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## NOBLE CENTURY INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LIMITED

仁瑞投資控股有限公司

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 2322)

# INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

#### **INTERIM RESULTS**

The board of directors (the "Board") of Noble Century Investment Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (together, the "Group") for the six months ended 30 September 2017 together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2016. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

|   | Six months ended |           |             |
|---|------------------|-----------|-------------|
|   |                  | 30 Septe  | ember       |
|   |                  | 2017      | 2016        |
|   | Notes            | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000    |
|   |                  | Unaudited | Unaudited   |
| Revenue   | 3                | 180,115   | 1,492,805   |
| Cost of sales   | 4                | (166,803) | (1,464,662) |
| Gross profit  |                  | 13,312    | 28,143      |
| Other income  |                  | 1,196     | 329         |
| Loss on changes in fair value of                                |                  |           |             |
| held-for-trading investments                                    |                  | (15,443)  | (17,375)    |
| Administrative expenses   | 4                | (21,012)  | (18,614)    |
| Operation loss  |                  | (21,947)  | (7,517)     |
| Finance costs   |                  |           | (1,072)     |
| Loss before taxation  |                  | (21,947)  | (8,589)     |
| Taxation  | 5                | (1,973)   | (4,265)     |
| Loss for the period   |                  | (23,920)  | (12,854)    |
| Other comprehensive income:                                     |                  |           |             |
| Items that may be reclassified subsequently                     |                  |           |             |
| to profit or loss:  |                  |           |             |
| <ul> <li>Exchange differences arising on translation</li> </ul> |                  | 31,803    | (14,826)    |
| Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period                |                  | 7,883     | (27,680)    |

# Six months ended 30 September

|       | 2017           | 2016  |
|-------|----------------|---|
| Notes | HK\$'000       | HK\$'000  |
|       | Unaudited      | Unaudited   |
|       |                |   |
|       | (23,139)       | (12,100)  |
|       | (781)          | (754)   |
|       | (23,920)       | (12,854)  |
|       |                |   |
|       |                |   |
|       | •              | (26,624)  |
|       | (1,232)        | (1,056)   |
|       | 7,883          | (27,680)  |
|       | Unaudited      | Unaudited   |
| 7     | HK(0.63) cents | HK(0.33) cents  |
|       |                | Notes HK\$'000 Unaudited  (23,139) (781)  (23,920)  9,115 (1,232)  7,883  Unaudited |

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

|   | Notes | 30 September<br>2017<br><i>HK\$'000</i><br>Unaudited | 31 March<br>2017<br>HK\$'000<br>Audited |
|---|-------|--|---|
| ASSETS                                      |       |  |   |
| Non-current assets                          |       |  |   |
| Property, plant and equipment               |       | 107,564  | 103,108                                 |
| Investment property                         |       | 11,760   | 11,400                                  |
| Goodwill                                    |       | 1,000  | 1,000                                   |
| Other financial asset                       |       | 3,125  | 3,125                                   |
| Finance lease payment receivables           | 8     | 74,064   | 84,576                                  |
| Loan and interest receivables               | 10    | 17,538   | 27,736                                  |
|   |       | 215,051  | 230,945                                 |
| Current assets                              |       |  |   |
| Inventories                                 |       | 10,860   | 12,423                                  |
| Trade receivables                           | 9     | 315,119  | 421,749                                 |
| Bills receivable                            |       | 21,040   | _                                       |
| Deposits, prepayments and other receivables |       | 106,388  | 126,215                                 |
| Other financial asset                       |       | 540  | 540                                     |
| Held-for-trading investments                |       | 54,527   | 64,100                                  |
| Finance lease payment receivables           | 8     | 79,185   | 73,956                                  |
| Loan and interest receivables               | 10    | 73,373   | 84,510                                  |
| Tax recoverable                             |       | 263  | 246                                     |
| Restricted bank deposits                    |       | _  | 40,935                                  |
| Cash and bank balances                      | 11    | 162,474  | 98,144                                  |
|   |       | 823,769  | 922,818                                 |
| Total assets                                |       | 1,038,820  | 1,153,763                               |

|   | Notes | 30 September<br>2017<br><i>HK\$'000</i><br>Unaudited | 31 March<br>2017<br><i>HK\$'000</i><br>Audited |
|---|-------|--|--|
| EQUITY  |       |  |  |
| Capital and reserves                          |       |  |  |
| Share capital                                 | 12    | 73,612   | 73,612   |
| Reserves                                      |       | 763,296  | 754,181  |
| Total equity attributable to owners of        |       |  |  |
| the Company                                   |       | 836,908  | 827,793  |
| Non-controlling interests                     |       | 19,942   | 17,254   |
| Total equity                                  |       | 856,850  | 845,047  |
| LIABILITIES                                   |       |  |  |
| Current liabilities                           |       |  |  |
| Trade payables                                | 13    | 108,041  | 213,701  |
| Bills payables                                |       | _  | 40,935   |
| Accruals, other payables and deposit received | 14    | 59,076   | 38,903   |
| Amount due to a director                      | 15    | 5,475  | 6,210  |
| Amount due to non-controlling interests       | 16    | 940  | 1,688  |
| Tax payables                                  |       | 8,438  | 7,279  |
| Total liabilities                             |       | 181,970  | 308,716  |
| Total equity and liabilities                  |       | 1,038,820  | 1,153,763                                      |
| Net current assets                            |       | 641,799  | 614,102  |
| Total assets less current liabilities         |       | 856,850  | 845,047  |

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Noble Century Investment Holdings Limited (the "Company") is a limited liability company incorporated in Bermuda with its shares listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. The Company's registered office is located at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda. The principal place of the Company's business in Hong Kong is situated at Suite 2202, 22/F., China Resources Building, 26 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The Company and its subsidiaries (together, the "Group") is principally engaged in vessel chartering, trading, money lending and finance leasing.

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$") unless otherwise stated. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved for issue by the Board of the Company on 16 November 2017.

## 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND IMPACT OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and the disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules.

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The accounting policies adopted for preparation of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 except for the adoption of the new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") (which in collective term includes all applicable HKFRSs, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations) issued by the HKICPA as disclosed below.

#### Application of new standards, amendments and interpretations

#### (a) Effect of adopting amendments and interpretations

During the period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following new and revised standards, amendments and interpretations issued by the HKICPA, which are effective for the Group's financial year beginning on 1 April 2017.

HKAS 7 (Amendments) Disclosure Initiative

HKAS 12 (Amendments) Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses

HKFRS 12 (Amendments) As part of the Annual Improvements HKFRSs 2014–2016 Cycle

The adoption of these amendments to standards has no material effect on the amounts reported and disclosures set out in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the current or prior accounting periods.

#### (b) New standards and amendments that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted

The Group has not early applied the following new or revised standards and amendments that have been issued but are not yet effective.

HKFRS 2 (Amendments) Classification and Measurement of

Share-based Payment Transactions<sup>2</sup>

HKFRS 4 (Amendments) Applying HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments with HKFRS4

Insurance Contracts<sup>2</sup>

HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments<sup>2</sup>

HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and

(Amendments) its Associate or Joint Venture<sup>4</sup>

HKFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers<sup>2</sup>

HKFRS 15 Clarification to HKFRS 15<sup>2</sup>

HKFRS 16 Leases<sup>3</sup>

HKAS 40 (Amendments) Transfers of Investment Property<sup>2</sup>

HKFRSs 2014-2016 cycle<sup>1</sup>

HK(IFRIC)-Int 22 Foreign Currency Transactions and

Advance Consideration<sup>2</sup>

HK(IFRIC)-Int 23 Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments<sup>3</sup>

- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017 or 1 January 2018, as appropriate.
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018.
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.
- Effective date to be determined.

The Group has commenced an assessment of related impact of adopting the above new, revised or amended standards and interpretations to the Group. The Group is not yet in a position to state whether substantial changes to the Group's accounting policies and presentation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements will be resulted.

#### 3 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the Board of the Company. The Board reviews the Group's internal reporting in order to assess performance and allocate resources. Management has determined the operating segments based on these reports.

The Group's operating businesses are structured and managed separately according to the nature of the operations. Each of the Group's reportable segments represents a strategic business unit that is subject to risks and returns that are different from other reportable operating segment.

The Group's reportable and operating segments are as follows:

- Vessel chartering segment engaged in voyage chartering in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC");
- Trading segment engaged in trading of goods in Hong Kong and the PRC;
- Money lending segment engaged in provision of loan financing in Hong Kong and entrusted loan financing in the PRC; and
- Finance leasing segment engaged in provision of finance leasing and sale-leaseback in the PRC.

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies. Segment profit/(loss) represents the profit/(loss) earned/recorded by each segment without allocation of incomes or expenses which are not recurring in nature and unrelated to the Group's operating performance, including central administration costs, directors' emoluments and changes in fair value of held-for-trading investments.

For the purposes of monitoring segment performances and allocating resources between segments, all assets are allocated to operating segments other than investment property, goodwill, held-for-trading investments, other financial asset, cash and bank balances and other corporate assets.

The Board assesses the performance of the operating segments based on their underlying operating profit/ (loss), which is measured by profit/(loss) before taxation.

## (a) Segment revenue and results

| Segment revenue and results                                   | Vessel<br>chartering<br><i>HK\$'000</i><br>Unaudited | Six months  Trading  HK\$'000  Unaudited | ended 30 Septer<br>Money<br>lending<br><i>HK\$'000</i><br>Unaudited | nber 2017 Finance leasing HK\$'000 Unaudited | Total<br><i>HK\$'000</i><br>Unaudited |
|---|--|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Segment revenue   | 1,387  | 164,717                                  | 6,268   | 7,743  | 180,115                               |
| Segment results   | (100)  | (3,701)                                  | 4,620   | 2,897  | 3,716                                 |
| Corporate expenses  |  |  |   |  | (10,717)                              |
| Loss on changes in fair value of held-for-trading investments |  |  |   |  | (15,443)                              |
| Operating loss  |  |  |   |  | (22,444)                              |
| Corporate income  |  |  |   |  | 497                                   |
| Loss before taxation  |  |  |   |  | (21,947)                              |
| Taxation  |  |  |   |  | (1,973)                               |
| Loss for the period   |  |  |   |  | (23,920)                              |
| Segment revenue and results                                   | Vessel chartering <i>HK\$'000</i> Unaudited          | Six months  Trading  HK\$'000  Unaudited | ended 30 Septen<br>Money<br>lending<br>HK\$'000<br>Unaudited        | Finance leasing HK\$'000                     | Total<br><i>HK\$'000</i><br>Unaudited |
| Segment revenue   | 2,395  | 1,481,078                                | 3,894   | 5,438  | 1,492,805                             |
| Segment results   | (1,169)  | 14,917                                   | 3,401   | 1,633  | 18,782                                |
| Corporate expenses  |  |  |   |  | (10,044)                              |
| Loss on changes in fair value of held-for-trading investments |  |  |   |  | (17,375)                              |
| Operating loss  |  |  |   |  | (8,637)                               |
| Corporate income  |  |  |   |  | 48                                    |
| Loss before taxation  |  |  |   |  | (8,589)                               |
| Taxation  |  |  |   |  | (4,265)                               |
| Loss for the period   |  |  |   |  | (12,854)                              |

## (b) Segment assets and liabilities

|  |  |                              | 0 September 20<br>ended 30 Septe          |                                    |                                       |
|--|--|------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Segment assets and liabilities   | Vessel<br>chartering<br><i>HK\$'000</i><br>Unaudited | Trading  HK\$'000  Unaudited | Money<br>lending<br>HK\$'000<br>Unaudited | Finance leasing HK\$'000 Unaudited | Total<br><i>HK\$'000</i><br>Unaudited |
| Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Finance lease payment receivables | 20,821   | 91                           | 2   | 79,573<br>74,064                   | 100,487<br>74,064                     |
| Loan and interest receivables  |  |                              | 17,358                                    |                                    | 17,358                                |
|  | 20,821   | 91                           | 17,360                                    | 153,637                            | 191,909                               |
| Current assets   | 9,582  | 437,143                      | 73,453                                    | 79,458                             | 599,636                               |
| Segment assets   | 30,403   | 437,234                      | 90,813                                    | 233,095                            | 791,545                               |
| Unallocated: Cash and bank balances Others  Total assets per balance sheet         |  |                              |   |                                    | 162,474<br>84,801<br>1,038,820        |
| Segment liabilities  | 15,051   | 131,982                      | 745                                       | 27,126                             | 174,904                               |
|  |  |                              |   |                                    | ,                                     |
| Unallocated: Amount due to a director Others                                       |  |                              |   |                                    | 5,475<br>1,591                        |
| Total liabilities per balance sheet  |  |                              |   |                                    | 181,970                               |
| Other segment information Capital expenditure Unallocated capital expenditure      | -  | -                            | -   | 669                                | 2,603                                 |
|  |  |                              |   |                                    | 3,272                                 |
| Depreciation Unallocated depreciation  | 382  | 14                           | -   | 1,654                              | 2,050<br>1,221                        |

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## As at 30 September 2016 and six months ended 30 September 2016

|                                     |            | and six month | is ended 30 Sept | ember 2016   |           |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|
|                                     | Vessel     |               | Money            | Finance      |           |
| Segment assets and liabilities      | chartering | Trading       | lending          | leasing      | Total     |
|                                     | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000      | HK\$'000         | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000  |
|                                     | Unaudited  | Unaudited     | Unaudited        | Unaudited    | Unaudited |
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| Non-current assets                  |            |               |                  |              |           |
| Property, plant and                 |            |               |                  |              |           |
| equipment                           | 42,611     | 115           | 3                | 80,878       | 123,607   |
| Goodwill                            | 42,011     | 1,083         | 3                | 1,000        | 2,083     |
| Finance lease payment               |            | 1,003         |                  | 1,000        | 2,003     |
| receivables                         |            |               |                  | 97 600       | 97.600    |
|                                     | _          | _             | 20.157           | 87,699       | 87,699    |
| Loan and interest receivables       |            |               | 39,157           | _            | 39,157    |
|                                     |            |               |                  |              |           |
|                                     | 42,611     | 1,198         | 39,160           | 169,577      | 252,546   |
|                                     |            |               |                  |              |           |
| Current assets                      | 69         | 439,289       | 61,367           | 14,493       | 515,218   |
|                                     |            |               |                  |              |           |
| Segment assets                      | 42,680     | 440,487       | 100,527          | 184,070      | 767,764   |
| Segment assets                      | 42,000     | 770,707       | 100,327          | 104,070      | 707,704   |
|                                     |            |               |                  |              |           |
| Unallocated:                        |            |               |                  |              |           |
| Cash and bank balances              |            |               |                  |              | 281,768   |
| Others                              |            |               |                  |              | 77,398    |
| Others                              |            |               |                  |              | 77,370    |
| m.i.                                |            |               |                  |              | 1.124.020 |
| Total assets per balance sheet      |            |               |                  |              | 1,126,930 |
|                                     |            |               |                  |              |           |
| Segment liabilities                 | 27,443     | 231,332       | 768              | 8,519        | 268,062   |
| beginent numines                    | 27,113     | 231,332       | 700              | 0,317        | 200,002   |
|                                     |            |               |                  |              |           |
| Unallocated:                        |            |               |                  |              |           |
| Amount due to a director            |            |               |                  |              | 6,735     |
| Others                              |            |               |                  |              | 2,165     |
|                                     |            |               |                  |              |           |
| Takal Habilikian man balanca abask  |            |               |                  |              | 276.062   |
| Total liabilities per balance sheet |            |               |                  |              | 276,962   |
|                                     |            |               |                  |              |           |
| Other segment information           |            |               |                  |              |           |
| Capital expenditure                 | _          | 15            | _                | 4,080        | 4,095     |
| Unallocated capital expenditure     |            | 15            |                  | 1,000        | 12,348    |
| Onanocated capital expenditure      |            |               |                  |              | 12,540    |
|                                     |            |               |                  |              |           |
|                                     |            |               |                  |              | 16,443    |
|                                     |            |               |                  |              |           |
| Depreciation                        | 1,112      | 12            | 1                | 1,664        | 2,789     |
| Unallocated depreciation            | •          |               |                  | ,            | 1,081     |
|                                     |            |               |                  |              |           |
|                                     |            |               |                  |              | 2.070     |
|                                     |            |               |                  |              | 3,870     |

## (c) Revenue from customers contributed 10% or more of the total revenue of the Group are as follows:

|            | Six months ended 30 September |           |  |
|------------|-------------------------------|-----------|--|
|            |                               |           |  |
|            | 2017                          |           |  |
|            | HK\$'000                      |           |  |
|            | Unaudited                     | Unaudited |  |
| Customer A | _                             | 1,040,983 |  |
| Customer B | _                             | 305,666   |  |
| Customer C | 107,699                       | 25,802    |  |
| Customer D | 36,914                        |           |  |
|            | 144,613                       | 1,372,451 |  |

The above customers are customers of trading business.

## (d) Geographical information

The Group's revenue from external customers and its non-current assets are divided into the following geographical areas:

|           | Revenue from exte | rnal customers | Non-curren   | t assets |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|----------|
|           | Six months        | s ended        | As at        | As at    |
|           | 30 Septe          | mber           | 30 September | 31 March |
|           | 2017              | 2016           | 2017         | 2017     |
|           | HK\$'000          | HK\$'000       | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
|           | Unaudited         | Unaudited      | Unaudited    | Audited  |
| Hong Kong | 2,171             | 79,766         | 18,838       | 17,398   |
| PRC       | 177,944           | 1,413,039      | 192,088      | 209,422  |
|           | 180,115           | 1,492,805      | 210,926      | 226,820  |

The geographical location of customers is based on the location at which the goods delivered. The geographical location of the non-current assets excluding goodwill and other financial assets is based on physical location of the asset.

## 4 EXPENSES BY NATURE

|   | Six months ended |           |  |
|---|------------------|-----------|--|
|   | 30 September     |           |  |
|   | 2017             | 2016      |  |
|   | HK\$'000         | HK\$'000  |  |
|   | Unaudited        | Unaudited |  |
| Fuel cost   | 126              | 1,286     |  |
| Cost of inventories sold                              | 164,721          | 1,461,261 |  |
| Staff costs, including directors' emoluments          | 9,495            | 8,192     |  |
| Entertainment   | 1,243            | 622       |  |
| Exchange losses, net                                  | -                | 493       |  |
| Depreciation  | 3,271            | 3,870     |  |
| Impairment loss on loan and interest receivables      | 489              | _         |  |
| Operating lease charges in respect of property rental | 1,841            | 2,425     |  |
| Professional fees                                     | 3,140            | 2,643     |  |
| Repairs and maintenance                               | _                | 53        |  |
| Vessel management fee                                 | 244              | 180       |  |
| Others  | 3,245            | 2,251     |  |
| Total cost of sales and administrative expenses       | 187,815          | 1,483,276 |  |

## 5 TAXATION

|  | Six months ended<br>30 September |           |  |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|--|
|  |                                  |           |  |
|  | 2017                             | 2016      |  |
|  | HK\$'000                         | HK\$'000  |  |
|  | Unaudited                        | Unaudited |  |
| Current income tax                             |                                  |           |  |
| <ul> <li>Hong Kong profits tax</li> </ul>      | 24                               | 2,701     |  |
| <ul> <li>PRC corporation income tax</li> </ul> | 1,949                            | 1,564     |  |
|  | 1,973                            | 4,265     |  |

#### Hong Kong profits tax

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (period ended 30 September 2016: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the period.

#### PRC corporate income tax

The PRC corporate income tax in respect of operations in the PRC is calculated at the applicable tax rates on the estimated assessable profits for the period based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

#### Withholding tax on distributed/undistributed profits

The PRC tax law imposes a withholding tax at 10%, unless reduced by a tax treaty, for dividends distributed by PRC subsidiaries to its immediate holding company outside the PRC for earnings generated beginning on 1 January 2008.

Deferred taxation has not been provided in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in respect of the temporary difference attributable to retained profits of the PRC subsidiaries as the Group is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the temporary differences will not release in the foreseeable future.

#### 6 INTERIM DIVIDENDS

The Directors do not recommend the payment of interim dividends in respect of the period (period ended 30 September 2016: Nil).

#### 7 LOSSES PER SHARE

|  | Six months ended<br>30 September |                |  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------|--|
|  |                                  |                |  |
|  | 2017                             | 2016           |  |
|  | HK\$'000                         | HK\$'000       |  |
|  | Unaudited                        | Unaudited      |  |
| Loss attributable to shareholders            | (23,139)                         | (12,100)       |  |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares,  |                                  |                |  |
| for the purposes of calculating basic losses |                                  |                |  |
| per share (shares in thousands) (Note)       | 3,680,600                        | 3,680,600      |  |
| Basic losses per share                       | HK(0.63) cents                   | HK(0.33) cents |  |

*Note:* The weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic losses per share for the six months ended 30 September 2016 has been retrospectively adjusted for the effect of share subdivision completed in September 2016 (*Note 12(b)*).

As there are no dilutive potential ordinary shares outstanding as at 30 September 2017 and 2016, the diluted losses per share are equal to the basic losses per share.

## 8 FINANCE LEASE PAYMENT RECEIVABLES

| Current portion of finance lease p Non-current portion of finance lea | -             | es _     | 30 September<br>2017<br>HK\$'000<br>Unaudited<br>79,185<br>74,064 | 31 March<br>2017<br>HK\$'000<br>Audited<br>73,956<br>84,576 |
|---|---------------|----------|---|---|
|   |               |          | Present   | value of  |
|   | Minimum lease | payments | minimum lea   | ase payments  |
|   | 30 September  | 31 March | 30 September  | 31 March  |
|   | 2017          | 2017     | 2017  | 2017  |
|   | HK\$'000      | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000  |
|   | Unaudited     | Audited  | Unaudited   | Audited   |
| Within one year In the second to                                      | 90,245        | 88,571   | 79,185  | 73,956  |
| fifth years, inclusive  | 87,109        | 101,593  | 74,064  | 84,576  |
|   | 177,354       | 190,164  | 153,249   | 158,532   |
| Less: Unearned finance income   | (24,105)      | (31,632) | <u>N/A</u>  | N/A   |
| Present value of minimum lease payments receivable                    | 153,249       | 158,532  | 153,249   | 158,532   |
| Less: Current portion of finance lease payment receivables            |               |          | (79,185)  | (73,956)  |
| Non-current portion of finance lease payment receivables              |               |          | 74,064  | 84,576  |

As at 30 September 2017 and 31 March 2017, the finance lease payment receivables were secured over the leased assets mainly by machineries and equipment. Certain finance lease payment receivables were also secured by other assets and/or guaranteed by the guarantors.

All the Group's finance lease payment receivables are denominated in RMB and the maturity date for each finance lease contract is normally not more than 5 years. The interest rate inherent in the leases is fixed at the contract date for the entire lease term. The effective interest rate is approximately 5% to 18% (31 March 2017: approximately 5% to 18%) per annum.

There was no unguaranteed residual values of assets leased under finance leases as at 30 September 2017 (31 March 2017: Nil). The finance lease payment receivables at the end of the reporting period are neither past due nor impaired.

#### 9 TRADE RECEIVABLES

|                   | 30 September | 31 March |
|-------------------|--------------|----------|
|                   | 2017         | 2017     |
|                   | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
|                   | Unaudited    | Audited  |
|                   |              |          |
| Trade receivables | 315,119      | 421,749  |
|                   |              |          |

Included in the Group's trade receivables as at 30 September 2017 was approximately HK\$97,053,000 (31 March 2017: approximately HK\$133,729,000) due from a customer, the shareholder of which subsequently became a minority shareholder of a subsidiary of the Group during the year ended 31 March 2017.

The Group's trade receivables are generally with credit periods of 60 to 90 days (31 March 2017: 30 to 90 days). The maximum exposure to credit risk at the balance sheet date is the carrying amount of the trade receivables. The Group does not hold any collateral as security.

The carrying amounts of trade receivables approximate to their fair values.

An aged analysis of the trade receivables at the end of the reporting period, based on the date of invoice (or date of revenue recognition, if earlier), is as follows:

|                    | 30 September | 31 March |
|--------------------|--------------|----------|
|                    | 2017         | 2017     |
|                    | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
|                    | Unaudited    | Audited  |
| 0 to 30 days       | 48,599       | 46,799   |
| 31 to 60 days      | 19,746       | 48,416   |
| 61 to 90 days      | 41,740       | 59,277   |
| 91 to 180 days     | 31,198       | 113,206  |
| More than 180 days | 173,836      | 154,051  |
|                    | 315,119      | 421,749  |

The aged analysis of the trade receivables that are past due but not impaired are as follows:

|                               | 30 September | 31 March |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------|
|                               | 2017         | 2017     |
|                               | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
|                               | Unaudited    | Audited  |
| Neither past due nor impaired | 68,345       | 111,511  |
| Past due but not impaired     |              |          |
| 0 to 30 days                  | 42,515       | 82,708   |
| 31 to 90 days                 | 18,348       | 60,811   |
| 91 to 180 days                | 74,338       | 153,844  |
| More than 180 days            | 111,573      | 12,875   |
|                               | 315,119      | 421,749  |

The carrying amount of trade receivables is denominated at Renminbi.

## 10 LOAN AND INTEREST RECEIVABLES

| 2017  | 2017     |
|---|----------|
|   | 2017     |
| HK\$'000  | HK\$'000 |
| Unaudited   | Audited  |
| Loan and interest receivables 91,400                        | 112,246  |
| Less: Impairment loss (489)                                 |          |
| 90,911  | 112,246  |
| Current portion of loan and interest receivables 73,373     | 84,510   |
| Non-current portion of loan and interest receivables 17,538 | 27,736   |
| 90,911  | 112,246  |
| Analysed as:  |          |
| Within one year 73,373                                      | 84,510   |
| In the second to fifth years, inclusive                     | 27,736   |
| 90,911  | 112,246  |
| 30 September  | 31 March |
| 2017  | 2017     |
| HK\$'000  | HK\$'000 |
| Unaudited   | Audited  |
| Loan receivables 88,102                                     | 109,157  |
| Interest receivables  | 3,089    |
| 90,911  | 112,246  |

An aged analysis of the loan and interest receivables, which are past due but not impaired, are as follows:

|                               | 30 September | 31 March |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------|
|                               | 2017         | 2017     |
|                               | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
|                               | Unaudited    | Audited  |
| Neither past due nor impaired | 84,262       | 106,395  |
| Past due but not impaired     |              |          |
| Less than 1 month             | _            | 11       |
| 1 to 3 months                 | 6,649        | 5,612    |
| 3 months to 1 year            |              | 228      |
|                               | 90,911       | 112,246  |
|                               |              | 112,240  |

The carrying amounts of the loan and interest receivables are denominated in the following currencies:

|      | 30 September | 31 March |
|------|--------------|----------|
|      | 2017         | 2017     |
|      | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
|      | Unaudited    | Audited  |
| HK\$ | 21,971       | 36,537   |
| RMB  | 68,940       | 75,709   |
|      | 90,911       | 112,246  |

The movement in provision for impairment on loan and interest receivables are as follows:

|   | HK\$'000<br>Unaudited |
|---|-----------------------|
| At 31 March 2017 and 1 April 2017<br>Impairment loss recognised | 489                   |
| At 30 September 2017  | 489                   |

The credit quality of loan and interest receivables that are neither past due nor impaired has been assessed by reference to historical information about counterparty default rates.

One of the loan receivables with principal amount of RMB37,866,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$44,682,000) as at 30 September 2017 (31 March 2017: RMB46,299,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$52,225,000)), failed to make instalment to the loan and interest receivable (the "Past Due Receivable") in the amount of approximately RMB5,234,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$6,176,000) (31 March 2017: approximately RMB4,955,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$5,589,000)). The Group has commenced a litigation against this customer for recovery of the outstanding amount. Subsequent to the reporting period, the Past Due Receivable has been fully settled. As such, no individual impairment allowance was made in respect of the receivable from this customer as at 30 September 2017 (31 March 2017: Nil).

The provision for impairment on loan and interest receivables represents a full provision for an individually impaired loan and interest receivable with a carrying amount of approximately HK\$489,000 (31 March 2017: approximately HK\$503,000). The individually impaired loan and interest receivable related to a customer that has default in settlement and was considered to be impaired by the directors. Other loan receivables which have been past due but not impaired mainly represented occasional delay in repayment with no indication of significant deterioration of credit quality of these loan receivables.

Loan receivables are interest-bearing at approximately 4% to 18% (31 March 2017: approximately 4% to 18%) and are repayable with fixed terms agreed with the Group's customers. The maturity date for each loan contract is normally not more than 4 years and were unsecured. The directors of the Company consider that the fair values of loan receivables are not materially different from their carrying amounts. The maximum exposure to credit risk at each of the reporting dates is the carrying value of the receivables mentioned above.

## 11 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

|                          | 30 September | 31 March |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|
|                          | 2017         | 2017     |
|                          | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
|                          | Unaudited    | Audited  |
|                          |              |          |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 162,474      | 98,144   |

The carrying amounts of cash and bank balances are denominated in the following currencies:

|      | 30 September | 31 March |
|------|--------------|----------|
|      | 2017         | 2017     |
|      | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
|      | Unaudited    | Audited  |
| HK\$ | 4,277        | 26,105   |
| US\$ | 2,277        | 8,509    |
| EUR  | 114          | 103      |
| RMB  | 155,806      | 63,427   |
|      | 162,474      | 98,144   |

The conversion of RMB-denominated balances into foreign currencies and the remittance of such foreign currencies denominated bank balances and cash out of the PRC are subject to relevant rules and regulation of foreign exchange control promulgated by the PRC government.

#### 12 SHARE CAPITAL

## (a) Authorised capital

|            |   | Number of shares               | Nominal<br>value<br>HK\$'000 |
|------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
|            | As at 1 April 2016, ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each Share subdivision (Note)       | 1,000,000,000<br>4,000,000,000 | 100,000                      |
|            | As at 31 March 2017 and 30 September 2017, ordinary shares of HK\$0.02 each         | 5,000,000,000                  | 100,000                      |
| <b>(b)</b> | Issued and fully paid capital   |                                |                              |
|            |   | Number of shares               | Nominal<br>value<br>HK\$'000 |
|            | As at 1 April 2016,<br>ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each<br>Share subdivision (Note) | 736,120,000<br>2,944,480,000   | 73,612                       |
|            | As at 31 March 2017 and 30 September 2017, ordinary shares of HK\$0.02 each         | 3,680,600,000                  | 73,612                       |

## Note:

Pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company at a special general meeting on 5 September 2016, every one share of the Company of HK\$0.10 each was subdivided into five subdivided shares of HK\$0.02 each.

All the shares issued during the period rank pari passu with the existing shares of the Company in all aspects.

## 13 TRADE PAYABLES

An aged analysis of the trade payables is as follows:

|                    | 30 September | 31 March |
|--------------------|--------------|----------|
|                    | 2017         | 2017     |
|                    | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
|                    | Unaudited    | Audited  |
| 0 to 90 days       | 46,463       | 96,913   |
| 91 to 180 days     | _            | 92,269   |
| 181 to 365 days    | 61,551       | 24,519   |
| more than 365 days | 27           |          |
|                    | 108,041      | 213,701  |

The carrying amount of trade payables is denominated at Renminbi.

## 14 ACCRUALS, OTHER PAYABLES AND DEPOSIT RECEIVED

|   | 30 September | 31 March |
|---|--------------|----------|
|   | 2017         | 2017     |
|   | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
|   | Unaudited    | Audited  |
| Deposit received (Note (i))             | 6,490        | 6,204    |
| Accruals and other payables (Note (ii)) | 52,586       | 32,699   |
|   | 59,076       | 38,903   |

Notes:

- (i) The amount represents the security deposits received from the customers of finance lease business.
- (ii) Included in the accruals and other payables was RMB12 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$14.2 million) (31 March 2017: RMB12 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$13.5 million)), being a bank loan (the "Vessel Loan") due by the vendor (the "Vendor") to a bank in the PRC (the "PRC Bank") to be paid up by the Group in respect of the Group's acquisition of the vessel (the "Vessel"). As the Vendor and the PRC Bank were still in negotiation with the repayment arrangement, it has yet been repaid and was accounted for as other payables as at 30 September 2017 and 31 March 2017. The Vessel Loan is secured by the Vessel of the Group with a carrying value of HK\$20.8 million (31 March 2017: HK\$20.3 million) as at 30 September 2017.
- (iii) The carrying amounts of accruals, other payables and deposit received are denominated in the following currencies:

|      | 30 September | 31 March |
|------|--------------|----------|
|      | 2017         | 2017     |
|      | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
|      | Unaudited    | Audited  |
| HK\$ | 1,203        | 2,701    |
| US\$ | 370          | 370      |
| EUR  | 386          | 349      |
| RMB  | 57,117       | 35,483   |
|      | 59,076       | 38,903   |

#### 15 AMOUNT DUE TO A DIRECTOR

Amount due to a director is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand. The carrying amount of the balance is denominated in HK\$ and is approximate to its fair value.

#### 16 AMOUNT DUE TO NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST

Amount due to non-controlling interest is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand. The carrying amount of balance is denominated in RMB and is approximate to its fair value.

## 17 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

## **Key management compensation**

The remuneration of key management personnel of the Group during the period was as follows:

|   | 30 September | 30 September |
|---|--------------|--------------|
|   | 2017         | 2016         |
|   | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000     |
|   | Unaudited    | Unaudited    |
| Salaries, allowances and other benefits     | 4,287        | 3,449        |
| Contributions to retirement benefits scheme | 54           | 54           |
|   | 4,341        | 3,503        |

## 18 COMMITMENTS

## (a) Capital commitments

The Group had the following capital commitments as at the end of the reporting period:

|   | 30 September | 31 March |
|---|--------------|----------|
|   | 2017         | 2017     |
|   | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
|   | Unaudited    | Audited  |
|   |              |          |
| Contracted but not provided for:              |              |          |
| <ul> <li>Capital contribution to a</li> </ul> |              |          |
| non-wholly owned subsidiary                   | 141,176      | 145,230  |
|   |              |          |

#### (b) Operating lease commitments

The future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

|  | 30 September | 31 March |
|--|--------------|----------|
|  | 2017         | 2017     |
|  | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
|  | Unaudited    | Audited  |
| Not later than 1 year                        | 3,222        | 3,261    |
| Later than 1 year but not later than 5 years | 536          | 2,142    |
|  | 3,758        | 5,403    |

None of the leases include contingent rentals.

#### (c) Operating lease rental receivable

The Group had contracted with tenants for the following future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable operating lease:

|                       | 30 September | 31 March |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------|
|                       | 2017         | 2017     |
|                       | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
|                       | Unaudited    | Audited  |
| Not later than 1 year | 432          | 335      |

#### 19 EVENTS AFTER REPORTING PERIOD

On 14 June 2017, the Group entered into a memorandum of understanding (the "GS MOU") with an independent third party (the "Vendor") in relation to a possible acquisition (the "GS Possible Acquisition") of 100% equity interest in a company together with its subsidiaries which are principally engaged in equity investment funds management, equity investment and asset management in the PRC. As the Group and the Vendor failed to reach a consensus on the terms of the GS Possible Acquisition, the Group entered into a deed of termination with the Vendor, subsequent to the end of the reporting period on 19 October 2017, pursuant to which the GS MOU has been terminated.

#### 20 COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current period's presentation.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Group recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$180.1 million with a gross profit of approximately HK\$13.3 million during the six months ended 30 September 2017 as compared to approximately HK\$1,492.8 million and approximately HK\$28.1 million respectively for the same period in 2016. The loss before taxation for the period was approximately HK\$21.9 million whilst approximately HK\$8.6 million was recorded for the last corresponding period.

The increase in loss for the period was mainly attributable to the decrease in turnover and profit from the trading business of approximately HK\$1,316.4 million and HK\$18.6 million respectively, as a result of the unsatisfactory performance of the methanol trading business, details of which are set out in the section headed "Trading Business" under the Business Review and Outlook below.

As at 30 September 2017, the unaudited total assets and net assets of the Group were approximately HK\$1,038.8 million (31 March 2017: approximately HK\$1,153.8 million) and approximately HK\$856.9 million (31 March 2017: approximately HK\$845 million) respectively. The Board does not recommend the payment of interim dividends for the period.

## BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

#### **Vessel Chartering**

As disclosed in the annual report of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2017, due to the volatile business environment of vessel chartering, the Group disposed one of the vessels in last year. The Group currently owned a vessel which is a multi-purpose deck cargo ship with focus on carriage of construction material and waste in the PRC.

The Baltic Dry Index (the "BDI") has been recovered and kept stable in the level of about 1,000 during the period. The vessel attributed a turnover of approximately HK\$1.4 million with a loss of approximately HK\$100,000 during the six months ended 30 September 2017 whilst a turnover of approximately HK\$2.4 million with a loss of approximately HK\$1.2 million was recognised from the Group's two vessels for the last corresponding period. Looking forward, the Board expects the Group will tap the growth potential by the on-going recovery of the vessel chartering industry. The Board will take caution measures continuously to closely monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of the operation of the Group's vessel chartering business.

### **Trading Business**

The Group is engaged in methanol, seafood, frozen meat, electronics and other commercial products trading business in the PRC. The Group recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$164.7 million with a loss of approximately HK\$3.7 million from its trading business during the six months ended 30 September 2017 as compared to approximately HK\$1,481.1 million and a profit of approximately HK\$14.9 million respectively for the same period in 2016.

No turnover has been recorded from the Group's methanol trading for the six months ended 30 September 2017, as compared to approximately HK\$1,041 million for the last corresponding period. The PRC has emerged as the dominant country with respect to both methanol capacity and demand owing to its rapid economic growth, with the prices increased from approximately RMB1,900 per tonne in April 2016 to RMB2,000 per tonne in September 2016, and was further increased to RMB2,900 per tonne in September 2017. Attributed to the factors of the increase in the price and demand of methanol, the turnover recorded in the last corresponding period has been significantly increased by approximately 2 times of the preceding period. However, the continuous and further sharp rise of the methanol prices adversely affect the Group's customer's products resulting in a production losses, and consequentially leading to the unsatisfactory performance of the Group's methanol trading business both in the second half of the last financial year and during the six months ended 30 September 2017.

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, a new contract of approximately US\$8.6 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$67.1 million) was secured by the Group which has been completed as at the date of this report. Looking forward, taking into consideration of the increase in cost brought by rising prices of resources products, the price of methanol is expected to be volatile in the second half of the financial year. The management will closely monitor the impact of the volatility of the resources price to the Group's trading of methanol.

The Group's food trading business, comprising seafood and frozen meat products, recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$125.3 million for the six months ended 30 September 2017, as compared to approximately HK\$56.4 million for the last corresponding period. Despite of the competitive pressure, the Group has continued performing stably by virtue of the high-quality products. In light of consumer's rising awareness of health and food safety, the demand for import food in the PRC is accelerating. The Group will strictly control the food quality in order to maintain good reputation and stable profits.

The Group's electronic products trading is principally engaged in trading of smartphones and parts of communication equipment which are the core components for mobile phones. The Group recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$39.4 million from trading of electronic and other commercial products for the six months ended 30 September 2017, as compared to approximately HK\$383.7 million for the last corresponding year. The development of the electronic products trading business was slow down after a rapid expansion in the last financial year. The Group is in the process of reassessing and re-engineering its strategies in order to cultivate a direction and policy for its long term development.

The Board maintains a cautious approach in risk management of the trading business of the Group to monitor and cope with the ever changing operating environment.

## **Money Lending Business**

The Group's money lending business has been steadily developed despite no new loan was granted during the period. There were loan portfolio in Hong Kong with principal amount of approximately HK\$21 million and two entrusted loans granted in the PRC with outstanding principal amount of approximately RMB56.9 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$67.1 million) as at 30 September 2017. The Group recognized an aggregate interest income of approximately HK\$6.3 million and a profit of approximately HK\$4.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2017 as compared to approximately HK\$3.9 million and HK\$3.4 million respectively for the last corresponding period. The Group adopted a prudent risk management policy, with the money lending business continuously carrying out regular review of credit risk over the existing borrowers. While the Group will proactively explore customers with good quality to expand its business scale, it will continue to adopt a prudent credit risk management strategy to ensure a healthy development in its money lending business.

#### **Finance Leasing Business**

The Group is engaged in the finance leasing business in the PRC. The finance leasing business has attributed a turnover of approximately HK\$7.7 million with a profit of approximately HK\$2.9 million to the Group during the period ended 30 September 2017 as compared to approximately HK\$5.4 million and HK\$1.6 million respectively for the last corresponding period.

The finance leasing business continue to provide the Group with stable revenue under the controllable risk. Looking ahead, the Board believes that the finance leasing market in the PRC will still have a great business potential. It is expected that the Group's finance leasing business will record an accelerating growth in the coming years.

Apart from development of the finance lease business by expansion of its customers base, by penetrating into different industries with focus on new energy and new materials, education and cold storage and cold chain sectors which have better cash flows and less cyclical effects, the Group has also begun to provide customers with capital financing by way of financial lease and commercial factoring while establishing a corporate consultancy service company to provide customers with the economic and financial information consultancy services in a bid to extend the profit growth.

#### **Other Potential Investments**

On 22 November 2016, the Company entered into a memorandum of understanding (the "ZT MOU") with an independent third party in relation to a possible acquisition of not less than 51% equity interest in a company together with its subsidiaries which are principally engaged in pawning, entrusted loans and other related business in the PRC. As no formal agreement has been entered and accordingly the ZT MOU has been lapsed during the period.

On 14 June 2017, the Group further entered into a memorandum of understanding (the "GS MOU") with another independent third party (the "Vendor") in relation to a possible acquisition (the "GS Possible Acquisition") of 100% equity interest in a company together with its subsidiaries which are principally engaged in equity investment funds management, equity investment and asset management in the PRC. As the Group and the Vendor failed to reach a consensus on the terms of the GS Possible Acquisition, the Group entered into a deed of termination with the Vendor, subsequent to the end of the reporting period on 19 October 2017, pursuant to which the GS MOU has been terminated.

The Group will actively identify and explore other investment opportunities to further broaden its assets base into a comprehensive portfolio.

#### **Securities Investments**

The Group has further invested surplus funds in a securities listed in Hong Kong during the period. The fair value of the Group's securities investment amounted to approximately HK\$54.5 million as at 30 September 2017. The Group recorded an unrealised loss on changes in fair value of held for trading investments of approximately HK\$15.4 million during the period as compared to a HK\$17.4 million for the last corresponding period. The management will continue to adopt prudent approach in investment and monitor the stock markets closely and keep looking for opportunities to realise gains from its investment portfolio.

Looking forward, the Group will actively identify and explore other investment and business opportunities to broaden its assets and revenue base. The Group will cautiously search for investment opportunities so as to produce a steady growth in the Group's long term performance.

## LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND GEARING

The Group generally finances its operations with internally generated resources.

As at 30 September 2017, the Group had cash and bank balances of approximately HK\$162.5 million (31 March 2017: approximately HK\$98.1 million) and total borrowings of approximately HK\$5.5 million (31 March 2017: approximately HK\$6.2 million). The Group's gearing ratio, calculated by dividing total borrowings by total equity, was 0.6% as at the end of the period (31 March 2017: 0.7%). The liquidity ratio, being the ratio of current assets over current liabilities as at 30 September 2017 was 4.5 (31 March 2017: 2.99).

There was no material change in the gearing ratio for the period. The improvement in the Group's liquidity ratio was mainly attributable to the decrease in trade payables and bills payables during the period.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

Operations of the Group are mainly conducted in Hong Kong dollar ("HK\$"), Renminbi ("RMB"), Euro ("EUR") and United States dollar ("US\$"), and its revenue, expenses, assets, liabilities and borrowings are principally denominated in HK\$, RMB, EUR and US\$.

The Group does not enter into any instruments on the foreign exchange exposure. The Group will closely monitor exchange rate movement and will take appropriate activities to reduce the exchange risk.

#### INTERIM DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend the payment of interim dividends for the period.

#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE

As at 30 September 2017, the total number of issued shares of the Company was 3,680,600,000.

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

#### **CHARGES ON GROUP ASSETS**

As at 30 September 2017, the vessel of the Group with carring value of approximately HK\$20.8 million was pledged to secure an other payable, details of which are set out in note 14 to this announcement.

## SIGNIFICANT ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

Save as the acquisition of held-for-trading investments in securities as mentioned below, there has been no significant acquisition and disposal of assets by the Group during the period.

### SECURITIES INVESTMENTS HELD

During the period, the Group further invested in held-for-trading investment in securities in Hong Kong (the "Securities Investments") amounting to approximately HK\$5.9 million. As at 30 September 2017, the Group had Securities Investments with a market value of HK\$54.5 million, representing an investment portfolio of six listed equities in Hong Kong. The Group recorded an unrealised fair value loss of approximately HK\$15.4 million (period ended 30 September 2016: approximately HK\$17.4 million) in respect of the Securities Investments at the balance sheet date. The details of the Securities Investments as at 30 September 2017 were as follows:

| Company name   | Stock<br>code | Principal activities  | Number of shares held | % of shareholdings | Cost of acquisition | Fair value<br>as at<br>30 September<br>2017 | % of<br>net assets<br>of the Group<br>as at<br>30 September<br>2017 | Unrealised<br>gain/(loss)<br>on fair value<br>change for<br>the period |
|--|---------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---|---|--|
| company name   | couc          | Tincipal acavitics  | shares neta           | shareholdings      | HK\$000             | HK\$000                                     | 2017  | HK\$000  |
| 1 Hsin Chong Group Holdings Limited  | 404           | Building construction, civil engineering, electrical and mechanical installation, property development and investment.  | 10,000,000            | 0.18%              | 10,000              | 3,500                                       | 0.41%   | -  |
| 2 Royal Century Resources<br>Holdings Limited (formerly known as<br>Kate China Holdings Limited) | 8125          | Provision of design and fitting-out services and design and procurement of furnishings and materials, money lending and trading of fine wine.   | 8,000,000             | 2.20%              | 9,600               | 11,440                                      | 1.34%   | (10,960)   |
| 3 China Best Group Holding Limited   | 370           | Trading of fuel oil, electronic devices and other commodities, the finance leasing business, the money lending business, international air and sea freight forwarding and the provision of logistics services, and trading of securities. | 60,000,000            | 0.83%              | 12,660              | 7,080                                       | 0.83%   | (4,920)  |
| 4 Evershine Group Holdings Limited   | 8022          | Travel agency business, trading business, mobile application business, properties development and investment business, cemetery business, money lending business and trading business.  | 27,000,000            | 1.65%              | 9,855               | 14,850                                      | 1.73%   | (1,350)  |
| 5 Elegance Optical International Holdings<br>Limited   | 907           | Manufacture and trading of optical frames and sunglasses, property investment and investment in debts and securities.   | 5,000,000             | 1.29%              | 13,005              | 11,200                                      | 1.31%   | 1,200  |
| 6 Share Economy Group Limited  | 1178          | Manufacturing and trading of BIOenergy products, healthcare food products, multi-functional water generators, other healthcare products, provision of online sharing platform services and properties investments.                        | 83,850,000            | 1.41%              | 5,870               | 6,457                                       | 0.75%   | 587  |
|  |               |   |                       |                    | 60,990              | 54,527                                      |   | (15,443)   |

## **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities as at 30 September 2017.

## **COMMITMENTS**

Details of the Group's commitments as at 30 September 2017 are set out in note 18 to this announcement.

#### EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES

As at 30 September 2017, the Group employed approximately 71 employees. The Group continues to maintain and upgrade the capabilities of its workforce by providing them with adequate and regular training. The Group remunerates its Directors and employees mainly based on industry practices and individual's performance and experience. On top of regular remuneration, discretionary bonus and share options may be granted to eligible staff by reference to the Group's performance as well as individual's performance.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS**

Other than the transactions as disclosed in note 17 to this announcement, no contracts of significance in relation to the Company's business to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party in which a director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at 30 September 2017 or at any time during the period then ended.

## SHARE OPTIONS SCHEME

The Company adopted a share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 2 September 2013 and the Stock Exchange granting approval of the listing of and permission to deal in the shares to be issued under the Share Option Scheme on 3 September 2013.

The Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective for a period of 10 years from 2 September 2013, unless otherwise terminated. The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to provide the Company with a flexible and effective means of incentivizing, rewarding, remunerating, compensating and/or providing benefits to the directors, employees and other participants of the Company and the Group.

The exercise price, vesting period, exercisable period and the number of shares subject to each option will be determined by the Board at the time of grant. No option has been granted by the Company under the Share Option Scheme since its adoption to the date of this report.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company endeavors in maintaining good corporate governance for the enhancement of shareholders' value. The Company has adopted the code provisions in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code") set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules. The Company has complied with all the applicable code provisions in the Code throughout the six months ended 30 September 2017.

## PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's shares during the six months ended 30 September 2017.

#### DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN A COMPETING BUSINESS

During the period under review and up to the date of this report, the Directors had an interest in any business apart from the Group's business, which competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the Group's business that need to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 8.10 of the Listing Rules were as follows:

| Director                  | Name of company   | Nature of business       | Nature of interests                              |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| Mr. Chan Chi Yuen         | Royal Century Resources Holdings Limited ("Royal Century") (formerly known as Kate China Holdings Limited) and its subsidiaries | Money lending business   | Chairman and executive director of Royal Century |
| Ms. Wang Yingqian         | Fortunes United International<br>Leasing Co., Ltd<br>("Fortunes United")  | Finance leasing business | Supervisor of Fortunes United                    |
| Mr. Chi Chi Hung, Kenneth | DeTai New Energy Group Limited ("DeTai") and its subsidiaries   | Money lending business   | Executive director of DeTai                      |

As the board of Directors (the "Board") is independent to the boards of the above mentioned companies, the Group is capable of carrying on its business independently of, and at arm's length, from the business of those companies.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors was interested in any business (apart from the Group's business) which competed or was likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group during the period.

## MODEL CODE FOR DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Securities Dealing Code") set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions.

Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, the Directors have confirmed that they have complied with the Securities Dealing Code throughout the six months ended 30 September 2017.

#### EVENTS AFTER REPORTING PERIOD

On 14 June 2017, the Group entered into a memorandum of understanding (the "GS MOU") with an independent third party (the "Vendor") in relation to a possible acquisition (the "GS Possible Acquisition") of 100% equity interest in a company together with its subsidiaries which are principally engaged in equity investment funds management, equity investment and asset management in the PRC. As the Group and the Vendor failed to reach a consensus on the terms of the GS Possible Acquisition, the Group entered into a deed of termination with the Vendor, subsequent to the end of the reporting period on 19 October 2017, pursuant to which the GS MOU has been terminated.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee currently comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Chi Chi Hung, Kenneth (Chairman), Mr. Yu Pak Yan, Peter and Mr. Man Kwok Leung. The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed the internal control and financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2017.

# DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORS' INFORMATION UNDER RULE 13.51B(1) OF THE LISTING RULES

| Name of Director  | Deta | ils of Change   |
|-------------------|------|---|
| Mr. Chan Chi Yuen | -    | resigned as an independent non-executive director of Jun Yang Financial Holdings Limited (stock code: 397), the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange, on 20 October 2017. |
| Mr. Yu Pak Yan    | -    | resigned as an executive director of Far East Holdings International Limited (stock code: 36), the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange, on 31 October 2017.              |

# PUBLICATION OF THE INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTERIM REPORT

The results announcement of the Group for the period is published on the websites of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (http://www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (http://www.noblecentury.hk) respectively. The 2017 interim report of the Company will be despatched to the shareholders of the Company and made available on the above websites in due course.

## APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all of our shareholders, employees, customers and suppliers for their continued support.

By order of the Board

NOBLE CENTURY INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LIMITED

Ms. Zheng Juhua

Chairman

Hong Kong, 16 November 2017

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Ms. Zheng Juhua, Ms. Wang Yingqian and Mr. Chan Chi Yuen; the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Man Kwok Leung, Mr. Yu Pak Yan, Peter and Mr. Chi Chi Hung, Kenneth.