

Imperium Financial Group Limited 帝國金融集團有限公司

(formerly known as Sun International Group Limited 太陽國際集團有限公司) (Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 8029)

THIRD QUARTERLY RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY (UNAUDITED)

- Revenue of the Group was approximately HK\$46,846,000 for the nine months ended 31 December 2021, representing a decrease of approximately 24% from the corresponding period in the previous fiscal year.
- For the nine months ended 31 December 2021, gross profit of the Group was approximately HK\$36,330,000 as compared to the gross profit of approximately HK\$53,903,000 from the corresponding period in the previous fiscal year.
- Loss attributable to shareholders of the Group for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 amounted to approximately HK\$25,347,000 as compared to profit of approximately HK\$4,477,000 from the corresponding period in the previous fiscal year.
- The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 (2020: Nil).

CONSOLIDATED THIRD QUARTERLY RESULTS FOR 2021 (UNAUDITED)

The board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company hereby announces the unaudited consolidated results of the Group for the three months and nine months ended 31 December 2021, together with the comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding period in 2020 were as follows:

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the three months and nine months ended 31 December 2021

		For the three ended 31 De		For the nine ended 31 De	
	Notes	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Revenue	3	17,646	19,915	46,846	61,726
Direct cost		(3,607)	(5,582)	(10,516)	(7,823)
Gross profit		14,039	14,333	36,330	53,903
Other operating income		11	355	5,026	2,780
Impairment losses, net of reversal		(1,127)	3,234	(2,485)	19,462
Impairment loss on digital assets		(4,798)	_	(6,001)	_
Administrative expenses		(11,327)	(16,211)	(44,767)	(55,526)
Finance costs		(4,531)	(5,014)	(13,450)	(16,142)
(Loss)/Profit before taxation	4	(7,733)	(3,303)	(25,347)	4,477
Income tax expense	5				
(Loss)/Profit for the period		(7,733)	(3,303)	(25,347)	4,477
Other comprehensive (loss)/income: Exchange differences arising on translation of financial statements of foreign operations		(10,347)	5,183	5,361	12,537
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period		(18,080)	1,880	(19,986)	17,014
(Loss)/Profit attributable to: Owners of the Company		(7,733)	(3,303)	(25,347)	4,477
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		(7,733)	(3,303)	(25,347)	4,477

		For the three months ended 31 December			For the nine months ended 31 December		
	Notes	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000		
Total comprehensive (loss)/income attributable to:							
Owners of the Company		(18,080)	1,880	(19,986)	17,014		
		(18,080)	1,880	(19,986)	17,014		
Dividend	6						
(Loss)/Earnings per share (HK cents) Basic and diluted	7	(0.34)	(0.15)	(1.12)	0.21		

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company is incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 11 July 2000 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law (Revised) of Cayman Islands. Its share are listed on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). As at the reporting date, the ultimate and immediate holding company of the Company is Fresh Success Investments Limited ("Fresh Success"), a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, and is beneficially owned as to 100% by Mr. Cheng Ting Kong ("Mr. Cheng"). The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$") which is same as the functional currency of the Company and all amounts are rounded to the nearest thousand (HK\$'000) except otherwise indicated. During the period ended 31 December 2021, the Group was principally engaged in money lending, securities and futures brokerage, assets management services, properties investment, digital currency mining and investment in stallions.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards and Interpretations (collectively, "HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA"), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the GEM Listing Rules.

The unaudited consolidated results have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for certain properties and certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair values. The accounting policies used in preparing the unaudited consolidated financial statements are consistent with those used in the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021, except for the adoption of the new and amended HKFRSs that are first effective for the current reporting period.

The condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 are unaudited but have been reviewed by the Company's Audit Committee.

3. **REVENUE**

Revenue represents the net amounts received and receivable from services provided by the Group to outside customers and is analysed as follows:

	For the three months ended 31 December		For the nine ended 31 Dec		
	2021	2020	2021	2020	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Revenue within the scope of					
HKFRS15					
Financial services	4,853	9,531	16,751	26,432	
Equine services	6,973	9,937	10,897	24,429	
Digital currencies mining	3,477		8,991		
	15,303	19,468	36,639	50,861	
Revenue outside the scope of HKFRS15					
Financial services	1,940	447	8,997	10,865	
Rental income	403		1,210	_	
	2,343	447	10,207	10,865	
	17,646	19,915	46,846	61,726	

4. (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

(Loss)/Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging (crediting):

	For the three	e months	For the nine months		
	ended 31 De	ecember	ended 31 December		
	2021 2020		2021	2020	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Employee benefit expenses (including directors' remuneration):					
 Directors' emoluments 	1,326	1,064	3,730	3,183	
 Salaries and other benefits of other staff 	1,989	5,818	12,521	16,928	
 Retirement benefit scheme contributions (excluding 	1,507	5,010	12,521	10,720	
directors)	286	414	656	1,168	
Interest income	25	23	86	60	

5. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at 8.25% (2020: 8.25%) for the first HK\$2,000,000 of profits of the qualifying group entity, and profits above HK\$2,000,000 will be taxed at 16.5% (2020: 16.5%). The profits of group entities not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

For overseas operation profits tax has been provided at the rates of taxation prevailing in the country in which the Group operates.

	For the three ended 31 De		For the nine months ended 31 December	
	2021 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2020 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2021 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2020 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Current income tax – Hong Kong profits tax				

6. DIVIDEND

The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 (2020: Nil).

7. (LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted (loss)/earnings per share is based on the following data:

	For the three ended 31 De		For the nine ended 31 De	
	2021 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2020 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2021 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2020 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
(Loss)/Profit attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of basic and diluted	(,	(,	(,	(
(loss)/earnings per share	(7,733)	(3,303)	(25,347)	4,477
	Number of	shares	Number of	shares
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic and diluted				
(loss)/earnings per share	2,284,255	2,171,732	2,272,389	2,171,732

Diluted (loss)/earnings per share is calculated adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to assume conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Review of Financial Performance

The Group recorded a revenue of approximately HK\$46,846,000 for the nine months ended 31 December 2021, representing a decrease of 24% when compared to the corresponding period in the last fiscal year. The decrease was mainly due to dropping in revenue generated from both financial and equine services as compared with last fiscal year.

The direct cost was increased to approximately HK\$10,516,000 from approximately HK\$7,823,000 compared with the same period of last year.

Administrative expenses were recorded a decrease of 19% to approximately HK\$44,767,000 compared to approximately HK\$55,526,000 in the last fiscal year. The decrease was mainly due to the more effective internal control.

The loss after taxation for the three months period ended 31 December 2021 recorded as approximately HK\$7,733,000 as compared with approximately HK\$3,303,000 loss after taxation for the same period of last year.

The loss attributable to owners of the Company for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 was approximately HK\$25,347,000 as compared to profit of HK\$4,477,000 from the corresponding period in the previous fiscal year.

Business Review

The Group has been operating in the equine business for years and the result is disappointing. As a result, the Board disposed one of the subsidiaries in the equine segment (completed in July 2019).

On 31 March 2021 there was further restructure of the Group's equine segment.

On 30 April 2021, the Group completed the purchase of the equipment for cryptocurrency mining and started its crypto mining business.

Equine services

Following the disposal of Sun Kingdom Pty Ltd in July 2019, there was further restructure of the equine business. On 31 March 2021, the Group leased out certain land and farm in Australia, which was previously self-occupied and operated in the equine segment, to an independent third party. In addition, the independent third party will manage the Stallions held by the Group under certain profit share scheme. The Board believes after such restructure, both the performance and cash flow of the equine segment would be improved.

Financial services

Following the US-China trade dispute, rising of protectionism, worldwide political uncertainties, outbreak and continuous of COVID-19, and fluctuation of capital and stock market. The board was prudent on the financial services segment, especially the money lending business, to avoid any potential risks to the Group. As a result, the revenue and profit from the financial services decreased as compared from the corresponding period in the previous fiscal year. The management of the Group would review and adjust business strategies on a regular basis with a prudent and balanced risk management approach so as to cope with the current unpredictable economic situation.

Digital currency mining

On 30 April 2021, Extra Blossom Holdings Limited ("Extra Blossom"), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Group, has completed acquiring certain amount of digital currency mining machines. The consideration for the acquisition was satisfied by allotting and issuing 112,522,768 Consideration shares under General Mandate granted at the annual general meeting of the Group on 25 September 2020. By entering into the cryptocurrency/blockchain business, the Board believes it can provide a long term and stable income to the Group. In light of the statement made by the State Council's Financial Stability and Development Committee of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") on 21 May 2021 on Bitcoin mining and trading activities. In order to support and follow the direction of the PRC Government, on 24 May 2021 the Group instructed the relevant service provider to suspend the cryptocurrency miner operating service. The operation of the cryptocurrency mining has relocated in Kazakhstan since July 2021. Given the electricity supply and political status in Kazakhstan is not stable since such relocation, the performance of cryptocurrency mining was affected on certain level. The management of the Group would pay attention to the operation and seek for opportunity to maximize the performance of cryptocurrency mining segment.

On 16 June 2021, Extra Blossom entered into an agreement (the "Swarm Leasing Agreement") with 深圳市水滴雲智能有限公司 (Shenzhen Shuidi Yun Zhineng Company Limited) ("Shenzhen Shuidi"), an independent third party, pursuant to which Shenzhen Shuidi agreed to lease to Extra Blossom 1,000 networked computing nodes to be used in Swarm with a leasing fee of RMB1,000,000 per month. However, given the fluctuation in the trading price of Swarm, Extra Blossom and Shenzhen Shuidi mutually agreed to suspend the Swarm Leasing Agreement in July 2021.

Prospects

Following the US-China trade dispute, the outbreak of COVID-19 and US Federal Reserve beginning a tightening monetary policy throughout the remainder of 2022, the global economy and consumer confidence have been adversely affected. These have an impact on our 2021 financial results and our development strategies. The management foresees that there is full of challenging in 2021 and 2022. On the other hand, this presents both opportunities and challenges for the financial services segment. However, the results of the Group's financial services segment would be heavily influenced by the performance of the stock markets in China and Hong Kong. The Group would continue to use its best endeavor to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the operation. Moreover, the Board would seek opportunities to establish strategic alliance to accelerate the growth of its businesses, to rebalance its business portfolio and to strengthen its financial position so as to create value for shareholders.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As of 31 December 2021, the Group's net asset is approximately HK\$141,992,000 compared with the net assets of approximately HK\$61,979,000 as at 31 March 2021. The cash and bank balances as at 31 December 2021 was approximately HK\$90,418,000, representing a decrease of approximately 15% when compared with the balance as at 31 March 2021. During the nine months ended 31 December 2021, the Group's operation was mainly financed by internal fund.

CHARGES ON GROUP ASSETS

As at 31 December 2021, no plant and equipment of the Group was held under finance lease (2020: Nil).

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

The income and expenditure of the Group are denominated in Hong Kong Dollars, and Australian Dollars. The Company has not entered into any foreign exchange hedging arrangement. The management is required to monitor the Group's foreign exchange exposure by closely monitoring the movement of foreign currency rates. The Group may use financial tools such as foreign exchange forward contracts, dual currency options etc. to manage the foreign exchange risks.

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

The total number of employees was 43 as at 31 December 2021 (2020: 65), and the total remuneration for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 was approximately HK\$16,907,000 (2020: HK\$21,280,000). The Group's remuneration policy for senior executives is basically performance-linked. Staff benefits, including medical coverage and mandatory provident fund, are also provided to employees where appropriate. Discretionary bonus is linked to performance of the individual specific to each case. The Group may offer options to reward employees who make significant contributions and to retain key staff pursuant to the share option scheme of the Group. The remuneration policy of the Group is reviewed and approved by the Remuneration Committee as well as by the Board.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

On 30 October 2018, Guangdong Higher People's Court (the "Guangdong Higher Court") has been directed by the Supreme People's Court of the PRC to hear the claims (the "Original Claims") made by Mr. Chiu Ming ("Mr. Chiu") and Diamond Ocean Development Limited ("Diamond Ocean") (collectively the "Original Plaintiffs") against, among others, Sun Finance, Mr. Cheng and Mr. Chau (collectively the "Original Defendants") in relation to, among others, an enforcement of the share charge in 2011 over certain shares (the "Diamond Ocean Share Charge") of a listed company (the "Listed Company") in Hong Kong provided by Diamond Ocean, being the security for a loan provided by Sun Finance to Diamond Ocean, which was alleged by the Original Plaintiffs to have infringed their rights. According to the Original Claims, the Original Plaintiffs requested the court to order the Original Defendants to compensate the Original Plaintiffs for direct economic loss of RMB500,000,000 and bear all the litigation costs. In addition, the Original Plaintiffs will seek compensation for indirect loss after the valuation company engaged by the court has assessed the assets of a PRC subsidiary (the "PRC Subsidiary") of the Listed Company.

On 3 July 2020, the PRC legal advisor of the Group received the amended form of claim (the "Amended Form of Claim") from the Guangdong Higher Court which was lodged by Mr. Chiu, Diamond Ocean and Rich Galaxy Group Limited ("Rich Galaxy") (which was added as plaintiff) on 27 June 2019. Pursuant to the Amended Form of Claim, (i) Fame Select Limited (being a company beneficially owned as to 50% by Mr. Chau and as to 50% by Mr. Cheng) and Ms. Yeung So Lai (being the sister of Ms. Yeung So Miu, which, in turn, is the spouse of Mr. Cheng), among others, were added as defendants (together with the original defendants, the "Defendants"); and (ii) the amount of compensation claimed from the Defendants was increased to HK\$680,000,000.

The Group had objected the Amended Form of Claim on the ground of different jurisdiction but was unsuccessful. The Amended Form of Claims would be effectively stand and the Group is pending to receive hearing notice from the Guangdong Higher Court.

On 11 August 2021, the PRC legal advisors to Sun Finance received the first hearing notice from the Guangdong Higher Court. The first hearing was scheduled to be held on 23 September 2021, which is rescheduled to be held on 26 October 2021.

On 19 October 2021, the PRC legal advisors received the verbal confirmation from the Guangdong Higher Court that the hearing held on 26 October 2021 would be cancelled and no further action or hearing was scheduled.

On 11 November 2021, the Group received the civil judgment issued by Guangdong Higher People's Court that it had approved the withdrawal of the Claim by Mr. Chiu Ming, Diamond Ocean and Rich Galaxy.

Details of the Original Claims were set out in the announcements of the Company dated 4 April 2019 and 8 April 2019.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS IN SHARE CAPITAL

As at 31 December 2021, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meanings of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 352 of the SFO, or as required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.66 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange were as follows:

(1) Long positions in the shares of the Company

Ordinary share of HK\$0.04 each of the Company

Name of Director	Nature of interests	ordinary shares held	Capacity	Percentage of issued shares
Mr. Cheng Ting Kong	Corporate (Note)	1,437,914,040	Interest of a controlled corporation	62.82%

Note: These ordinary shares are held by Fresh Success Investments Limited. Fresh Success Investments Limited is beneficially owned as to 100% by Mr. Cheng Ting Kong.

(2) Long positions in the underlying shares of the Company

Pursuant to the new share option scheme adopted by the Company on 5 December 2006 (the "New Scheme"), several Directors in the capacity as beneficial owner were granted share options to subscribe for shares of the Company, details of which as at 31 December 2021 were as follows:

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	Date of	Number of share	Exercised during the	Lapsed during the	Exercise price of share	Exercise	period	of options outstanding as at 31 December
Name of Director	grant	options	period	period	options HK\$	from	until	2021
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Ms. Cheng Mei Ching	10/09/2014	1,391,400	-	1,391,400	0.315	10/09/2014	09/09/2024	_
Mr. Lui Man Wah	10/09/2014	1,391,400	-	1,391,400	0.315	10/09/2014	09/09/2024	-

Save as disclosed above, during the nine months ended 31 December 2021, no new share options granted for the Directors or their respective associates to subscribe for shares of the Company and had not been exercised such rights.

Save as disclosed above, during the nine months ended 31 December 2021, none of the Directors or Chief Executive of the Company has any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.66 of the GEM Listing Rules.

DETAILS OF SHARE OPTIONS GRANTED BY THE COMPANY

Under the terms of the Share Option Scheme adopted by the Company on 5 December 2006, the Board is authorized, at its absolute discretion, to grant options to employee (including any executive and non-executive director), proposed employee, consultant, adviser, agent, contractor, customer or supplier of any member of the Group, to subscribe for shares in the Company. No share option was granted or exercised during the nine months ended 31 December 2021. Following the expiry of the 2006 Share Option Scheme on 4 December 2016, no further share option can be granted, but the provisions of the 2006 Share Option Scheme will remain in full force and effect to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of any share options granted prior thereto or otherwise as may be required in accordance with the provisions of the 2006 Share Option Scheme.

As at 31 December 2021 details of share options outstanding were as follows:

		Number of sh				
Date of grant	At 1 April 2021	Exercised during the period	Lapsed during the period	At 31 December 2021	Exercise period of share options	Exercise price of share options HK\$
10/09/2014	29,219,400	_	29,219,400		10/09/2014 to 09/09/2024	0.315
	29,219,400		29,219,400			

DIRECTORS' RIGHT TO ACQUIRE SHARES

Save as disclosed above, at no time during the period were rights to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or other body corporate granted to any Directors or their respective associates, or were any such rights exercised by them; or was the Company, its holding company, or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors, their respective associates to acquire such rights in any other body corporate.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS

No contracts of significance to which the Group was a party and in which a Director of the Company or any of its subsidiaries had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the period or at any time during the period.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS AND DISCLOSURE UNDER SFO

So far as is known to any Directors or chief executives of the Company, as at 31 December 2021, the following person or corporations had equity interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of Part XV of the SFO and/or were directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the issued share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company:

Long positions in the shares of the Company

Ordinary share of HK\$0.04 each of the Company

Name of Shareholders	Nature of interests	Number of ordinary shares held		Percentage of issued shares
Fresh Success Investments Limited (Note 1)	Corporate	1,437,914,040	Beneficial owner	62.82%
Cheng Ting Kong (Note 1)	Corporate	1,437,914,040	Interest of a controlled corporation	62.82%
Raywell Holdings Limited (Note 2)	Corporate	135,430,000	Beneficial owner	5.93%
Yeung Hak Kan (Note 2)	Corporate	135,430,000	Interest of a controlled corporation	5.93%

Notes:

- 1. Fresh Success Investments Limited is beneficially owned as to 100% by Mr. Cheng Ting Kong. Accordingly, Mr. Cheng Ting Kong is deemed under the SFO to be interested in the 1,437,914,040 shares beneficial owned by Fresh Success Investments Limited.
- 2. Raywell Holdings Limited is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Yeung Hak Kan. Accordingly, Mr. Yeung Hak Kan is deemed under the SFO to be interested in the 135,430,000 shares beneficially owned by Raywell Holdings Limited.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2021, the Company was not notified of any other relevant interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares in the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of Part XV of the SFO.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's Articles of Association, or the laws of the Cayman Islands, which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro rata basis to existing shareholders.

COMPETITION AND CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

None of the Directors, the management shareholders or the substantial shareholders of the Company, or any of their respective associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules), has engaged in any business that competes or may compete with the business of the Group or has any other conflict of interests with the Group.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company set up an audit committee ("Audit Committee") on 29 November 2000 with written terms of reference in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules for the purpose of reviewing and providing supervision over the financial reporting process and internal controls of the Group. During the period under review, the Audit Committee comprised three members, Mr. Tou Kin Chuen, Mr. Chan Tin Lup, Trevor and Mr. Jim Ka Shun, all of them are independent non-executive Directors and Mr. Tou Kin Chuen was appointed as the chairman of the Audit Committee. The results for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 were reviewed by the Audit Committee.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

According to the Code on Corporate Governance Practices, the Company established its remuneration committee ("Remuneration Committee") on 18 March 2005. During the period under review, the Remuneration Committee comprised three members, Mr. Tou Kin Chuen, Mr. Chan Tin Lup, Trevor and Mr. Jim Ka Shun, all of them are independent non-executive Directors and Mr. Chan Tin Lup, Trevor was appointed as the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee.

The principal responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee include making recommendations to the Board on the Group's policy and structure in relation to the remuneration of Directors and senior management and reviewing the specific remuneration packages of all executive Directors and senior management by reference to corporate goals and objectives resolved by the Board from time to time.

PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES

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

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICE

During the nine months ended 31 December 2021, the Company has applied the principles and complied with all the code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code in Appendix 15 to the GEM Listing Rules (the "CG Code"), save for the deviations discussed below:

Pursuant to E.1.2 of the CG Code, the chairman of the Board should attend the annual general meeting of the Company. Mr. Cheng Ting Kong (chairman of the Board) was unable to attend the 2019 AGM due to unexpected engagement. Mr. Lui Man Wah (executive Director and chief executive officer of the Company) was appointed as the chairman of the 2020 AGM in replying to questions raised by shareholders at the 2020 AGM.

The Group will keep on reviewing its corporate governance standards on a timely basis and the Board endeavours to take all necessary actions to ensure the compliance with the Code Provisions set out in the CG Code.

CODE OF CONDUCT REGARDING SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

During the period under review, the Company continued to adopt a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings as set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Company had also made specific enquiry of all Directors and the Company was not aware of any non-compliance with the required standard of dealings and its code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises five executive Directors, namely, Mr. Cheng Ting Kong, Ms. Cheng Mei Ching, Mr. Lui Man Wah, Mr. Chim Tak Lai and Mr. Choi Hon Keung Simon and three independent non- executive Directors, namely, Mr. Chan Tin Lup, Trevor, Mr. Tou Kin Chuen and Mr. Jim Ka Shun.

By order of the Board Imperium Financial Group Limited Cheng Mei Ching Executive Director

Hong Kong, 11 February 2022