LUNG KEE (BERMUDA) HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

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INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2023

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The directors of Lung Kee (Bermuda) Holdings Limited (the "Company") (the "Directors") are pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated financial results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the six months ended 30th June, 2023 together with the comparative figures as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30th June, 2023

		Six months ended 30th June,	
		2023	2022
		HK$'000	HK$'000
	Notes	**(unaudited)**	(unaudited)
Revenue	*3*	**708,923**	907,552
Other income, gains and losses	*4*	**5,411**	2,525
(Decrease) increase in fair value of investment properties		**(1,500)**	2,000
Impairment losses (recognised) reversed under expected credit loss model, net		**(244)**	2,181
Changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress		**5,000**	7,468
Raw materials and consumables used		**(306,019)**	(359,766)
Employee benefits expenses		**(204,317)**	(238,020)
Depreciation of right-of-use assets		**(3,018)**	(2,985)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		**(81,720)**	(75,359)
Other expenses		**(173,838)**	(191,527)
Interest expense on lease liabilities		**(230)**	(168)
(Loss) profit before taxation		**(51,552)**	53,901
Income tax credit (expense)	*5*	**20,046**	(12,913)
(Loss) profit for the period	*6*	**(31,506)**	40,988

	Note	Six months ended 30th June, 2023 HK$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK$'000 (unaudited)
Other comprehensive expense for the period:			
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Exchange difference arising on translation of foreign operations		**(69,825)**	(81,441)
Total comprehensive expense for the period		**(101,331)**	(40,453)
		HK cents	HK cents
Basic (loss) earnings per share	*8*	**(4.99)**	6.49

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30th June, 2023

	Notes	**At 30th June, 2023 HK$'000 (unaudited)**	At 31st December, 2022 HK$'000 (audited)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets			
Investment properties		**173,500**	175,000
Property, plant and equipment		**664,151**	667,715
Right-of-use assets		**67,965**	73,603
Deposits paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment		**43,586**	78,583
Deferred tax assets		**26,067**	12,508
		975,269	1,007,409
Current assets			
Inventories		**594,579**	606,924
Trade, bills and other receivables	*9*	**149,180**	150,501
Bank balances and cash		**417,040**	536,643
		1,160,799	1,294,068
Current liabilities			
Trade, bills and other payables	*10*	**120,324**	135,808
Contract liabilities		**25,977**	21,765
Lease liabilities		**3,615**	3,574
Taxation payable		**34,526**	36,264
Dividend payable		**340**	295
		184,782	197,706
Net current assets		**976,017**	1,096,362
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,951,286**	2,103,771

	At 30th June, 2023 HK$'000 (unaudited)	At 31st December, 2022 HK$'000 (audited)
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred tax liabilities	**13,721**	17,903
Lease liabilities	**4,038**	5,986
Other payables	**86,178**	93,301
	103,937	117,190
Net assets	**1,847,349**	1,986,581
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Share capital	**63,168**	63,168
Reserves	**1,784,181**	1,923,413
Total equity	**1,847,349**	1,986,581

Notes:

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for investment properties, which are measured at fair values.

Other than changes in accounting policies resulting from application of amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30th June, 2023 are the same as those presented in the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2022.

Application of amendments to HKFRSs

In the current interim period, the Group has applied the following new and amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA, for the first time, which are mandatory effective for the Group's annual period beginning on 1st January, 2023 for the preparation of the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements:

HKFRS 17 (including the October 2020 and February 2022 Amendments to HKFRS 17)	Insurance Contract
Amendments to HKAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates
Amendment to HKAS 12	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

Except as described below, the application of the amendments to HKFRSs in the current interim period has had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Impacts on application of Amendments to HKAS 8 Definition of Accounting Estimates

The amendments define accounting estimates as "monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty". An accounting policy may require items in financial statements to be measured in a way that involves measurement uncertainty. In such a case, an entity develops an accounting estimate to achieve the objective set out by the accounting policy. The amendments to HKAS 8 clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates, and changes in accounting policies and the correction of errors.

The application of the amendments in the current period had no material impact on the condensed consolidated financial statements.

3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group is principally engaged in the manufacturing and marketing of mould bases and related products. Revenue represents the invoiced value of goods sold to external customers during the period, after allowances for returns and trade discounts. The Group recognised revenue at a point in time.

Revenue from manufacturing and marketing of mould bases and related products

The Group manufactures and sells mould bases and related products directly to the customer and revenue is recognised when control of the goods has been transferred to the customer, being at the point the goods are delivered to the customer. Transportation and other related activities that occur before the customers obtain control of the related goods are considered as fulfilment activities. Following the delivery, the customer has full discretion over the manner of distribution and price to sell the goods, has the primary responsibility when on selling the goods and bears the risks of obsolescence and loss in relation to the goods. The Group allows credit periods ranging from 30 to 90 days to its trade customers.

The performance obligation of all contracts have an original expected duration of one year or less.

The Group only has one operating segment, based on the information reported to the chief operating decision maker (i.e. the Company's executive directors) for the purposes of resources allocation and performance assessment, which is the aggregated results of the Group, including all income, expenses and tax charges. As a result, there is only one reportable segment for the Group. For information regarding this segment, reference can be made to the consolidated financial statements as a whole. No other discrete financial information is provided. Accordingly, only entity-wide disclosures and geographic information are presented.

The segment revenue and segment result of the Group represents revenue and profit after taxation set out in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income respectively.

Entity-wide disclosures

As at 30th June, 2023 and 31st December, 2022, substantially all of the Group's non-current assets are located in the places of domicile of the relevant group entities, namely the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue based on delivery location of the customers:

	Six months ended 30th June,	
	2023	2022
	HK$'000	HK$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
The PRC	**611,445**	787,688
Others	**97,478**	119,864
	708,923	907,552

The Group has a very wide customer base covering Europe, America and Asia. No single customer contributed more than 10% of the Group's revenue for each of the six months ended 30th June, 2023 and 2022.

4. OTHER INCOME, GAINS AND LOSSES

	Six months ended 30th June,	
	2023	2022
	HK$'000	HK$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Other income:		
Interest income	**4,174**	7,479
Rental income, net of direct outgoings of HK$292,000 (2022: HK$268,000)	**2,824**	2,708
Government grants (note)	**–**	236
Sundry income	**455**	2,090
	7,453	12,513
Other gains and losses:		
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	**1,830**	4,606
Net foreign exchange loss	**(3,872)**	(14,594)
	(2,042)	(9,988)
	5,411	2,525

Note: In the prior period, government grants of HK$236,000 with respect to the Employment Support Scheme, which had fulfilled condition to retain current employees in Hong Kong, were received.

5. INCOME TAX CREDIT (EXPENSE)

	Six months ended 30th June,	
	2023	2022
	HK$'000	HK$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
The (charge) credit comprises:		
Taxation in Hong Kong	**(631)**	(1,088)
Taxation in jurisdictions outside Hong Kong	**2,367**	(11,115)
Deferred taxation	**18,310**	(710)
	20,046	(12,913)

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime of Hong Kong Profits Tax, the first HK$2 million of profits of the qualifying group entity will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK$2 million will be taxed at 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%.

Accordingly, the Hong Kong Profits Tax of the qualifying group entity is calculated at 8.25% on the first HK$2 million of the estimated assessable profits and at 16.5% on the estimated assessable profits above HK$2 million.

Under the Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax (the "EIT Law") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the PRC subsidiaries is 25% for both periods.

Dividend distribution out of the retained profits of foreign-invested enterprises in the PRC earned after 1st January, 2008 is subject to withholding income tax at a tax rate of 10% unless reduced by treaty. Under the tax treaty between Hong Kong and the Mainland China, the withholding income tax rate applicable to the Group is 5%.

Taxation arising in jurisdictions outside Hong Kong and the PRC is calculated based on the applicable rates in those jurisdictions.

6. (LOSS) PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD

(Loss) profit for the period has been arrived at after charging (crediting):

	Six months ended 30th June,	
	2023	2022
	HK$'000	HK$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Cost of inventories recognised as an expense	**644,168**	723,741
Recognition (utilisation) of inventories provision	**2,243**	(4,428)

7. DIVIDENDS

Interim dividend for the current period:

On 25th August, 2023, the Directors determined an interim dividend of HK5 cents (six months ended 30th June, 2022: HK6 cents) per share amounting to HK$31,584,000 (six months ended 30th June, 2022: HK$37,901,000) to be paid to the shareholders of the Company whose names appear in the Register of Members on 13th September, 2023.

Dividend recognised as distribution during the period:

During the current period, a final dividend of HK6 cents (six months ended 30th June, 2022: HK20 cents) per share amounting to HK$37,901,000 (six months ended 30th June, 2022: HK$126,335,000) was declared and paid to the shareholders in respect of the year ended 31st December, 2022 (six months ended 30th June, 2022: in respect of the year ended 31st December, 2021).

8. (LOSS) EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic (loss) earnings per share for the six months ended 30th June, 2023 is based on the loss attributable to the owners of the Company for the six months ended 30th June, 2023 of HK$31,506,000 (six months ended 30th June, 2022: profit of HK$40,988,000) and the number of 631,677,303 (2022: 631,677,303) ordinary shares in issue during the period.

No diluted (loss) earnings per share is presented for both periods as there is no potential ordinary shares outstanding during the period or at the end of the reporting period.

9. TRADE, BILLS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

In general, the Group allows a credit period ranging from 30 days to 90 days to its trade customers.

Included in trade, bills and other receivables are trade receivables (net of allowance for credit losses) of HK$80,110,000 (31st December, 2022: HK$82,781,000) and bills receivables of HK$12,217,000 (31st December, 2022: HK$13,241,000).

The following is an aged analysis of trade and bills receivables (before allowance for credit losses), presented based on the invoice dates at the end of the reporting period.

	At 30th June, 2023 HK$'000 (unaudited)	At 31st December, 2022 HK$'000 (audited)
0 to 60 days	**78,348**	86,508
61 to 90 days	**16,253**	12,187
Over 90 days	**6,531**	6,248
	101,132	104,943

10. TRADE, BILLS AND OTHER PAYABLES

Included in trade, bills and other payables are trade payables of HK$34,448,000 (31st December, 2022: HK$30,535,000) and bills payables of nil (31st December, 2022: HK$847,000).

The following is an aged analysis of trade and bills payables, presented based on the invoice dates at the end of the reporting period.

	At 30th June, 2023 HK$'000 (unaudited)	At 31st December, 2022 HK$'000 (audited)
0 to 60 days	**27,952**	23,494
61 to 90 days	**4,547**	4,334
Over 90 days	**1,949**	3,554
	34,448	31,382

In general, the credit period on the purchases of goods ranges from 30 days to 150 days.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW

The Group's revenue for the six months ended 30th June, 2023 was HK$708,923,000 (2022: HK$907,552,000). Loss attributable to owners of the Company for the six months ended 30th June, 2023 was HK$31,506,000 (2022: profit of HK$40,988,000). Basic loss per share for the six months ended 30th June, 2023 was HK4.99 cents (2022: earnings per share was HK6.49 cents).

During the period under review, the global economy and business environment faced great challenges. Factors such as the impact of experiencing the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic for more than three years, the continuous trade disputes between China and the United States, the increase of interest rate implemented by major economies such as the United States to curb inflation, and the geopolitical tensions in various regions, all adversely affected the overall economy and resulted in a slowdown in the global economy and also aggravated the tough business operating environment in which the Group operates. Due to the significant reduction of aggregate purchase orders in the overall market, the Group's machining ability and production capacity were not fully utilized and its sales revenue had dropped sharply. Coupled with the relatively fixed operation costs, the Group's performance in the first half of the year had turned around from profit to loss. Therefore, the Group issued a profit warning to shareholders and potential investors on 7th July, 2023 pursuant to the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

Following the subside of pandemic, China's business and production activities had resumed successively, but the economy was still in its recovery stage. The wait-and-see atmosphere in the market was strong, and consumption desire and confidence of the citizens still needed to be restored, consequently a cautious and conservative consumption pattern was adopted. Therefore, demand for consumer goods such as home appliances and furniture products were still weak, resulting in a slow recovery in China's domestic market.

On the other hand, geopolitical conflicts led to instability and the war between Russia and Ukraine had not ceased, jeopardizing the global economy and financial system. In order to suppress the persistent high inflation, major economies such as the United States had increased interest rates which also slowed down the pace of global economic recovery. Coupled with the ongoing disputes between China and the United States, the growth rate of China's export business had been severely restricted. Facing the slowdown of China's overall market development, the aggregate orders from the Group's customers had dropped sharply, and the Group's production capacity had not been fully utilized, resulting in a significant decrease in revenue. As the relative fixed operation costs could not be reduced notably, the Group recorded a loss during the period under review.

For the mould steel, the price remained quite stable and its short-term fluctuation narrowed.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Group's revenue for the six months ended 30th June, 2023 decreased by 21.9% as compared with the same period of last year. The decrease of revenue was mainly due to the significant reduction of aggregate purchase orders in the market caused by the tough business operating environment. During the period under review, the relevant costs of raw materials and consumables used (including the changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress) for generating the revenue decreased by 14.6% and their costs as percentage of revenue increased to 42.5% (2022: 38.8%). The employee benefit expenses and other expenses decreased by 14.2% and 9.2% respectively while the depreciation of property, plant and equipment increased by 8.4%.

During the period under review, the change in fair value of investment properties decreased by HK$3,500,000 as compared with the same period of last year. Other income increased by HK$2,886,000. The impairment loss recognised under expected credit loss model, net for the six months ended 30th June, 2023 was HK$244,000 (2022: impairment loss reversed under expected credit loss model, net of HK$2,181,000). The income tax credit for the six months ended 30th June, 2023 was HK$20,046,000 (2022: income tax charge of HK$12,913,000). The income tax credit for the six months ended 30th June, 2023 included the income tax refund of HK$3,646,000 overprovided in prior years.

As a result of the foregoing, the Group recorded a loss of HK$31,506,000 for six months ended 30th June, 2023 (2022: profit of HK$40,988,000).

Liquidity and Financial Resources

The total equity of the Group as at 30th June, 2023 was HK$1,847,349,000 (as at 31st December, 2022: HK$1,986,581,000). As at 30th June, 2023, the Group had bank balances and cash of HK$417,040,000 (as at 31st December, 2022: HK$536,643,000) and did not have any borrowings (as at 31st December, 2022: Nil).

The bank balances and cash were placed in short term deposits with major banks in Hong Kong and the PRC.

The Group had sufficient cash to meet its operations and capital commitments and the COVID-19 pandemic did not affect the financial position of the Group.

Employees and Remuneration Policies

As at 30th June, 2023, the Group employed a total of approximately 2,900 employees. The Group adopts a competitive remuneration package for its employees. Promotion and salary increments are assessed based on a performance related basis. Share options may also be granted to staff with reference to the individual's performance.

PROSPECTS

Looking ahead to the second half of the year, the global economy and business outlook are still full of uncertainties and unpredictable. Geopolitical instability and persistent high inflation risks will still obstruct the recovery of the global economy. The Group will cautiously evaluate the market environment and needs in order to respond to future changes.

The Group expects that the performance in the second half of this year will not be worse than that of the first half of this year. As economic activities in China resume normal, citizens' confidence will increase and their consumption demand will gradually improve, thus China's economy will turn good. In addition, the Chinese government will introduce macro-economic stimulus measures, which are expected to promote consumption and foster the development of the domestic market with an aim to achieve steady economic growth. The Group expects that environmentally friendly new energy vehicles will become a new driving force for development, while the demand for consumer goods such as high-tech electronic products and intelligent home appliances will gradually increase and the market orders will enlarge. However, trade relations between China and the United States are increasingly tense and severely impact those export-oriented customers in China with main business dealings with the United States. The Group will actively expand China market and other overseas markets to acquire orders, so as to bring steady development and stable income to the Group.

The Group will continue to enhance and reinforce its internal operating structure. The time-saving and labor-saving automated production lines adopted by the Group become increasingly sophisticated and have gradually achieved results. Manpower can thus be released and transformed to higher value-added production, so as to improve the overall machining ability, production speed and product quality. The Group will strive to monitor cost fluctuation range in order to reduce operational risks incurred by rising costs and strengthen the competitiveness of the Group's products.

Despite the uncertain business outlook, the Group will continue to strive for steady and healthy business growth and maintain its competitive advantage in adverse circumstances.

REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management and the external auditor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal controls and financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors have determined an interim dividend of HK5 cents (2022: HK6 cents) per share in respect of the six months ended 30th June, 2023 to be payable on or around 25th September, 2023 to shareholders whose names appear in the Register of Members of the Company on 13th September, 2023.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 12th September, 2023 to 13th September, 2023, both days inclusive, during which period no share transfer will be effected.

In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar and Transfer Office of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited of Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on 11th September, 2023.

Shareholders whose securities accounts with The Central Depository (Pte) Limited in Singapore are credited with shares in the Company as at 5:00 p.m. on 11th September, 2023 will be entitled to the interim dividend.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

There was no purchase, sale or redemption of shares or other securities of the Company by the Company or any of its subsidiaries during the six months ended 30th June, 2023.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has complied with all code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code contained in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited throughout the review period.

On behalf of the Board
Siu Yuk Lung
Managing Director

Hong Kong, China, 25th August, 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Siu Tit Lung (Chairman), Mr. Siu Yuk Lung, Mr. Wai Lung Shing, Mr. Ting Chung Ho, Mr. Siu Yuk Tung, Ivan and Mr. Siu Yu Hang, Leo; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Dr. Lee Tat Yee, Mr. Lee Joo Hai, Mr. Wong Hak Kun and Ms. He Lamei.