Thong Sia Group operating in Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and recently in Taiwan reported an overall profit and was a major profit contributor to the Group's performance. Without accounting for seasonal factors, there was a 34% growth in profits for the first six months ended 30th September 2006 compared to the last six months of the previous financial year. The improved performance was the result of the synergy effect brought on by the acquisition. For the second half of this financial year, which traditionally outperforms the first half, the good performance is expected to continue.

# **Investment Holding**

During the period under review, the Group disposed of 30 million shares in Xinyu Hengdeli ("Xinyu") at HK\$4.00 per share. These shares were acquired at the time of Xinyu's initial public offering at a price of HK\$1.32 per share. As a result of this disposal, a gain of HK\$29.25 million before tax has been realized for the period ended 30th September 2006.

### **FINANCE**

The Group's bank borrowings at balance sheet date were HK\$288 million (at 31st March 2006: HK\$322 million), out of which, HK\$243 million (at 31st March 2006: HK\$286 million) were repayable within 12 months. The Group's gearing ratio at balance sheet date was 0.43 (at 31st March 2006: 0.50), which was calculated based on the Group's bank borrowings and shareholders' funds of HK\$669 million (at 31st March 2006: HK\$648 million).

Of the Group's bank borrowings, 12% (at 31st March 2006: 10%) were denominated in foreign currencies. The Group's bank borrowings denominated in Hong Kong Dollars were on a floating rate basis at either bank prime lending rates or short term inter-bank offer rates.

The Group does not engage in speculative derivative trading.

The Group does not use any financial instruments for hedging purposes.

As at 30th September 2006, the Group does not have any significant contingent liabilities.

For the current financial period, the Group does not have plans for material investments or change of capital assets.

### CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF THE GROUP

There was no change in the capital structure of the Group during the period.

# CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD

During the period, a 2% equity interest stake in each of Thong Sia Watch Company Limited and Thong Sia Sdn Bhd were acquired at a total consideration of HK\$1,393,000. There were no other significant acquisitions during the period under review.

#### SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

An analysis of the Group's segment turnover and segment results by business activities and markets is shown in note 2 to the interim financial statements.

# NUMBER AND REMUNERATION OF EMPLOYEES, REMUNERATION POLICIES, BONUS AND TRAINING SCHEMES

The Group's remuneration policies are reviewed on a regular basis and remuneration packages are in line with market practices in the relevant countries where the Group operates. As of 30th September 2006, the Group had 2,565 (at 30th September 2005: 2,479) employees.

# DETAILS OF THE CHARGES ON GROUP ASSETS

At 30th September 2006, certain of the Group's land and buildings amounting to HK\$55 million (at 31st March 2006: HK\$14 million), investment properties amounting to HK\$34 million (31st March 2006: HK\$33 million) and leasehold land amounting to HK\$99 million (31st March 2006: HK\$101 million) were pledged to secure banking facilities granted to the Group.

### CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 29th January 2007 (Monday) to 2nd February 2007 (Friday) both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the entitlement to the interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong Registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:00 p.m. on 26th January 2007 (Friday). The interim dividend will be paid on 15th February 2007 (Thursday).

# PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

The Company has not redeemed any of its shares during the period. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased or sold any of the Company's shares during the period.

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

During the six months ended 30th September 2006, the Company has complied with the code provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code Provisions") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, except for the following deviations:—

### **Code Provision A.4.2**

Under 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. Not all Directors of the Company retire strictly under Code Provision A.4.2 but in accordance with the Company's Bye-Laws. Bye-Law 110(A) stipulates that one-third of the Directors of the Company who have been longest serving in office since their last election, except the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Chief Executive Officer, shall retire from office by rotation at each annual general meeting.

### **Code Provision B.1.3**

This Code Provision deals with the terms of reference of the remuneration committee. The Company has adopted the terms of reference under Code Provision B.1.3 except that the terms of reference do not include reviewing and determining the remunerations packages of senior management. The Company believes that the remuneration packages of senior management should be the responsibility of the executive directors as they are in a better position to appraise the performance of senior management.

### Code Provision E.1.2

Under the first part of Code Provision E.1.2, the Chairman of the Board should attend annual general meetings. The Chairman of the Board did not attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 6th September 2006 as he was not in Hong Kong.

### **Internal Controls**

Pursuant to Code Provision C.2.1, the directors will conduct an annual review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control of the issuer and its subsidiaries before 31st March 2007. The review will cover all material controls, including financial, operational and compliance controls and risk management functions.

### **Audit Committee**

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, the Company has set up an audit committee with written terms of reference comprising three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Wu Chun Sang, Prof. Lawrence Wu Chi Man and Dr. Agnes Kwong Yi Hang (appointed on 6th September 2006). The principal responsibilities of the Audit Committee include the review and supervision of the Group's financial reporting process and internal controls.

A meeting of the Audit Committee was held on 9th December 2006 to review the Group's results for the six months ended 30th September 2006 before they were presented to the board of directors for approval.

#### **Remuneration Committee**

The Remuneration Committee held a meeting on 14th March 2006 to conduct an annual review of the remuneration packages of the Company's executive directors.

Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies contained in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules (the "Model Code") as the code of conduct regarding director's securities transactions.

The Company has also made specific enquiry of all its directors to ascertain whether they have complied with or whether there has been any non-compliance with the required standard set out in the Model Code.

All directors complied with the provisions of the Model Code during the six months ended 30th September 2006.

# DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE'S WEBSITE

A detailed announcement of the results of the Group for the six months ended 30th September 2006 containing all the information required by paragraph 46(1) to 46(6) of Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules will be published on the website of the Stock Exchange (http://www.hkex.com.hk) in due course.

On behalf of the Board **Joseph C. C. Wong** 

Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 14th December 2006

Directors of the Company as at the date hereof:

Executive directors:

Wong Chong Po (Chairman),

Chumphol Kanjanapas (alias Joseph C. C. Wong)

(Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer),

Anthony Chu Kai Wah, Stan Lee Shu Chung and Vincent Lau Tak Bui.

Non-Executive directors:

Sakorn Kanjanapas, Wu Chun Sang (independent),

Lawrence Wu Chi Man (independent) and

Agnes Kwong Yi Hang (independent-appointed on 6th September 2006).