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# 2011-12 INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **RESULTS**

The directors (the "Directors") of Chinney Investments, Limited (the "Company") are pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 September 2011 together with comparative figures for the corresponding period in the prior year as follows:

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

		Six months ended 30 September 2011 20	
	Notes	(Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	(Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Revenue Cost of sales	2	484,851 (348,044)	171,564 (119,081)
Gross profit Other income and gains Fair value gains on investment properties, net Fair value losses on equity investments at fair	3	136,807 9,688 98,782	52,483 9,554 129,693
value through profit or loss Selling and distribution costs Administrative and other operating expenses Finance costs Share of profits and losses of:	4	(6,925) (9,636) (46,491) (26,428)	(11,465) (13,096) (50,368) (20,969)
Associates Jointly-controlled entities	_	3,135 327	4,520 211
Profit before tax Income tax expense	5 6 _	159,259 (52,004)	100,563 (33,520)
Profit for the period	=	107,255	67,043
Attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	_	41,164 66,091	32,015 35,028
	_	107,255	67,043
Earnings per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company Basic	7	7.47 HK cents	5.81 HK cents
Diluted	<u>-</u>	7.31 HK cents	5.46 HK cents

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2011 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2010 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Profit for the period	107,255	67,043
Other comprehensive income for the period		
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	149,835	82,350
Total comprehensive income for the period	257,090	149,393
Attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	121,005	74,915
Non-controlling interests	136,085	74,478
	257,090	149,393

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	At 30 September 2011 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	At 31 March 2011 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Property, plant and equipment Prepaid land lease payments Investment properties Investments in associates Investments in jointly-controlled entities Deferred tax assets Loan receivables	-	113,909 14,363 5,023,859 110,426 3,496 119 3,189	115,805 14,579 4,784,501 112,496 3,491 117 1,608
Total non-current assets	-	5,269,361	5,032,597
CURRENT ASSETS Inventories Properties held for sale under development and properties held for sale Prepaid land lease payments Equity investments at fair value through profit or loss Trade and bills receivables Prepayments, deposits and other receivables Amounts due from a related company Amounts due from jointly-controlled entities Tax recoverable Pledged deposits Cash and cash equivalents	8	12,090 1,836,874 1,186 44,136 21,358 72,862 414 54 23,913 122,085 1,318,120	11,645  1,811,676 1,186  51,061 24,877 84,719 396 31 32,198 96,974 1,029,076
Total current assets	-	3,453,092	3,143,839
CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade payables and accrued liabilities Customer deposits Tax payable Interest-bearing bank borrowings Convertible bonds	9	153,280 441,201 78,668 724,021	125,148 670,433 67,492 821,802 108,355
Total current liabilities	10	1,397,170	1,793,230
NET CURRENT ASSETS	-	2,055,922	1,350,609
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	7,325,283	6,383,206

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Continued)

	At 30 September 2011 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> '000	At 31 March 2011 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES Interest-bearing bank borrowings Deferred tax liabilities	2,263,360 478,431	1,541,687 448,047
Total non-current liabilities	2,741,791	1,989,734
Net assets	4,583,492	4,393,472
EQUITY Equity attributable to owners of the Company Issued capital Reserves Proposed final dividend	137,842 2,371,860 	137,842 2,225,933 27,568
	2,509,702	2,391,343
Non-controlling interests	2,073,790	2,002,129
Total equity	4,583,492	4,393,472

Notes:

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of preparation**

The unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2011 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 (the "HKICPA") and the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

The unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011.

#### **Accounting policies**

HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 Amendments

The accounting policies and basis of preparation adopted in the preparation of this unaudited condensed interim financial statements are consistent with those adopted in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011 except the Group has adopted the following new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs", which include all Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, HKASs and Interpretations) issued by the HKICPA which are effective for the Group's financial year beginning on or after 1 April 2011.

HKFRS 1 Amendment Amendment to HKFRS 1 First-time Adoption of Hong Kong

Financial Reporting Standards – Limited Exemption from Comparative HKFRS 7 Disclosures for First-time Adopters

HKAS 24 (Revised) Related Party Disclosures

Amendments to HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 Prepayments of a Minimum

Funding Requirement

HK(IFRIC)-Int 19 Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments

Apart from the above, the HKICPA has issued *Improvements to HKFRSs 2010* which sets out amendments to a number of HKFRSs primarily with a view to removing inconsistencies and clarifying wording. The amendments to HKFRS 3 and HKAS 27 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2010, whereas the amendments to HKFRS 1, HKFRS 7, HKAS 1, HKAS 34 and HK(IFRIC)-Int 13 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 April 2011 although there are separate transitional provisions for each standard.

The adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs has had no significant financial effect on the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

The HKICPA has issued a number of new standards, interpretations and amendments to standards which are not effective for the accounting period beginning 1 April 2011. The Group has not early adopted these new and revised HKFRSs.

#### 2. **OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The Group is principally engaged in garment manufacturing and trading, property development and property investment activities. The Group's operating businesses are structured and managed separately according to the nature of their operations and the products and services they provide. Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to key management personnel. An analysis of the Group's revenue and contribution to profit from operation by business segments and revenue by geographical segments is as follows:

#### (a) **Business segments**

associates

Profit before tax

Share of profits and losses of

Share of profits and losses of jointly-controlled entities

	Six months ended 30 September 2011 (Unaudited)				d)
	Garment <i>HK\$</i> '000	Property development <i>HK\$</i> '000	Property investment <i>HK\$'000</i>	Others HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
Sales to external customers	80,963	332,157	52,447	19,284	484,851
Segment results	(27)	79,405	114,160	(6,160)	187,378
Reconciliation: Net income from investments Unallocated expenses Fair value loss on equity					4,663 (2,891)
investments at fair value through profit or loss Finance costs Share of profits and losses of					(6,925) (26,428)
associates Share of profits and losses of jointly-controlled entities					3,135 327
Profit before tax				_	159,259
	S	ix months ended	30 September 2	010 (Unaudited)	
	Garment HK\$'000	Property development <i>HK\$'000</i>	Property investment HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
Segment revenue: Sales to external customers	99,976	24,122	31,225	16,241	171,564
Segment results	1,635	638	127,874	(224)	129,923
Reconciliation: Net income from investments Unallocated expenses Fair value loss on equity					3,044 (4,701)
investments at fair value through profit or loss Finance costs					(11,465) (20,969)

4,520

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100,563

# 2. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

# (b) Geographical segments

The following table provides an analysis of the Group's revenue by geographical market:

	Six months ended 30 September 2011 (Unaudited)					
	Hong Kong <i>HK</i> \$'000	Mainland China <i>HK\$</i> '000	Europe <i>HK\$'000</i>	North America <i>HK\$'000</i>	Others <i>HK\$</i> '000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
Segment revenue: Sales to external customers	39,768	365,020	72,134	7,061	868	484,851
		Six months e	nded 30 Septe	ember 2010 (U	naudited)	
	Hong Kong <i>HK\$'000</i>	Mainland China <i>HK\$'000</i>	Europe <i>HK\$'000</i>	North America <i>HK\$'000</i>	Others HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
Segment revenue: Sales to external					- 1	
customers	37,845	34,150	86,039	11,374	2,156	171,564

# 3. OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

	Six months ended		
	30 September		
	2011	2010	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Bank interest income	3,246	1,268	
Other interest income	737	1,202	
Dividend income from listed investments	680	574	
Commission income	- 1,050	13	
Gain on disposal of investment properties, net		860	
Foreign exchange differences, net	1,561	2,439	
Others	2,414	3,198	
	9,688	9,554	

# 4. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2011 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2010 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	
Interest on bank loans, overdrafts and other loans (including convertible bonds) wholly repayable within five years Interest on bank loans wholly repayable after five years	34,952 1,175	29,918 2,144	
	36,127	32,062	
Less: Interest capitalized under property development projects	(9,699)	(11,093)	
	26,428	20,969	

# 5. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

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

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2011 (Unaudited)	2010 (Unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Depreciation	5,990	3,573	
Amortisation of prepaid land lease payments	615	239	
Employee benefits expense (including directors' remuneration)	43,555	39,228	
Less: Amounts capitalized under property development projects	(2,290)	(2,700)	
	41,265	36,528	
Fair value losses on equity investments at fair value			
through profit or loss	6,925	11,465	
Bank interest income	(3,246)	(1,268)	
Other interest income	(737)	(1,202)	
Gain on disposal of investment properties, net	(1,050)	(860)	
Gain on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment	(14)	_	

#### 6. INCOME TAX

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2011 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> '000	2010 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	
Group:			
Current – Hong Kong – Outside Hong Kong	569 26,332	595 5,885	
Deferred	26,901 25,103	6,480 27,040	
Total tax charge for the period	52,004	33,520	

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2010: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the period. Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the jurisdictions in which the Group operates.

#### 7. EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

The calculation of basic earnings per share amount is based on the profit for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company and the number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

The calculation of diluted earnings per share amount is based on the profit for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company, adjusted to reflect the interest on the convertible bonds of a subsidiary and the dilution effect on earnings assuming there is a full conversion of the convertible bonds of a subsidiary, where applicable. The number of ordinary shares used in the calculation is the number of ordinary shares in issue during the period, as used in the basic earnings per share calculation.

The calculations of basic and diluted earnings per share are based on:

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2011 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2010 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Earnings		
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company, used in the basic earnings per share calculation Interest on convertible bonds of a subsidiary, net of tax and interest	41,164	32,015
capitalization	157	-
Dilution of earnings arising from the full conversion of convertible bonds of a subsidiary	(1,043)	(1,904)
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company after the full conversion of the convertible bonds of a subsidiary	40,278	30,111

#### 8. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES

An aged analysis of the trade and bills receivables as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice/contract date and net of impairment, is as follows:

	At 30 September 2011 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> '000	At 31 March 2011 (Audited) <i>HK\$</i> '000
Within 30 days 31 to 60 days 61 to 90 days Over 90 days	8,517 2,590 6,090 4,161	5,447 4,723 14,506 201
Total	21,358	24,877

The Group's trading terms with its customers in the garment segment are mainly on credit, except for new customers, where payment in advance is normally required. The credit period is generally one month, extending up to four months for major customers. Each customer has a maximum credit limit. Monthly rent in respect of leased properties is payable in advance by the tenants pursuant to the terms of the tenancy agreements. The balance of the consideration in respect of sold properties is payable by the purchasers pursuant to the terms of the sale and purchase agreements. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables and has a credit control department to minimise credit risk. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management. In view of the aforementioned and the fact that the Group's trade and bills receivables relate to a large number of diversified customers, there is no significant concentration of credit risk. Trade and bills receivables are non-interest-bearing.

#### 9. TRADE PAYABLES AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Included in the trade payables and accrued liabilities are trade payables of HK\$19,402,000 (at 31 March 2011: HK\$23,704,000). An aged analysis of the trade payables as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2011	2011
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within 30 days	14,940	17,498
31 to 60 days	1,897	5,318
61 to 90 days	2,048	75
Over 90 days	517	813
Total	19,402	23,704

#### 10. CONVERTIBLE BONDS

During the period, the outstanding principal of the 3.5% Convertible Bonds due June 2011 in the amount of HK\$88 million was redeemed in full upon maturity on 27 June 2011 together with the redemption premium. The aggregate redemption amount was HK\$109,602,000.

#### 11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 30 September 2011, the Group has given guarantees of HK\$210,729,000 (as at 31 March 2011 (audited): HK\$306,671,000) to banks for housing loans extended by the banks to the purchasers of the Group's properties for a period from the date the loans are granted to the purchasers up to the date of issuance of property title certificates to the purchasers.

#### PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 September 2011.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

### **Compliance with Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors**

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct for directors' securities transactions. Having made specific enquiry, all the directors have confirmed that they have complied with the required standard as set out in the Model Code during the six months ended 30 September 2011.

### **Compliance with the Code on Corporate Governance Practices**

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company has complied with the applicable code provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "CG Code") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules for the six months ended 30 September 2011, except for the following deviations:

1. CG Code provision A.4.1 stipulates that non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election and CG Code provision A.4.2 stipulates that 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.

The non-executive directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term but are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the articles of association of the Company (the "Articles of Association"). The Articles of Association do not require the directors to retire by rotation at least once every three years. However, in accordance with article 104 of the Articles of Association, at each annual general meeting of the Company, one-third of the directors for the time being (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest one-third), other than the one who holds the office as executive chairman or managing director, shall retire from office by rotation. The Board will ensure the retirement of each director, other than the one who holds the office as executive chairman or managing director, by rotation at least once every three years in order to comply with the CG Code provisions.

The Chairman and Managing Director will not be subject to retirement by rotation as stipulated in CG Code provision A.4.2 as the Board considers that the continuity of office of the Chairman and Managing Director provide the Group with a strong and consistent leadership and is of great importance to the smooth operations of the Group.

All directors appointed to fill a casual vacancy is subject to re-election by shareholders at the next following annual general meeting of the Company instead of at the first general meeting after their appointment as stipulated in CG Code provision A.4.2.

- 2. CG Code provision B.1.3 stipulates that the terms of reference of the remuneration committee should include, as a minimum, those specific duties as set out in the CG Code provisions. The Company adopted the terms of reference of the remuneration committee on 16 December 2005 with certain deviations from the CG Code provisions. Pursuant to the terms of reference, the remuneration committee should review (as opposed to determine) and make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration of directors (as opposed to directors and senior management).
- 3. The terms of reference of the remuneration committee and audit committee of the Company are available from the Company Secretary on request and not yet ready on the Company's website as stipulated in CG Code provisions B.1.4 and C.3.4.

#### **Audit Committee**

Regular meetings have been held by the Audit Committee of the Company since its establishment and it meets at least twice each year to review and supervise the Group's financial reporting process and internal control. The Company's interim results for the six months ended 30 September 2011 have not been audited, but have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

# Liquidity and financial resources

The total interest-bearing debts of the Group amounted to approximately HK\$2,987 million as at 30 September 2011 (as at 31 March 2011: HK\$2,472 million), of which approximately 24% (as at 31 March 2011: 38%) of the debts were classified as current liabilities. Included therein was HK\$208 million (as at 31 March 2011: HK\$211 million) related to bank loans with repayable on demand clause. Based on the repayment schedules pursuant to the related loan agreements, the current portion of the total interest-bearing debts was approximately 17%. The increase in total debts was mainly due to the refinancing of an investment property in Hong Kong with increased facility and the drawdown of additional bank loans for capital injection into mainland development projects.

Total cash and bank balances including time deposits were approximately HK\$1,440 million as at 30 September 2011 (as at 31 March 2011: HK\$1,126 million). The Group had a total of approximately HK\$816 million (as at 31 March 2011: HK\$1,125 million) committed but undrawn banking facilities at period end available for its working capital purpose.

Total shareholders' funds as at 30 September 2011 were approximately HK\$2,510 million (as at 31 March 2011: HK\$2,391 million). The increase was mainly due to current period's profit attributable to shareholders.

The gearing ratio of the Group, as measured by the net interest-bearing debts of approximately HK\$1,547 million (as at 31 March 2011: HK\$1,346 million) over the shareholders' funds plus non-controlling interests totalling of approximately HK\$4,583 million (as at 31 March 2011: HK\$4,393 million), was 34% as at 30 September 2011 (as at 31 March 2011: 31%).

#### Funding and treasury policies

There are no significant changes in the Group's funding and treasury policies. As at 30 September 2011, the Group had no material exposure under foreign exchange contracts or any other hedging instruments.

### Pledge of assets

Bank balances, certain properties and investments with an aggregate carrying value of approximately HK\$5,412 million as at 30 September 2011 (as at 31 March 2011: HK\$5,148 million) and shares in certain subsidiaries were pledged to secure certain banking facilities of the Group.

### **Employees and remuneration policies**

The Group, not including its associates and jointly-controlled entities, employed approximately 950 employees as at 30 September 2011. There have been no significant changes in the remuneration policies and benefits to the employees of the Group.

#### **FINANCIAL RESULTS**

For the six months ended 30 September 2011, the Group's unaudited consolidated turnover and net profit attributable to shareholders amounted to HK\$485 million (2010: HK\$172 million) and HK\$41 million (2010: HK\$32 million), respectively. Basic earnings per share were 7.47 Hong Kong cents (2010: 5.81 Hong Kong cents). As at 30 September 2011, the shareholders' equity amounted to HK\$2,510 million (as at 31 March 2011: HK\$2,391 million) and net assets per share attributable to shareholders were HK\$4.55 (as at 31 March 2011: HK\$4.34).

#### **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2011 (2010: Nil).

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

# 1. Property

The Group's property development and investment activities are conducted by our 55.47% owned Hon Kwok Land Investment Company, Limited ("Hon Kwok") (Stock Code: 160). Hon Kwok reported a turnover of HK\$404 million (2010: HK\$72 million) and net profit attributable to their shareholders of HK\$88 million (2010: HK\$76 million) respectively. Increase in turnover was mainly due to the property units of Botanica Phase 2 pre-sold in prior year being recognized in the period under review.

# **Property Development and Sales**

#### Botanica Phase 2 寶翠園二期, Guangzhou, PRC

The **Botanica** 寶翠園, situated in the greenery zone of Tian He District near the Botanical Garden, comprises 39 blocks of high-rise residential building. This project, with total gross floor area of approximately 229,000 sq.m., is scheduled for development and pre-sale by phases. All eight blocks totalled 332 units had been delivered to purchasers of **Botanica Phase 1** 寶翠園一期 in the prior years.

Botanica Phase 2 寶翠園二期 also comprises eight blocks of 420 units. Included therein are four blocks totalled 221 flats, of which over 98% have been delivered to individual purchasers and the profits derived therefrom have been recognised in the income statement during the period under review. Delivery of the remaining four blocks of 199 units, of which 99% have already been pre-sold, commenced in this month and the profits derived therefrom are to be recognised in the second half of this financial year. Construction works of Botanica Phase 3 寶翠園三期, comprises 12 blocks of about 550 units, are expected to be commenced in next quarter.

### Metropolitan Oasis 雅瑤綠洲, Nanhai, PRC

The project, with total gross floor area of approximately 273,000 sq.m. (excluding car parking spaces), is situated in Da Li District, Nanhai and scheduled for development by phases. Phase 1 comprises 71 town houses of about 18,000 sq.m. and high-rise apartments of about 120,000 sq.m. Construction works of the town houses are scheduled to be completed by early next year whilst foundation works of the high-rise apartments have been commenced. The aforesaid town houses, upon completion, will be launched to the market for sale in next year.

# Dong Guan Zhuan Road and Beijing Nan Road projects, Guangzhou, PRC

The development sites at Dong Guan Zhuan Road, Tian He District with total gross floor area of approximately 266,000 sq.m. are at the planning stage. The design of the project sites at 45-107 Beijing Nan Road, Yue Xiu District with total gross floor area of approximately 62,000 sq.m. is in progress.

## **Property Investment**

### Shenzhen, PRC

Foundation works of **Hon Kwok City Commercial Centre** 漢國城市商業中心, an 80-storey commercial/residential tower with total gross floor area of 128,000 sq.m., are scheduled to be completed by the end of this year and superstructure construction is expected to be completed in 2014. This signature building, situated at the junction of Shen Nan Zhong Road and Fu Ming Road, Futian District, is intended to be held by the Group for recurrent rental income upon completion.

The retail shops at ground level and the entire level 2 of the commercial podium of **City Square** 城市天地廣場, situated at Jia Bin Road, Luo Hu District, enjoy full occupancy. The average occupancy rate of **The Bauhinia Hotel (Shenzhen)** 寶軒酒店(深圳), a 158-room hotel at levels 3 to 5 of the podium which opened for business in March 2011, is encouraging whilst that of **City Suites** 寶軒公寓, a 64-unit serviced apartments atop of the podium, maintains at a satisfactory level.

#### Guangzhou, PRC

**Ganghui Dasha** 港滙大廈, situated at the junction of Beijing Road, Nanti Er Road and Baqi Er Road, Yue Xiu District, is a 20-storey commercial and office building with current occupancy rate over 95%.

The Bauhinia Hotel (Guangzhou) 寶軒酒店(廣州), situated at Jie Fang Nan Road, Yue Xiu District, is a 166-room hotel leased by the Group and has been opened for business since February 2011. Its average occupancy and room rates are both satisfactory.

### Chongging, PRC

Chongqing Hon Kwok Centre 重慶漢國中心, situated in Bei Bu Xin Qu, is a 21-storey twin-tower office building atop of a 4-storey retail/commercial podium. Three floors of the podium and entire block of one tower have been fully leased out and leasing status for the other tower is approximately 80%.

Foundation works of **Chongqing International Finance Centre** 重慶國際金融中心, adjacent to the above completed project, have been commenced. This twin-tower project, with total gross floor area of 133,502 sq.m., is being developed into a grade A office tower and a 5-star hotel with serviced apartments on top of a retail/commercial podium.

# Hong Kong

All ground floor retail areas at the hotel/apartment building at Connaught Road Central and Des Voeux Road Central have been fully leased out except for one small shop. The average occupancy and room rates of **The Bauhinia Hotel (Central)** 實軒酒店(中環), a 42-room boutique hotel at the podium floors which opened for business in May 2011, are quite encouraging. **The Bauhinia** 實軒, a 171-room serviced apartments atop of the above hotel, are currently being occupied with approximately 90%.

The Bauhinia Hotel (TST) 寶軒酒店(尖沙咀), a 44-room boutique hotel, is situated at nine upper floors of the 23-storey Knutsford Place 諾士佛廣場 at Observatory Court, Tsim Sha Tsui. It has been opened for business over one year with satisfactory average occupancy and room rates. The remaining commercial and office floors are being launched to the market for leasing.

Hon Kwok Jordan Centre 漢國佐敦中心, situated at Hillwood Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, is a 23-storey commercial and office building with current occupancy rate over 90%.

# The Bauhinia 寶軒 Group of Hotels and Serviced Apartments

About 650 guest rooms are currently being operated by the Group under the brand name of "**The Bauhinia** 實軒" in Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Guangzhou. Coupled with our enlarged investment property portfolios in Mainland China, the Group's recurrent rental income has been enhanced during the period under review.

#### 2. Garment

J.L. Garment Group, wholly owned by our Company, reported turnover of HK\$81 million (2010: HK\$100 million) with a net profit of HK\$0.7 million (2010: HK\$1.6 million) for the period under review.

During the period under review, the market condition remained stagnant. The pace of economic recovery in the US remained slow with high unemployment rate. The intensification of Eurozone debt crisis among the European countries increased the market volatility which further weakened the consumer market sentiment. Our customers, mainly in Germany, Italy and Canada, adopted cautious strategies on controlling purchase prices or reducing their order size, hence our export sales were slightly dropped. In the Mainland China, following the implementation of the stringent monetary policy by the Central Government to curb inflation, the general inflationary pressure on production cost was slightly relieved. It is delightful that under the present adverse market condition for garment manufacturing business in the Mainland, particularly for products export mainly to the European countries, the Management of our garment group still managed to achieve a slight profit during the period despite a decline in turnover as result of their efforts exerted to improve production efficiency.

# 3. Construction and Trading

Chinney Alliance Group Limited ("Chinney Alliance"), a 29.10% owned associate recorded turnover and net profit for the six months ended 30 June 2011 of HK\$963 million (2010: HK\$853 million) and HK\$10.8 million (2010: HK\$15.5 million) respectively.

The increase in turnover was mainly attributable to the building construction business which currently runs several projects, including hotel development project, private residential project and government schools project. During the period under review, due to the delay in the commencement of some building related contracting projects, profit recognition was deferred, resulting in a drop in profit.

The plastic trading division remained profitable but showed a slightly drop in both turnover and profit. The customers, who were mainly manufacturers for export market, were inevitably affected by the sluggish economic condition in the US and Europe. Nevertheless, the management would keep on identifying new business opportunities and continuing to expand the Mainland China market to prepare for the recovery of the economy.

#### 4. Other investment

Owing to the price fluctuation in Hong Kong stock market for the period under review, the Group recorded in our income statement an unrealized fair value loss of HK\$6.9 million on a listed investment. The carrying value of the listed investment as measured at its market value as at 30 September 2011 approximated to its original acquisition cost.

#### **OUTLOOK**

The Hong Kong economy exhibited continued growth in 2011. It has shown a sign of moderation in growth rate in the third quarter of 2011 which was due to decrease in export sales under the present stagnant global economic environment. Third quarter GDP growth dropped to 4.3% on a year-to-year basis from 5.3% in the second quarter. However, it will continue to benefit by the strong economic growth in the Mainland China and the expansion of the local government expenditure on public construction works. It is anticipated that economic growth would be sustained in the medium term.

In Mainland China the continuous implementation of a series of macroeconomic guidelines including financial and administrative measures by the Central Government has, to a certain extent, stabilized the overheated property market in major mainland cities. Thus, such restrictive measures and tightening of monetary policy are expected to remain until the Central Government and end-users can see the return of residential property prices to a reasonable and affordable level. Likewise, property prices in Hong Kong has eased in response to the tightening of monetary and regulatory measures imposed by the Government.

As to the US and European markets, despite the respective governments' austerity measures to accelerate the economic recovery process, the unprecedented downgrade of the US credit rating and the uncertainties on the Eurozone debt crisis have further dampened investors' confidence. This not only increased the market risk and uncertainties but also induced more challenges to the business environment.

In the medium to long term, the Board is optimistic about the property market in Mainland China in view of its sustainable economic growth as well as enormous domestic demand and intends to replenish its land bank there at opportune times.

James Sai-Wing Wong
Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 November 2011

At the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company are Mr. James Sai-Wing Wong, Madam Madeline May-Lung Wong, Mr. William Chung-Yue Fan, Mr. Herman Man-Hei Fung and Mr. Paul Hon-To Tong and the independent non-executive directors are Dr. Clement Kwok-Hung Young, Mr. Peter Man-Kong Wong and Mr. James C. Chen.