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VEEKO INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

威高國際控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1173)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2015

UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Veeko International Holdings Limited (the "Company") announces the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30th September, 2015. The results, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2014, are summarised below:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30th September, 2015

		Six months ended		
		30th September,		
		2015	2014	
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Turnover	3	1,066,045	862,357	
Cost of goods sold		(602,017)	(466,141)	
Gross profit		464,028	396,216	
Selling and distribution costs		(343,388)	(298,803)	
Administrative expenses		(66,213)	(60,122)	
Other income, gains and losses		(1,369)	5,591	
Finance costs		(1,733)	(1,210)	

Six months ended 30th September,

		John St	cptember,
		2015	2014
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit before tax		51,325	41,672
Income tax expense	4	(9,837)	(5,562)
Profit for the period	5	41,488	36,110
Other comprehensive income Item that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss: Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	n	2,700	(241)
Total comprehensive income for the perio	d	44,188	35,869
Dividends	6	31,055	20,850
Earnings per share Basic	7	HK1.737 cents	HK1.559 cents
Diluted		HK1.728 cents	HK1.555 cents

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30th September, 2015

		30th September, 2015	31st March, 2015
	Notes	(Unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> '000	(Audited) HK\$'000
Non-current Assets			
Investment properties		6,497	2,400
Property, plant and equipment		234,166	148,692
Prepaid lease payments		7,405	7,722
Rental deposits paid Deposits paid for acquisition of property,		81,732	63,135
plant and equipment		_	59,892
Deposits paid for acquisition of investment properties		_	2,517
Deferred tax assets		8,483	9,893
		338,283	294,251
Current Assets			
Inventories		515,888	449,580
Trade and other receivables	8	45,424	56,442
Prepaid lease payments		256	262
Rental and utility deposits paid		49,399	45,943
Pledged bank deposits		6,341	6,500
Bank balances, deposits and cash		92,612	76,879
		709,920	635,606
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	88,023	78,185
Rental deposits received		17	12
Secured bank borrowings			
– due within one year		147,546	82,487
Tax payable		18,909	14,476
		254,495	175,160
Net Current Assets		455,425	460,446
		793,708	754,697

	30th September, 2015 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31st March, 2015 (Audited) <i>HK</i> \$'000
Capital and Reserves		
Share capital	23,888	23,888
Reserves	765,804	721,233
	789,692	745,121
Non-current Liabilities		
Secured bank borrowings		E 145
– due after one year	-	5,145
Deferred tax liabilities	4,016	4,431
	4,016	9,576
	793,708	754,697

NOTES TO CONDENSED INTERIM ACCOUNTS

1. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30th September, 2015 have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34, "Interim Financial Reporting", issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), and the applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange") ("Listing Rules").

2. BASIC OF PREPARATION

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

Except as described below, the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30th September, 2015 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 2015.

Application of New and Revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs")

In the current interim period, the Group has applied the following new and revised HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA that are relevant for the preparation of the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKAS 19 Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions

Amendments to HKFRSs Annual Improvements to HKFRS 2010 - 2012 Cycle

Amendments to HKFRSs Annual Improvements to HKFRS 2011 - 2013 Cycle

The application of the new and 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.

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Operating Segments

Information reported to the executive directors of the Company, being the chief operating decision makers, for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on types of goods delivered. No operating segment have been aggregated in arriving at the reporting segments of the Group as identified by the chief operating decision makers.

The Group's reportable and operating segments under HKFRS 8 "Operating Segments" are Cosmetics and Fashion, of which principal activities are as follows:

Cosmetics - Sales of cosmetics

Fashion – Manufacture and sales of ladies fashion

Segment Revenue and Results

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable and operating segments.

		Unaudited six r	nonths ended 30t	th September, 201	15
	Cosmetics	Fashion	Segment Total	Eliminations	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
TURNOVER					
External sales	826,938	239,107	1,066,045	_	1,066,045
Inter-segment sales		119	119	(119)	
	826,938	239,226	1,066,164	(119)	1,066,045
Inter-segment sales are charged	l at prevaili	ng market rate	es.		
SEGMENT PROFIT (LOSS)	58,098	(2,682)	55,416	-	55,416
Other income, gains and losses					216
Central administration costs					(2,574)
Finance costs					(1,733)
Profit before tax					51,325
		Unaudited six	months ended 30t	h September, 2014	1
	Cosmetics	Unaudited six Fashion	months ended 30t Segment Total	h September, 2014 Eliminations	Consolidated
	Cosmetics HK\$'000			•	
TURNOVER		Fashion	Segment Total	Eliminations	Consolidated
TURNOVER External sales		Fashion	Segment Total	Eliminations	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	Fashion <i>HK</i> \$'000	Segment Total HK\$'000	Eliminations	Consolidated HK\$'000
External sales	HK\$'000	Fashion <i>HK\$'000</i> 244,071	Segment Total <i>HK\$'000</i> 862,357	Eliminations HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
External sales	HK\$'000 618,286 - 618,286	Fashion HK\$'000 244,071 66 244,137	862,357 66 862,423	Eliminations	Consolidated <i>HK</i> \$'000 862,357
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Other Segment Information

Amounts included in the measure of segment profit or regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision makers:

		Unaudited six	months ended 30th	September, 20	15
	Cosmetics		Segment Total	Corporate	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Capital expenditure	102,812	4,984	107,796	109	107,905
Depreciation of property,					
plant and equipment	12,001	7,454	19,455	1,258	20,713
		Unaudited six	months ended 30th	September, 201	4
	Cosmetics	Fashion	Segment Total	Corporate	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Capital expenditure	14,290	7,709	21,999	-	21,999
Depreciation of property,					
plant and equipment	9,873	9,015	18,888	1,244	20,132

4. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

INCOME TAX EXI ENDE	Six months ended		
	30th September,		
	2015		
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
The expense comprises:			
Profits tax			
Hong Kong Profits Tax	7,801	4,028	
Other jurisdictions	1,213	642	
Deferred tax	823	892	
	9,837	5,562	

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profits for both periods. Taxation arising in other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

5. PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD

(2014: HK0.9 cent) per share

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	Six mont	hs ended	
	30th September,		
	2015	2014	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Profit for the period has been arrived at after charging:			
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	130	132	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	20,713	20,132	
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	518	274	
and after crediting:			
Bank interest income	134	303	
Net exchange (loss) gain	(4,349)	3,964	
Rental income	924	43	
DIVIDENDS			
	Six month		
	30th Sep		
	2015	2014	
	(Unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> '000	(Unaudited) <i>HK</i> \$'000	
Dividends recognised as distribution during the period:			
2015 final dividend of HK1.3 cents			

The 2015 final dividend of HK1.3 cents per share in cash has been approved in the annual general meeting held on 2nd September, 2015. HK\$31,055,000 cash dividend has been paid on 13th October, 2015.

31,055

20,850

7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Six months ended 30th September,

som september,		
2014		
(Unaudited)		

Earnings:

Profit for the period and earnings for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	HK\$41,488,000	HK\$36,110,000
Number of shares:		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	2,388,884,410	2,316,537,410
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares: Share options	11,529,680	4,890,357
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted earnings per share	2,400,414,090	2,321,427,767

8. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

At 30th September, 2015, included in the Group's trade and other receivables were trade receivables of HK\$22,074,000 (31st March, 2015: HK\$25,416,000). The Group allows a 30 to 60 days credit period for receivables from sales counters and a credit period of 60 to 120 days to its wholesale customers. The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

	30th September,	31st March,
	2015	2015
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within 30 days	13,097	17,227
31 – 60 days	1,134	1,482
61 – 90 days	403	275
Over 90 days	7,440	6,432
	22,074	25,416

9. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

At 30th September, 2015, included in the Group's trade and other payables were trade payables of HK\$33,666,000 (31st March, 2015: HK\$29,464,000). Details of the aged analysis of trade payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	30th September,	31st March,
	2015	2015
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within 30 days	26,323	23,222
31 – 60 days	3,454	1,433
61 – 90 days	1,601	2,431
Over 90 days	2,288	2,378
	33,666	29,464

INTERIM DIVIDEND

At the Board Meeting held on 27th November, 2015, the Board has resolved to declare the payment of an interim dividend of HK0.80 cent (2015: HK0.70 cent) per share of HK\$0.01 each for the financial year ending 31st March, 2016. The interim dividend will be payable on or about Wednesday, 27th January, 2016, to the shareholders whose names appeared on the register of members of the Company on Friday, 18th December, 2015.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

In order to ascertain the entitlement to the interim dividend for the year ending 31st March, 2016, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 16th December, 2015 to Friday, 18th December, 2015 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. The last day for dealing in shares cum entitlement to the interim dividend for the year ending 31st March, 2016 will be Friday, 11th December, 2015. Shareholders are reminded that in order to qualify for the entitlement of the interim dividend for the year ending 31st March, 2016, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with the Company's share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited, at Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th December, 2015.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS BUSINESS REVIEW

For the six months ended 30th September, 2015, the Group recorded a turnover of HK\$1,066,045,000 (2014: HK\$862,357,000), representing an increase of 23.6% as compared with the corresponding period of last year. Included in the amount of turnover was HK\$826,938,000 (2014: HK\$618,286,000) generated by the cosmetics business, representing an increase of 33.7% over the same period last year and accounting for 77.6% (2014: 71.7%) of the Group's total turnover. Turnover of the fashion business reached HK\$239,107,000 (2014: HK\$244,071,000), representing a decrease of 2% as compared with the same period in the preceding year. The gross profit margin of the fashion business was 70.5%, representing a decrease of 1.2 percentage points as compared with 71.7% for the corresponding period of last year. The gross profit margin of the cosmetics business for the period was 35.7%, which was similar with the 35.8% for the corresponding period of last year. Profit attributable to shareholders for the period amounted to HK\$41,488,000 (2014: HK\$36,110,000), representing an increase of 14.9% as compared with the corresponding period of last year. One of the reasons was that the cosmetics business recorded a segment profit of HK\$58,098,000 for the current period, representing a significant increase of 56.2% over that for the same period last year, which was HK\$37,191,000. The fashion business recorded a segment loss of HK\$2,682,000 for the current period, representing a decrease of HK\$10,655,000 or 133.6% as compared to a profit of HK\$7,973,000 for the same period last year, mainly attributable to the exchange loss of HK\$5,431,000 as a result of the significant depreciation in the currencies of overseas markets, including New Taiwan Dollar, Singapore Dollar and Renminbi, while an exchange gain of HK\$1,793,000 was recorded for the same period last year. Excluding the impact of exchange gain or loss of HK\$7,224,000 in aggregate for both periods, the fashion business recorded a profit of HK\$2,749,000 for the current period, representing a decrease of HK\$3,431,000 or 55.5% as compared with the profit of HK\$6,180,000 for the same period last year.

Cosmetics Business

As of 30th September, 2015, the Group had established 82 Colourmix stores (30th September, 2014: 76 stores), of which 77 stores were situated in Hong Kong, 4 stores were situated in Macau and 1 store was situated in China. In August 2015, the Group commenced an additional cosmetics retail business by establishing MORIMOR cosmetics stores, and had established 1 store in Hong Kong as of 30th September, 2015. The expansion will continue in the future. For the period under review, cosmetics retail business recorded a turnover of HK\$826,938,000 (2014: HK\$618,286,000), representing an increase of 33.7%, and accounting for 77.6% of the total turnover of the Group. The turnover of comparable stores also increased by 11.5% over the same period last year. The average sales amount also increased from HK\$358 per transaction for the same period last year to HK\$377 per transaction for the current period, representing a yearon-year increase of 5.3%. The gross profit margin of cosmetics business for the period was 35.7%, which was similar as 35.8% of the same period last year. The cosmetics business recorded a segment profit of HK\$58,098,000 during the period, which represented a significant increase of 56.2% when compared with HK\$37,191,000 for the same period last year, mainly attributable to the optimal expansion of the retail stores under the cosmetics business which results in economies of scale achieved by its retail network leading to a corresponding reduction in costs and expenses of the business, and the increase in turnover as compared to that for the corresponding period of the previous year.

Fashion Business

As of 30th September, 2015, the Group had altogether 155 fashion stores in Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Singapore and Mainland China (30th September, 2014: 174 stores). As a result, the fashion business for the period recorded a decrease of 2% in the overall turnover as compared with the same period last year, and the number of stores decreased by 19 as compared with the same period last year. The main reason for the decrease in the number of stores was the restructuring of the Group's retail network in Singapore, China and Taiwan markets during the period by closing down some underperforming stores so as to reduce the negative impact on the overall performance of fashion business. The gross profit margin for fashion business decreased to 70.5% for the current period from 71.7% for the same period last year. Fashion business recorded a segment loss of HK\$2,682,000, as compared with a profit of HK\$7,973,000 for the same period last year.

Fashion Business - Hong Kong and Macau Market

The fashion retail business in Hong Kong and Macau accounted for 78.8% of the total turnover of the fashion business of the Group. For the six months ended 30th September, 2015, turnover from the Hong Kong and Macau market amounted to HK\$188,459,000 (2014: HK\$177,513,000), representing a growth of 6.2% over the same period last year. The gross profit margin decreased by 1.7 percentage points to 71.8% as compared with that for the same period last year and the turnover of comparable stores grew by 2.4% during the period. As of 30th September, 2015, the Group had altogether 80 stores in Hong Kong and Macau as compared to 79 stores for the same period last year.

Fashion Business - Taiwan Market

Turnover of the retail business in Taiwan for the first half of the financial year was HK\$18,304,000 (2014: HK\$24,382,000), representing a decrease of 24.9% over the same period last year, mainly as a result of closing down 8 underperforming stores during the period. As of 30th September, 2015, the Group had 25 stores in Taiwan (30th September, 2014: 31 stores). During the period, a 6.4% growth was recorded in the turnover of comparable stores in Taiwan in local currency terms.

Fashion Business - Singapore Market

During the first half of the financial year, turnover of the retail business in Singapore decreased by 26.6% over the same period last year to HK\$16,755,000 (2014: HK\$22,834,000), mainly as a result of the decrease of the number of stores from 13 stores as at 30th September, 2014 to 9 stores as at the end of the period, by closing down underperforming stores to reduce the negative impact on the overall performance of fashion business. During the period, the turnover of comparable stores increased by 2.6% in local currency terms in Singapore market.

Fashion Business - China Market

During the period under review, turnover of the China market amounted to HK\$15,588,000 (2014: HK\$19,342,000), representing a decrease of 19.4% over the same period last year, primarily due to the decreased number of stores. As of 30th September, 2015, the number of *Veeko* and *Wanko* stores under the Group in China was 41 (30th September, 2014: 51 stores).

PROSPECTS

The Group expects that the challenges faced by the retail business will continue, with cautious consumption sentiments. The management, however, will closely monitor various factors in the market which contribute to fluctuations and uncertainties and take appropriate measures in response. The Group will remain to be prudent in financial and operational management with stringent costs control and strengthen inventory management to lower inventory costs and enhance inventory efficiency. Looking forward, as cosmetics and skin care products have become the daily necessities of consumers, our cosmetics business will be more resilient to adverse market conditions, and will remain to be the main source of revenue and growth engine of the Group. The Group will continue to enrich the product portfolio, increase trendy beauty products with exclusive distributorship, conduct staff trainings on professional quality services, and step up internal consolidation. In respect of business expansion, as of 30th September, 2015, the Group has established 82 Colourmix stores, and commenced an additional cosmetics retail business in August 2015 by establishing MORIMOR cosmetics stores. As of 30th September, 2015, it had just established 1 store in Hong Kong. The Group will continue to expand in future. MORIMOR cosmetics stores offer high-quality trendy skin care and cosmetics products by integrating global premier skin care beauty concepts, with diversified products covering skin care, fragrance, make-up, hairdressing, body care and cosmeceuticals and health food, of which the South Korea series of cosmetics and beauty products are particularly popular among young customers. In addition, professional beauty consultants offer appropriate personal services and consultations on skin care for customers to enjoy the pleasant experience of beauty. To facilitate the future development of the cosmetics business, the Group completed the acquisition of a property located at 3rd Floor, Wyler Centre Phase II, Tai Lin Pai Road, Kwai Chung with a floor area of 25,618 square feet at a consideration of HK\$86,680,000 in April 2015, which will be used for the purpose of expanding its cosmetics warehouse and office. During the period from 1st October, 2015 to 14th November, 2015, sales of the cosmetics business increased by approximately 14.8% year on year, whereas the sales of comparable stores was similar with that of the corresponding period of last year.

Regarding the fashion retail business, the Hong Kong and Macau market accounted for 78.8% of the total turnover of fashion business of the Group. The fashion business will continue to focus on Hong Kong and Macau market in future. In response to the weak retail environment, the Group will continue to actively improve its product design portfolio and enhance the shopping experience of customers in order to cater for the changing market demands. In the overseas markets, the depreciation of currencies in Southeast Asia such as Taiwan and Singapore not only affected the sales figures denominated in Hong Kong Dollar, but also led to increased costs in these markets. The

Group will continue to restructure its store portfolio in the overseas markets in a prudent manner, by further closing down underperforming stores to mitigate the negative effects on the fashion retail business as a whole and focusing on the profitable stores.

The Group is prudently optimistic about its future development and believes that opportunities exist alongside with challenges. In an environment which is full of challenges, the best policy is to uplift our competitiveness and lay a good foundation for sustainable growth in the future by maintaining healthy growth of the core business in the long run.

LIQUIDITY & FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The Group's working capital decreased from HK\$460,446,000 as at 31st March, 2015 to HK\$455,425,000 for the period end.

At the end of the reporting period, the Group's cash and bank balances (mainly in Hong Kong Dollar and Renminbi), amounted to HK\$98,953,000 (31st March, 2015: HK\$83,379,000). The outstanding bank borrowings (mainly in Hong Kong Dollar) amounted to HK\$147,546,000 (31st March, 2015: HK\$87,632,000). The borrowings were mainly used for the expansion of cosmetics retail network and balance payments for the acquisition of properties. On 1st April, 2015, the Group completed acquisitions of a property and investment properties, at considerations of HK\$86,680,000 and HK\$3,920,000 respectively.

At the end of the reporting period, the current ratio was 2.79 times (31st March, 2015: 3.63 times) and the gearing ratio of the Group was 0.19 (31st March, 2015: 0.12) which was calculated based on the Group's total borrowings of HK\$147,546,000 (31st March, 2015: HK\$87,632,000) and the total equity of HK\$789,692,000 (31st March, 2015: HK\$745,121,000).

At 30th September, 2015, the Group had banking facilities amounting to HK\$322,834,000 (31st March, 2015: HK\$243,937,000), of which HK\$177,198,000 (31st March, 2015: HK\$130,075,000) was utilised by the Group. The management believes that existing financial resources will be sufficient to meet future expansion plans and, if necessary, the Group will be able to obtain additional financing on favorable terms.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

Several subsidiaries of the Company have foreign currency purchases (mainly in United States Dollar and Euro), which expose the Group to foreign currency risk. The management closely monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency risk by entering into forward contracts should the need arises.

PLEDGE OF ASSETS

At the end of the reporting period, the amount of assets pledged by the Group to certain banks to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group was HK\$150,027,000 (31st March, 2015: HK\$55,265,000).

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 30th September, 2015, the Company had provided guarantees of HK\$348,133,000 (31st March, 2015: HK\$263,159,000) to certain banks in respect of banking facilities granted to certain subsidiaries of the Company of which HK\$177,198,000 (31st March, 2015: HK\$130,075,000) was utilised by the subsidiaries.

STAFF AND REMUNERATION POLICIES

At 30th September, 2015, the Group had approximately 2,500 employees (31st March, 2015: approximately 2,400). The Group mainly determines staff remuneration (including insurance and medical benefits) in accordance with the industry's practices. The Group also implemented a reward scheme for its staff based on their individual performances. In addition to their basic remuneration and welfare, some key employees were granted share options as reward and incentive to enhance their loyalty to the Group.

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

During the six months ended 30th September, 2015, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

In the opinion of the Board, the Company has complied with all the code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules throughout the six months ended 30th September, 2015.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions. Having made specific enquiries, all of the directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30th September, 2015.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The unaudited results of the Group for the six months ended 30th September, 2015 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee comprises all the three independent non-executive directors.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the employees for their devotion, contribution and diligence and my deepest gratitude to all the shareholders, customers, suppliers and business partners for their continuous support. I sincerely hope that all of you will continue to contribute to the success of the Group.

On behalf of the Board

Veeko International Holdings Limited
Cheng Chung Man, Johnny

Chairman

Hong Kong, 27th November, 2015

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises two executive directors, namely Mr. Cheng Chung Man, Johnny (Chairman) and Ms. Lam Yuk Sum and three independent non-executive directors, namely, Dr. Fok Kam Chu, John, Mr. Yang Wei Tak and Mr. Yeung Wing Kay.