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## BENEFUN INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

# 奮發國際控股有限公司\*

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock code: 01130)

## INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Benefun International Holdings Limited (the "Company") announces the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the six months ended 31 December 2008 together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2007. These interim financial statements have not been audited, but have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 31 December 2008 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

(Expressed in 110ng Rong dollars)	Six mon		naudited onths ended December
	Notes	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
	ivoles	φ 000	\$ 000
Turnover	2	74,786	73,590
Cost of sales		(57,018)	(45,502)
Gross profit		17,768	28,088
Other income	3	5,517	2,993
Distribution costs		(4,548)	(32,993)
Administrative expenses		(8,766)	(14,393)
Finance costs		(10,937)	(1,571)
Loss before income tax expense	4	(966)	(17,876)
Income tax credit/(expense)	5	218	(2,278)
Loss for the period and attributable to the equity holders of the Company		(748)	(20,154)
Loss per share			
Basic and diluted	6	(0.03) cent	(1.23) cent

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2008 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Notes	Unaudited As at 31 December 2008 \$'000	Audited As at 30 June 2008 \$'000
Non-current assets	7	007	1.002
Property, plant and equipment	7	896 54 270	1,092
Investment properties Standing timber	8	54,379 600,907	54,379
Goodwill	15	38,792	
Deferred tax assets	13	873	203
Deterror tan assets			
		695,847	55,674
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	9	5,528	62,239
Trade and other receivables	10	33,527	38,740
Income tax recoverable		161	3,772
Cash and cash equivalents		5,189	28,199
		44,405	132,950
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	40,624	90,637
Promissory note payable	13	50,728	_
Provision		6,568	6,598
		97,920	97,235
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(53,515)	35,715
Net current (nabilities)/assets		(33,313)	33,713
Total assets less current liabilities		642,332	91,389
Non-current liabilities			
Convertible notes	14	161,354	_
Deferred tax liabilities		152,168	5,514
Net assets		328,810	85,875
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	12	54,787	19,550
Reserves		274,023	66,325
Total equity		328,810	85,875

#### NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

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

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") No. 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. ("HKICPA") and the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Listing Rules of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the 2007/08 annual financial statements.

The principal accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2008, with additional policies as described below.

#### **Convertible notes**

Convertible notes issued by the Company that contain both the liability and conversion option components are classified separately into their respective items on initial recognition. Conversion option that will be settled by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of the Company's own equity instruments is classified as an equity instrument.

On initial recognition, the fair value of the liability component is determined using the prevailing market interest of similar non-convertible debts. The difference between the proceeds of the issue of the convertible notes and the fair value assigned to the liability component, representing the conversion option for the holder to convert the loan notes into equity, is included in equity (convertible note equity reserve).

In subsequent periods, the liability component of the convertible loan notes is carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The equity component, represented by the option to convert the liability component into ordinary shares of the Company, will remain in convertible notes equity reserve until the embedded option is exercised (in which case the balance stated in convertible notes equity reserve will be transferred to share premium). Where the option remains unexercised at the expiry dates, the balance stated in convertible notes equity reserve will be released to the retained profits. No gain or loss is recognised in the income statement upon conversion or expiration of the option.

### Standing timber

Plantation assets comprise standing timber in the People's Republic of China.

Standing timber located in People's Republic of China are stated at fair value less estimated point-of-sale costs, with any resultant gain or loss recognised in the income statement. Point-of-sale costs include all costs that would be necessary to sell the assets, excluding costs necessary to get the assets to market. The fair value of standing timber is determined independently by professional valuers.

In the current period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following amendments and new interpretations issued by HKICPA, that are effective for the current accounting period of the Group.

Amendments to HKAS 39	Reclassification of Financial Assets
and HKFRS 7	
HK(IFRIC) – Int 11	HKFRS 2: Group and Treasury Share Transactions
HK(IFRIC) – Int 12	Service Concession Arrangements
HK(IFRIC) – Int 13	Customer Loyalty Programmes
HK(IFRIC) – Int 14	HKAS 19 - The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum
	Funding Requirements and their Interaction

The adoption of the above amendment and new Interpretations had no material effect on the results or financial position of the Group for the current or prior accounting periods and no prior period adjustment has been recognized.

The Group has not yet applied the following new or revised HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective.

HKFRSs (Amendments)	Improvements to HKFRSs <sup>1</sup>		
HKFRS 1 (Revised)	First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards <sup>3</sup>		
Amendments to HKAS 32	Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on		
and HKAS 1	Liquidation <sup>2</sup>		
Amendment to HKAS 39	Eligible Hedged Items <sup>3</sup>		
Amendments to HKFRS 1	Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity		
and HKAS 27	or Associate <sup>2</sup>		
Amendments to HKFRS 7	Disclosures - Improving Disclosures about Financial		
	Instruments <sup>2</sup>		
HKAS 1 (Revised)	Presentation of Financial Statements <sup>2</sup>		
HKAS 23 (Revised)	Borrowing Costs <sup>2</sup>		
HKAS 27 (Revised)	Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements <sup>3</sup>		
HKFRS 2 Amendment	Share-based Payment – Vesting Conditions and Cancellations <sup>2</sup>		
HKFRS 3 (Revised)	Business Combinations <sup>3</sup>		
HKFRS 8	Operating Segments <sup>2</sup>		
HK(IFRIC) – Interpretation 15	Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate <sup>2</sup>		
HK(IFRIC) – Interpretation 16	Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation <sup>5</sup>		
HK(IFRIC) – Interpretation 17	Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners <sup>3</sup>		
HK(IFRIC) – Interpretation 18	Transfers of Assets from Customers <sup>4</sup>		

- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009 except the amendments to HKFRS 5, effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009
- 2 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009
- 3 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009
- 4 Effective for transfer of assets from customers received on or after 1 July 2009
- 5 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 October 2008

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of the potential impact of these standards, amendments or interpretations and the Directors of the Company so far concluded that the application of these standards, amendments or interpretations will have no material impact on the results and the financial position of the Group.

#### 2. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Segment information is presented in the condensed consolidated financial statements in respect of the Group's business segments, which are the primary basis of segment reporting.

### **Business segments**

The Group has following main business segments:

Apparel manufacturing : Manufacturing, retailing and distribution of apparel

Property rental : Leasing of property rental

Property development : The development and sale of commercial and residential properties

An analysis of the Group's revenue and results by business segments for the six months ended 31 December 2008, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2007, is as follows:

(Unaudited)	_	parel facturing 2007 \$'000		operty ental 2007 \$'000		lopment 2007 \$'000	Una 2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000	Conso 2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
Segment revenue: Turnover	576	70,562	3,615	3,028	70,595	_	-	_	74,786	73,590
Other income										
Total segment revenue	576	71,853	3,615	3,028	70,595	<u> </u>			74,786	74,881
Interest income and other unallocated income									5,517	1,702
Total revenue									80,303	76,583
Segment results	(4,983)	(19,157)	3,615	3,028	10,107	(1,878)	(4,285)	_	4,454	(18,007)
Interest income and other unallocated income									5,517	1,702
Profit/(loss) from operations Finance costs									9,971 (10,937)	(16,305) (1,571)
Loss before income tax expense Income tax credit/(expense)									(966) 218	(17,876) (2,278)
Loss for the period									(748)	(20,154)

## 3. OTHER INCOME

	Unaudited	
	Six months ended	
	31 December	
	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000
Interest income	25	129
Sub-contracting fee	_	1,291
Exchange differences, net	761	1,566
Early repayment discount of promissory note	4,731	_
Others		7
	5,517	2,993

## 4. LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Loss before income tax expense is arrived at after charging:

	Unaudited	
	Six months ended	
	31 December	
	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000
Finance costs:		
Interest on bank advances and other		
financial liabilities repayable within five years	-	1,571
Imputed interest on convertible note (note 14)	4,952	_
Imputed interest on promissory note	5,985	_
Amortisation on interests in leasehold land held for own		
use under operating leases	_	5
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	563	2,948
Write-down of inventories	_	2,299
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	_	516
Impairment losses on trade and other receivables		3,999

#### 5. INCOME TAX CREDIT/(EXPENSE)

The amount of taxation in the condensed consolidated income statement represents:

	Unaudited Six months ended 31 December	
	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000
Current tax		
<ul> <li>Income tax outside Hong Kong</li> </ul>	(4,025)	_
Deferred tax	4,243	(2,278)
Total income tax credit/(expense)	218	(2,278)

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made in the interim financial statements (2007: Nil) as the Group's Hong Kong operations sustained a loss for taxation purposes during the period.

Taxation for the Group's operations outside Hong Kong is provided at the applicable current rates of taxation on the estimated assessable profits arising in the relevant jurisdiction during the period.

Pursuant to the new People's Republic of China ("PRC") Corporate Income Tax Law passed by the Tenth National People's Congress on 16 March 2007, the new Corporate Income Tax rates for almost all enterprises established in the PRC shall be subject to a unified rate of 25% over a five-year transition period and will be effective from 1 January 2008. The State Council of the PRC issued an implementation guideline on 26 December 2007 and the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation of the PRC further issued another implementation guideline on 20 February 2008 (collectively, "Implementation Guidances") which set out the details of how the existing preferential income tax rate will be adjusted to the standard rate of 25%. According to the Implementation Guidances, foreign investment manufacturing enterprises which have not fully utilized their tax holiday and concession will be allowed to continue to receive the benefits of the full exemption and concession in the transitional income tax rate during the five-year transition period. The transitional tax rates for 2008 to 2012 are 18%, 20%, 22%, 24% and 25%, respectively. The new rates were considered to measure the Group's deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities as at 31 December 2008. The enactment of the new PRC Corporate Income Tax Law is not expected to have any financial effect on the amounts accrued in the balance sheet in respect of current tax payable.

#### 6. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic loss per share is based on the net loss for the period of approximately \$748,000 (six months ended 31 December 2007: \$20,154,000) and the weighted average number of 2,582,234,000 ordinary shares (six months ended 31 December 2007: 1,635,029,000 shares) in issue during the year.

The diluted loss per share for the six months ended 31 December 2008 and 2007 is the same as basic loss per share because the potential shares arising from the conversion of the Company's convertible note would decrease loss per share of the Group for the period and is regarded as anti-dilutive.

### 7. MOVEMENTS IN PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the six months ended 31 December 2008, the Group has no material disposal of property, plant and equipment (six months ended 31 December 2007: \$660,000).

In addition, the Group spent approximately \$294,000 (six months ended 31 December 2007: \$2,646,000) in respect of property, plant and equipment during the period.

#### 8. STANDING TIMBER

As a result of the business combination as detailed in note 17, the Group acquired standing timber comprising approximately 632,109 cubic meters of poplar trees and 882 cubic meters of mix trees of elm, willow and other species of poplar.

The standing timber are located in Xinjian, the People's Republic of China ("PRC") which are stated at fair value less estimated point-of-sales costs.

#### 9. INVENTORIES

	Unaudited	Audited
	As at	As at
	31 December	30 June
	2008	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
Property under development	_	62,239
Property held for sales	5,528	
	5,528	62,239

All property held for sales are located in Zhangzhou City of PRC.

### 10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Unaudited	Audited As at 30 June 2008 \$'000
Trade debtors Prepayments, deposits and other receivables Amounts due from related parties	6,844 26,683 	2,572 30,581 5,587
	33,527	38,740

All trade receivables are expected to be recovered within one year. The fair values of trade and other receivables approximate their carrying amount.

Included in trade and other receivables are trade debtors (net of impairment loss) with the following ageing analysis as of the balance sheet date:

	Unaudited	Audited
	As at	As at
	31 December	30 June
	2008	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
Less than 1 month past due	_	64
1 to 3 months past due	5,439	424
More than 3 months but less than 12 months past due	1,405	2,068
More than 12 months past due		16
Total trade debtors	6,844	2,572

The credit terms given to customers vary and are generally based on the financial strength of individual customers. In order to effectively manage the credit risks associated with trade debtors, credit evaluation of customers is performed periodically.

During the period, the Group continued certain property development projects for sales. As at the period end date, included in the balance of prepayments, deposits and other receivables was an aggregate balance of deposits and instalments of \$21,212,000 (30 June 2008: \$21,309,000) for the acquisition of certain land use rights in Zhangzhou City, the PRC in respect of the aforesaid projects.

#### 11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Unaudited	Audited
	As at	As at
	31 December	30 June
	2008	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
Trade creditors	20,472	17,449
Other payables and accrued liabilities	17,328	4,672
Property forward sales deposits		
and instalments received	_	66,581
Amount due to a director	2,824	1,935
	40,624	90,637

All the trade and other payables are expected to be settled within one year. The fair values of trade and other payables approximate their carrying amount.

Amount due to a director is unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

The following is an ageing analysis of trade creditors:

	Unaudited	Audited
	As at	As at
	31 December	30 June
	2008	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
Within 1 month or on demand	_	8,047
More than 1 month but within 3 months	6,139	7,696
More than 3 months but within 6 months	-	1,706
Over 6 months	14,333	
Total trade creditors	20,472	17,449

#### 12. SHARE CAPITAL

	Unaudited As at 31 December 2008		Audited As at 30 June 2008	
	Number of Shares	\$'000	Number of shares	\$'000
Authorised Ordinary shares of \$0.01 each	10,000,000,000	100,000	10,000,000,000	100,000
Issued and fully paid At beginning of the period/year Issue of new shares Conversion of convertible notes	1,955,029,000 - 3,523,660,000	19,550 - 35,237	1,635,029,000 320,000,000 	16,350 3,200
At end of the period/year	5,478,689,000	54,787	1,955,029,000	19,550

#### 13. PROMISSORY NOTE PAYABLE

The promissory note is interest free and will be repayable on demand upon the maturity on 24 December 2009. The fair value estimated by the director as at period end to be approximately \$50,728,000 (30 June 2008: \$Nil).

The promissory note is secured by a share mortgage to all issued shares in Wylkeen Investment Limited and Benefun (BVI) Limited, representing the entire issued share capital held by the Company.

#### 14. CONVERTIBLE NOTES

The Company issued \$400 million, zero coupon convertible notes at 19 November 2008. The convertible bonds are denominated in Hong Kong dollars and are unsecured. The notes matures 3 years from the issue date which is redeemable at 125% of the outstanding principal amount or can be converted into ordinary shares of the Company at the holder's option at a conversion price of \$0.064 per share.

The fair values of the liability component and the equity reserve component were determined at the issuance of the convertible notes. The fair value of the liability component, included in non-current financial liabilities, was calculated using a market interest rate for an equivalent non-convertible notes. The residual amount, representing the value of the equity reserve component, is included in shareholders' equity.

The movements of liability component and equity reserve component of convertible notes are as follows:

	Nominal value \$'000	Liability component \$'000 (Note)	Equity reserve component \$'000	<b>Total</b> \$'000
Issue of convertible notes	400,000	358,544	41,456	400,000
Imputed interest expense (note 4)	_	4,952	_	4,952
Conversion of convertible notes	(225,514)	(202,142)	(23,372)	(225,514)
Carrying amount at 31 December 2008 (Unaudited)	174,486	161,354	18,084	179,438

*Note:* Interest expense on the convertible notes is calculated using the effective interest method by applying the effective interest rate of 11.723% per annum to the liability component. The basis of the effective interest rate is determined by the director with reference to the market discount rate.

#### 15. GOODWILL

	HK\$
At 31 December 2007 and 1 July 2008 Acquired through business combinations (note 16)	38,792
At 31 December 2008 (Unaudited)	38,792

#### 16. ACQUISITIONS DURING THE PERIOD

On 19 November 2008, the Group completed the acquisition of 100% of the voting equity instruments of Ample Rich Enterprises Limited ("Ample Rich") a company whose principal activity is engaged in the business of plantation, research and development on related plantation technologies, manufacture, sale and distribution of plantation products, for a total consideration of \$500,000,000 which are satisfied as (i) \$400,000,000 by the issue of convertible notes and (ii) \$100,000,000 by the issue of promissory note.

Details of the fair value of identifiable assets and liabilities acquired, purchase consideration and goodwill at date of acquisition are as follows:

	Pre-acquisition Carrying amount HK\$'000	Fair value adjustments HK\$'000	Fair value (Provisional) HK\$'000
Assets and liabilities acquired			
Property, plant and equipment Other receivables	171 2,680		171 2,680
Standing timber Cash and cash equivalent	_ 77	600,907	600,907 77
Amount due to a director Trade and other payables	(4,226) (74)		(4,226) (74)
Deferred tax liabilities		(150,226)	(150,226)
Net identifiable assets and liabilities	(1,372)	450,681	449,309
Assignment of loan			1,705
			451,014
Fair Value of the consideration for the acquisition  Portion satisfied by the issue of			
Convertible Note Portion satisfied by the issue of			400,000
Promissory Note Direct transaction cost			87,749 2,057
			489,806
Goodwill (note 15)			38,792

The goodwill is attributable to the benefit of expected revenue growth, future market development and the workforce of Ample Rich. These benefits are not recognised separately from goodwill as the future economic benefits arising from them cannot be measured reliably.

The acquisition, concluded on 19 November 2008 had no impact to Group's turnover and results for the period. Had the acquisition been completed on 1 July 2008, contribution to Group turnover would have been \$ Nil and net result would have been immaterial as the Ample Rich have not commenced active business activities for the period.

In respect of the acquisition, the Group had commitment for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of plantation land which fall due as follows:

	Unaudited
	As at
	31 December
	2008
	\$'000
Not later than one year	35
Later than one year but not later than five years	1,420
Later than five years	80,755
	82,210

The initial accounting for the above acquisition has been determined provisionally, awaiting for the finalization of professional valuation in relation to certain underlying asset and liabilities of Ample Rich.

#### 17. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The Group's capital commitments outstanding at the balance sheet date not provided for in the interim financial statements were as follows:

	Unaudited	Audited
	As at	As at
	31 December	30 June
	2008	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
Acquisition of land use rights and property		
development costs:		
Contracted for	23,192	33,063

#### 18. EVENT AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

On 12 March 2009, the Company has issued 695,090,000 conversion shares upon conversion of convertible notes in the principal amount of \$44,485,760. The cumulative amount of conversion shares represents about 12.69% of the total number of issued shares as at 31 December 2008.

#### **DIVIDEND**

The Board resolved not to declare any interim dividend to the six months ended 31 December 2008 (2007: Nil).

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### REVIEW OF OPERATION

The turnover of the Group for the six months ended 31 December 2008 was approximately HK\$74.8 million, as compared with HK\$73.6 million for the corresponding period of last year. The loss attributable to shareholders was HK\$0.7 million, as compared with a net loss of HK\$20.2 million in the same period of last year.

As foreseen, the harsh global financial crisis had unavoidably affected adversely the China economy though to a lesser extent. The Group had insisted to retrench further its retail scale since the retail environment did not show signs of improvement. As at 31 December, 2008, the Group operated 2 fashion stores in China only.

Although the property market in China also plummeted since early 2008, the Group managed to sell over 90 percent of the units in the 22-storey "Singapore Ritz" situated in Zhongzhou City of Fujian Province.

During the period, the Group completed the acquisition of the entire capital of Ample Rich Enterprises Ltd. As a result, the Group owns the entire equity interests in a PRC Company, a wholly foreign owned enterprise principally engaged in the business of plantation related research and development of plantation related technologies, manufacture, sale and distribution of plantation products, including products from Populus tremula (commonly known as poplar tree) (楊樹) and Ricinus communis L. (commonly known as castor plant) (蓖麻).

As at 31 December 2008, the total area of forest land use right owned by the Group amounted to approximately 60,000 Chinese Mu ("Plantation Land"). Most of the Plantation Land is flatland, has been cultivated with poplar trees and with timber volume estimated as 639,486 cubic metres.

#### **PROSPECT**

The financial turmoil has adversely impacted the global economy. Despite the global economic downturn, the Group is positive towards the long-term prospect of the ecological plantation business in China. China has emerged as the world's largest wood-based panel producer and consumer, resulting in the long term growing demand of wood panel and related products. In addition, with the increasing awareness of ecological development and environmental protection, the Chinese government is implementing supportive and encouragement measures to ecological plantation industry. For example, the forestland concession right reform, subsidy to plantation of environmental friendly species, the tax reduction and rebate to agricultural and forestry corporations would further hasten the development of ecological plantation industry. As the PRC Company plans for 30 years sustainable plantation to cater the increasing

and high demand from wood industry, paper making industry and industrial raw material, the Group is confident in capitalizing the business opportunities created by the growing market and supportive government policies.

In view of the deepening recession and the fierce competition in the fashion retailing and property development market, the Group will adopt very conservative policies to operate these businesses, and will only invest further on them when signs of recovery and real opportunities come.

### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The gross profit percentage of sales in property was approximately 18.9%.

Inventory level of property held for sales as at 31 December 2008 was HK\$5.5 million, as compared with inventory of property under development of HK\$62.2 million at 30 June 2008.

Net cash inflow from operating activities was HK\$9.5 million, compared with a net cash inflow of HK\$8.9 million for the same period last year. Cash balance at 31 December 2008 was HK\$5.2 million, compared with a balance of HK\$28.2 million at 30 June, 2008.

The Group did not have outstanding bank loans as at 31 December 2008 and 30 June 2008.

Capital commitment contracted for but not provided in the financial statement as at 31 December 2008 was approximately HK\$23.2 million, as compared with HK\$33.1 million at 30 June 2008.

The debt equity ratio at 31 December 2008 was 0.64, compared with zero at 30 June 2008.

The Group's current ratio at 31 December 2008 was 0.45, compared with 1.37 at 30 June, 2008. Quick ratio was 0.40, compared with 0.73 as at 30 June, 2008.

#### CHARGE ON THE GROUP'S ASSETS

The Group did not have any pledged assets as at 31 December 2008.

#### **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2008. The Group did not have any material contingent liabilities.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

At 31 December 2008, the Group had 36 employees of which 30 were employed in the PRC for the Group's retailing, property rental, property development and ecological plantation businesses.

The Group offers competitive remuneration, bonus and share option packages based on the performance of the Group and that of individual employees. We also provide relevant training programs to strengthen the Group's human resources and keep high quality personnel at all levels.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company has adopted all the code provisions in the Code on Corporate Governance Practice ("the Code") as set out in the Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("the Listing Rules"). In the opinion of the Directors, the Company has met the code provisions of the Code during the six months ended 31 December 2008.

On 4 July 2008, Mr. Wong Kwai Sang resigned and Mr. Cheung Ngai Lam was appointed as independent non-executive directors. On 16 August 2008, Mr. Tsang Chun Pong resigned and Mr. Tsang Chung Yu was appointed as independent non-executive directors. Mr. Leung Kwong Choi was appointed as executive director on 6 October 2008. Mr. Fu Zi Cong and Mr. Zhong Ma Ming retired and ceased to as directors at the annual general meeting held on 12 December 2008.

On 2 March 2009, Mr. Wong Kwai Sang was appointed as independent non-executive director and on 20 March 2009, Mr. Tsang Chung Yu resigned as independent non-executive director.

The Company has an audit committee comprising three independent non-executive directors. The audit committee has reviewed together with the management of the Company the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, internal control and financial reporting matters including review of the interim results for the six months ended 31 December 2008.

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions. Having made specific enquiry of all directors of the Company, they all confirmed that they have complied with the Model Code throughout the six months ended 31 December 2008.

### PURCHASE, SALES OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S SHARES

During the six months ended 31 December 2008, neither the Company nor its subsidiaries repurchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's shares during the period.

By Order of the Board **Tan Sim Chew** *Chairman* 

Hong Kong, 26 March 2009

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises three executive directors, namely Mr. TAN Sim Chew, Mr. LO King Fat, Lawrence and Mr. LEUNG Kwong Choi and three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. CHEUNG Ngai Lam, Mr. LI Chun Ming, Raymond and Mr. WONG Kwai Sang.

\* For identification purposes only