

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

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INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

For the six months ended 30 September 2007, the Group recorded a turnover of HK\$749 million, representing a growth of 12% (30 September 2006: HK\$666 million) while profit attributable to equity holders of the Company has more than tripled to HK\$42 million (30 September 2006: HK\$13.5 million).

Hong Kong Market

Foundation Piling

With actual recovery of the Hong Kong economy and the continued strong growth of Macau's construction sector, the Group's foundation division has benefited from such buoyant momentum. For the period under review, turnover of the Group's foundation division increased by 13% to HK\$572 million while contribution to profit rose by 64% to HK\$59 million as compared to HK\$36 million in the last corresponding period. The Group's major contracts on hand include, inter alia, the Hong Kong Housing Authority's project in Ma On Shan, the Hong Kong Housing Society's project in Sham Shui Po and the Venetian Parcels 5 and 6 project in Macau.

Other Construction Related Sectors

During the period under review, turnover and contribution of the Group's electrical and mechanical engineering division and building construction division were about HK\$109 million and HK\$3 million respectively. With the recovery of the construction industry sector and improved market sentiment, the Group expects the divisions to bring profitable returns.

During the period under review, the Group's machinery leasing and trading division remained profitable while turnover increased by 24% to HK\$18 million. As a result of the improved construction sector, the machinery leasing market has become more active and the Group thus expects this division to provide steady returns.

PRC Market

Property development and investment

The Group has commenced the pre-sale of its residential development project in Shanghai, The Waterfront. The project comprises 9 towers of 993 units with a total area of about 147,000 sqm. Since June 2006, 5 towers have been launched for pre-sale and the response has been overwhelming. Completion of the first phase of the project is expected to be in the second half of this financial year and thus a portion of the pre-sale proceeds will be booked as revenues then.

With the support of the Central Government, Tianjin's economy has continued its momentum. The Group is thus optimistic about the pre-sale in 2008 of its residential development project located along the Haihe river in Tianjin, The Riverside.

With accelerating foreign interest in China and the general expectation of further Renminbi appreciation, there is a growing demand for investment grade properties. The Group's investment properties in Shanghai and Tianjin, which have continued to enjoy steady recurrent income and satisfactory occupancy rates, fit well to the profile.

Prospects

As far as the construction industry is concerned, Hong Kong is poised for robust growth with the government's pledge to implement 10 major infrastructure projects in the coming years. Despite lingering concerns on the subprime issue of the United States which may cause some fluctuation in the financial market, the construction industry is experiencing an upturn. In the case of Macau, it is apparent that the investment activities associated with the opening up of the gaming industry have created a whole new territory for the construction industry. Against such positive backdrop, the construction industry is likely to sustain its recent buoyancy and the Group is well positioned and qualified to capitalize on such opportunities.

With the implementation of various administrative measures to strike for a soft landing, China achieved a Gross Domestic Product growth of 11.5% in the first three quarters as compared to 10.7% in 2006. It is expected that tighter measures will be adopted by the Central Government in the coming months. As the China market is relatively resilient, the Group believes these measures will build a solid foothold for the economy and is confident of the sustainability and continued positive outlook of the property market.

Financial Review

The Group continues to adopt a prudent financial policy and maintains a sound capital structure. As at 30 September 2007, the Group's cash on hand amounted to about HK\$545 million (31 March 2007: HK\$604 million) while total assets and net assets (excluding minority interests) amounted to approximately HK\$3,552 million (31 March 2007: HK\$2,991 million) and HK\$736 million (31 March 2007: HK\$680 million) respectively. Working capital was about HK\$305 million (31 March 2007: HK\$273 million). Due to substantial cash received as a result of the pre-sale of The Waterfront, the Group did not have any gearing but instead recorded a net cash balance of HK\$126 million as at 30 September 2007. Net borrowings and net debt to equity (including minority interests) gearing ratio as at 31 March 2007 was HK\$23 million and 2 per cent. respectively.

As at 30 September 2007, the Group's contingent liabilities in relation to guarantees in respect of performance bonds was about HK\$148 million (31 March 2007: HK\$142 million) and that to mortgage loans arranged for certain end users of the Group's properties was about HK\$251 million (31 March 2007: HK\$104 million). The Group has pledged certain of its assets with an aggregate book value of about HK\$500 million (31 March 2007: HK\$1,046 million) to secure certain banking facilities of the Group. The Group's bank borrowings were denominated either in Hong Kong dollars or Renminbi. Currency exposure in the Renminbi borrowings has been hedged by the Group's Renminbi assets and revenue as generated from its PRC properties.

Employment and Remuneration Policies

The Group, including its subsidiaries and joint ventures in Hong Kong and the PRC, employed approximately 1,130 employees as at 30 September 2007. The Group's remuneration policies are primarily based on prevailing market trend and performance of the respective companies and individuals concerned. Fringe benefits, including provident fund, medical insurance and training, are provided. In addition, share options may be granted in accordance with the terms of the Group's approved share option scheme.

Interim Dividend

The Board has resolved to declare an interim dividend of HK 1 cent (2006: Nil) per ordinary share for the six months ended 30 September 2007. The interim dividend will be payable on or before 8 January 2008 to shareholders whose names appear on the Company's register of members on 31 December 2007.

Closure of Register of Members

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 25 to 31 December 2007 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares of the Company will be registered. In order to qualify for entitlement to the interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2007, all transfers for shares of the Company accompanied by the relevant share certificates and the appropriate transfer forms must be lodged for registration with the Company's Branch Share Registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, at 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 24 December 2007.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	Notes	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
REVENUE	2	749,140	665,993
Cost of sales		(660,484)	(604,668)
Gross profit		88,656	61,325
Other income and gains	3	13,508	3,443
Selling expenses		(4,500)	(353)
Administrative expenses		(19,097)	(17,639)
Changes in fair value of investment properties		933	3,040
Other expenses		(4,724)	(2,981)
Finance costs		(8,875)	(12,531)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	4	65,901	34,304
Tax	5	(10,393)	(11,681)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		55,508	22,623
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		41,960	13,511
Minority interests		13,548	9,112
		55,508	22,623
DIVIDEND	6	8,375	
EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF			
THE COMPANY	7		
Basic		5.01 cents	1.61 cents
Diluted		N/A	N/A

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

		As at	As at
	3	0 September	31 March
		2007	2007
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Notes	Unaudited	Audited
NON CURRENTE ACCETO			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	0	116 202	121 210
Property, plant and equipment	8	116,202	131,218
Investment properties		1,126,480	1,122,780
Prepaid land lease payments		1,384	1,401
Properties under development		189,968	500,668
Deposit in respect of acquisition of office premise		13,189	_
Other assets		1,040	1,040
Total non-current assets		1,448,263	1,757,107
CURRENT ASSETS			
Properties under development		721,229	199,930
Equity investments at fair value through profit or loss		7,406	876
Inventories		14,917	9,954
Properties held for sale		11,110	11,289
Amounts due from customers for contract works		80,700	93,473
Trade receivables	9	319,222	262,582
Other receivables, prepayments and deposits		378,863	41,188
Tax prepaid		26,607	10,667
Time deposits		56,666	39,830
Restricted cash		225,184	352,449
Cash and bank balances		262,727	211,897
Total current assets		2,104,631	1,234,135

		As at	As at
	3	30 September	31 March
		2007	2007
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Notes	Unaudited	Audited
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade payables and accruals	10	224,501	239,045
Other payables, deposits received and receipts in advance		64,946	65,329
Amounts due to customers for contract works		82,423	86,857
Deposits received from pre-sale of			
properties under development		1,203,521	372,980
Interest-bearing bank borrowings		211,863	189,489
Tax payable		12,244	7,590
Total current liabilities		1,799,498	961,290
NET CURRENT ASSETS		305,133	272,845
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,753,396	2,029,952
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Deposits received from pre-sale of			
properties under development		_	127,870
Interest-bearing bank borrowings		206,444	437,517
Deferred tax liabilities		231,073	224,833
Total non-current liabilities		437,517	790,220
Net assets		1,315,879	1,239,732
EQUITY		-	_
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company			
Issued capital		83,746	83,746
Reserves		652,165	596,466
		735,911	680,212
Minority interests		579,968	559,520
Total equity		1,315,879	1,239,732

Notes

1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The unaudited interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and the Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2007.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of the unaudited interim financial statements are consistent with those adopted in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2007.

During this period, the Group has applied for the first time, a number of new/revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), HKASs and interpretations issued by the HKICPA, which are effective for accounting periods commencing on or after 1 April 2007. The adoption of these new standards had no material effect on the results or financial position of the Group for the current or prior accounting periods.

The Group has not early adopted any new accounting and financial reporting standards, amendments to existing standards and interpretations which have been issued but are not yet effective.

The unaudited interim financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the board of directors on 12 December 2007.

2. Segment information

(a) Business segments

Revenue and profit/(loss) for the Group's business segments for the six months ended 30 September 2007 are as follows:

		E&M		Property				
		engineering	Machinery	investment				
	Foundation	and building	leasing	and	Property			
	piling	construction	and trading	management	development	Unallocated	Eliminations	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
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Segment revenue:								
Sales to external	F51 F(0	100 (22	15.0/5	51 422	2(0			740 140
customers	571,768	108,623	17,067	51,422	260	_	(1.204)	749,140
Intersegment sales			1,384				(1,384)	
Total	571,768	108,623	18,451	51,422	260		(1,384)	749,140
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Segment results	59,342	2,814	258	34,015	(5,096)	(17,345)	_	73,988
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Share option								
expenses	(282)	(101)	_	_	(626)	(2,879)	_	(3,888)
Interest income								4,676
Dividend income from								
listed investments								_
Finance costs								(8,875)
Profit before tax								65,901
Tax								(10,393)
Profit for the period								55,508
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Revenue and profit/(loss) for the Group's business segments for the six months ended 30 September 2006 are as follows:

		E&M		Property				
		engineering	Machinery	investment				
	Foundation	and building	leasing	and	Property			
	piling	construction	and trading	management	development	Unallocated	Eliminations	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Segment revenue: Sales to external customers Intersegment sales	504,470 7	99,582 2,396	13,585 1,255	48,109	247 —	_ _	— (3,658)	665,993
Total	504,477	101,978	14,840	48,109	247	<u> </u>	(3,658)	665,993
Segment results	35,963	1,537	559	27,323	(1,675)	(17,898)		45,809
Share option expenses	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Interest income								1,015
Dividend income from								
listed investments								11
Finance costs								(12,531)
Profit before tax								34,304
Tax								(11,681)
Profit for the period								22,623

(b) Geographical segments

The following table presents revenue for the Group's geographical segments for the six months ended 30 September:

	Hong K	Cong	Maca	ıu	Elsewhere in	the PRC	Consolic	lated
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Segment revenue:								
Sales to external customers	397,420	395,076	300,299	223,105	51,421	47,812	749,140	665,993

3. Other income and gains

	Six months ended	
	30 Sept	ember
	2007	2006
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest income	4,676	1,015
Gain on disposal of an investment property	4,164	_
Gain on disposal and write-off of property, plant and equipment, net	914	_
Gain on sale of equity investments at fair value through profit or loss	1,415	_
Write back of provision for impairment of trade receivables	129	726
Foreign exchange gains, net	1,003	_
Others	1,207	1,702
	13,508	3,443

4. Profit before tax

The Group's profit before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Six months ended		
	30 Septe	ember	
	2007	2006	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Depreciation	19,128	17,924	
Recognition of prepaid land lease payments	18	17	
(Gain)/loss on disposal of an investment property	(4,164)	228	
(Gain)/loss on disposal and write-off of property,			
plant and equipment, net	(914)	1,893	
Interest expenses	18,724	21,000	
Less: Interest capitalized in properties under development	(9,849)	(8,469)	
	8,875	12,531	

5. **Tax**

	Six months ended		
	30 September		
	2007	2006	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Provision for tax in respect of profit for the period:			
PRC:			
Hong Kong	3,986	87	
Elsewhere	8,247	8,009	
Underprovision in prior period:			
PRC:			
Elsewhere	(32)	14	
	12,201	8,110	
Deferred tax	(1,808)	3,571	
	10,393	11,681	

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 17.5% (2006: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the period. Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere in the People's Republic of China have been calculated at the applicable tax rates prevailing in the areas in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

6. Dividend

Notes:

- (a) A final dividend of HK1.5 cents per ordinary share, totally approximately HK\$12,562,000 for the year ended 31 March 2007 was approved in the Company's Annual General Meeting on 24 August 2007 and paid on 10 September 2007.
- (b) An interim dividend in respect of six months ended 30 September 2007 of HK1 cent per ordinary share, amounting to HK\$8,375,000 was approved at the board meeting on 12 December 2007. The interim dividend is not recognized as a liability as at 30 September 2007, but will be reflected as an appropriation of retained profits for the year ending 31 March 2008.

7. Earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share amount is based on the profit for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company of HK\$41,960,000 (2006: HK\$13,511,000) and the 837,465,903 (2006: 837,465,903) ordinary shares in issue during the period.

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to assume conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares. Shares issuable under the share option scheme are the only dilutive potential ordinary shares. No diluted earnings per share has been presented for the six months ended 30 September 2007 because the Company's share options outstanding had no diluting effect on the basic earnings per share for that period. For the period ended 30 September 2006, no diluted earnings per share was presented as there was no dilutive potential ordinary shares.

8. Property, plant and equipment

During the period, the Group acquired assets with a cost of HK\$16,302,000 (2006: HK\$43,993,000) to expand its business. Assets with a net book value of HK\$12,349,000 were disposed of by the Group during the six months ended 30 September 2007 (2006: HK\$4,510,000) resulting in a net gain on disposal of HK\$914,000 (2006: net loss of HK\$1,893,000).

9. Trade receivables

	As at 30 September 2007 HK\$'000	As at 31 March 2007 HK\$'000
Trade receivables:		
Within 90 days	219,455	179,695
91 to 180 days	950	593
181 to 360 days	303	3,736
Over 360 days	214	89
	220,922	184,113
Retention receivables	98,300	78,469
	319,222	262,582

The Group has established credit policies that follow local industry standards. The average normal credit periods offered to trade customers other than for retention receivables are within 90 days, and are subject to periodic review by management.

10. Trade payables and accruals

	As at	As at
	30 September	31 March
	2007	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade payables:		
Within 30 days	94,007	112,769
31 to 90 days	48,053	46,913
91 to 180 days	3,863	938
Over 180 days	1,355	275
	147,278	160,895
Retention payables	27,828	19,981
Accruals	49,395	58,169
	224,501	239,045

11. Contingent liabilities

	As at	As at
30 Sept	tember	31 March
	2007	2007
H	K\$'000	HK\$'000
1	48,080	141,785

Guarantees in respect of performance bonds

As at 30 September 2007, the Group had provided guarantees in respect of mortgage facilities granted by certain banks relating to the mortgage loans arranged for certain purchases of properties developed by certain subsidiaries of the Group and the outstanding mortgage loans under these guarantees amounted to HK\$250,720,000 (31 March 2007: HK\$103,796,000).

The Group's guarantee period starts from the dates of grant of the relevant mortgage loans and ends upon issuance of the relevant ownership certificates.

The fair value of the guarantees is not significant and the directors consider that in case of default in payments, the net realizable value of the related properties can cover the repayment of the outstanding mortgage principal together with the accrued interest and penalty and therefore no provision has been made for the guarantees in the financial statements.

12. Commitments

		As at	As at
		30 September	31 March
		2007	2007
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(a)	Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases for		
	land and buildings to make payments:		
	Within one year	11,820	11,888
	In the second to fifth years inclusive	10,575	8,024
		<u>22,395</u>	19,912
(b)	Capital expenditure in respect of investment properties, office premise and machinery		
	Authorised, but not contracted for	16,572	13,351
	Contracted, but not provided for	138,270	7,309
		154,842	20,660

In addition, the Group had contracted, but not provided for, commitments in respect of construction works relating to properties under development amounting to HK\$383,724,000 as at 30 September 2007 (31 March 2007: HK\$428,890,000).

13. Related party transactions

For the six months ended 30 September 2007, compensation to key management personnel of the Group amounted to HK\$8,704,000 (2006 : HK\$8,460,000).

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices ("the CG Code") contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules save for the following deviations:

Code Provision A4.1 stipulates that non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term subject to re-election. The independent non-executive directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term but are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company. As such, the Board is of the view that the non-executive directors of the Company need not be appointed for a specific term.

Code Provision A4.2 stipulates every director should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. According to the Bye-laws of the Company, at each annual general meeting, one third of the directors shall retire from office by rotation provided that notwithstanding anything therein. The chairman of the Board and the managing director of the Company shall not be subject to retirement by rotation or taken into account in determining the number of directors to retire. As continuation is a key factor to the successful long term implementation of business plans, the Board believes that the roles of the chairman and the managing director provide the Group with strong and consistent leadership and allow more effective planning and execution of long-term business strategy. As such, the Board is of the view that the chairman of the Board and the managing director of the Company should not be subject to retirement by rotation.

Audit Committee

The Group's audit committee comprises three members, Mr. Fan Chor Ho Paul, Mr. Tse Man Bun and Mr. Lung Chee Ming George who are independent non-executive directors of the Company. The Chairman of the Audit Committee is Mr. Fan Chor Ho Paul.

The unaudited interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2007 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

Model Code

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") contained in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules. Having made specific enquiries, all Directors confirmed that they have complied with the Model Code during the period.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

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

By Order of the Board
Francis Cheung
Chairman

Hong Kong, 12th December 2007

As at the date of this announcement, the members of the Board comprise six executive Directors, namely (i) Mr. Francis Cheung, (ii) Mr. Fung Chiu Chak Victor, (iii) Mr. David Chien, (iv) Miss Jennifer Kwok, (v) Mr. Chiu Chin Hung, and (vi) Mr. Wong Kay, and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Fan Chor Ho Paul, Mr. Tse Man Bun and Mr. Lung Chee Ming George.