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GOLDEN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
金源發展國際實業有限公司
(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock code: 677)

2023/2024 INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

SUMMARY OF INTERIM RESULTS

The Directors of Golden Resources Development International Limited (the “Company”) are pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the six months ended 30th September, 2023 as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

		For the six months ended 30th September,	
		2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
	<i>Notes</i>		
REVENUE	3	1,026,985	1,030,008
Cost of sales		(627,647)	(629,783)
GROSS PROFIT		399,338	400,225
Net unrealized loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(310)	(15,876)
Surplus on revaluation of investment properties		79,834	—
Net other income	4	2,909	24,405
Selling and distribution costs		(222,549)	(194,506)
Administrative expenses		(128,627)	(116,190)
Interest on lease liabilities	5	(16,087)	(14,682)
PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS	3	114,508	83,376
Finance costs	5	(236)	(298)
Share of results of associates		(357)	(76)
Share of results of joint ventures		(310)	(254)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	5	113,605	82,748
Taxation	6	(30,487)	(10,372)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		83,118	72,376
Profit attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company		82,337	74,764
Non-controlling interests		781	(2,388)
		83,118	72,376
EARNINGS PER SHARE	8		
— Basic		HK4.9 cents	HK4.4 cents
— Diluted		HK4.9 cents	HK4.4 cents

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	For the six months ended 30th September,	
	2023	2022
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	83,118	72,376
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS		
Items to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:		
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(20,670)	(8,553)
Share of other comprehensive loss of associates	(427)	(626)
Other comprehensive loss for the period, net of tax	(21,097)	(9,179)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	62,021	63,197
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
Shareholders of the Company	62,072	67,605
Non-controlling interests	(51)	(4,408)
	62,021	63,197

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	<i>Notes</i>	30th September, 2023 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	31st March, 2023 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		436,195	373,080
Right-of-use assets		362,330	337,026
Prepaid lease payments		11,630	12,042
Investment properties		323,339	166,070
Interests in associates		34,015	34,990
Interests in joint ventures		15,243	11,497
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		9,770	7,504
Intangible assets		26,749	26,749
Rental and related deposits paid		27,341	26,513
		1,246,612	995,471
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories		191,329	196,656
Trade debtors	9	80,129	65,436
Other debtors, deposits and prepayments		102,896	85,483
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		16,666	9,382
Tax recoverable		—	1,023
Cash and bank balances		414,557	540,227
		805,577	898,207
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade creditors	10	143,364	119,257
Other creditors and accruals		164,788	130,052
Lease liabilities		124,575	117,232
Bank loan		3,344	3,296
Tax liabilities		15,242	—
		451,313	369,837
NET CURRENT ASSETS		354,264	528,370
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,600,876	1,523,841
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities		272,527	252,436
Bank loan		2,661	4,315
Deferred tax liabilities		24,036	1,365
		299,224	258,116
		1,301,652	1,265,725
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	11	169,741	169,741
Reserves		1,096,725	1,059,494
Shareholders' equity		1,266,466	1,229,235
Non-controlling interests		35,186	36,490
		1,301,652	1,265,725

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30th September, 2023

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited condensed 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 (the “HKICPA”) and with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “Listing Rules”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”).

Except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the 2023/24 annual financial statements, the unaudited condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2022/23 annual financial statements. Details of any changes in accounting policies are set out in note 2.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited condensed financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified for the revaluation of investment properties and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss which are measured at fair values, as appropriate.

Groups of assets acquired and liabilities assumed are assessed to determine if they are business or asset acquisitions. When a group of assets acquired and liabilities assumed do not constitute a business, the overall acquisition cost is allocated to the individual identifiable assets and liabilities based on their relative fair values at the date of acquisition. An exception is when the sum of the individual fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities differs from the overall acquisition cost. In such case, any identifiable assets and liabilities that are initially measured at an amount other than cost in accordance with the group’s policies are measured accordingly, and the residual acquisition cost is allocated to the remaining identifiable assets and liabilities based on their relative fair values at the date of acquisition.

In the current period, the Group has adopted the following new or revised standards and amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (the “new HKFRSs”) issued by the HKICPA, which are or have become effective for the Group’s financial year beginning on 1st April, 2023:

HKFRS 17	Insurance contracts and related amendments
HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2 (Amendments)	Disclosure of Accounting Policies
HKAS 8 (Amendments)	Definition of Accounting Estimates
HKAS 12 (Amendments)	Income taxes: Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising
HKAS 12 (Amendments)	International tax reform – Pillar Two model rules

The adoption of the new HKFRSs has had no material effect on the condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the current or prior accounting periods. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been required.

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

An analysis of the Group's segment information by operating segments is as follows:

Operating segments

Statement of profit or loss for the six months ended 30th September, 2023

	Convenience store operation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Rice operation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Packaging materials operation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Securities investment <i>HK\$'000</i>	Property investment <i>HK\$'000</i>	Retailtainment operation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Corporate and others <i>HK\$'000</i>	Elimination <i>HK\$'000</i>	Consolidated <i>HK\$'000</i>
REVENUE									
External sales	589,281	355,378	77,380	—	1,548	3,271	127	—	1,026,985
Inter-segment sales	97	—	4,961	—	—	—	—	(5,058)	—
Total sales	589,378	355,378	82,341	—	1,548	3,271	127	(5,058)	1,026,985
RESULTS									
Segment results	5,113	35,583	3,172	1,300	(1,279)	69,446	1,173		114,508
Finance costs	—	—	—	—	—	—	(236)		(236)
Share of results of associates	—	(214)	—	—	(3)	—	(140)		(357)
Share of results of joint ventures	—	—	(52)	—	(258)	—	—		(310)
Profit before taxation									113,605
Taxation									(30,487)
Profit for the period									83,118
Profit attributable to:									
Shareholders of the Company									82,337
Non-controlling interests									781
									83,118

3. **SEGMENT INFORMATION** (Continued)
Operating segments (Continued)

Segment assets and liabilities as at 30th September, 2023

	Convenience store operation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Rice operation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Packaging materials operation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Securities investment <i>HK\$'000</i>	Property investment <i>HK\$'000</i>	Retailtainment operation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Corporate and others <i>HK\$'000</i>	Consolidated <i>HK\$'000</i>
ASSETS								
Segment assets	610,190	211,503	141,985	18,455	370,652	223,151	426,995	2,002,931
Interests in associates	—	10,043	—	—	19,977	—	3,995	34,015
Interests in joint ventures	—	—	3,959	—	11,284	—	—	15,243
Consolidated total assets								<u>2,052,189</u>
LIABILITIES								
Segment liabilities	526,513	58,803	108,285	—	2,362	9,008	6,288	711,259
Unallocated corporate liabilities								<u>39,278</u>
Consolidated total liabilities								<u>750,537</u>

3. **SEGMENT INFORMATION** (Continued)
Operating segments (Continued)

Statement of profit or loss for the six months ended 30th September, 2022

	Convenience store operation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Rice operation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Packaging materials operation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Securities investment <i>HK\$'000</i>	Property investment <i>HK\$'000</i>	Corporate and others <i>HK\$'000</i>	Elimination <i>HK\$'000</i>	Consolidated <i>HK\$'000</i>
REVENUE								
External sales	606,866	349,440	71,823	—	1,879	—	—	1,030,008
Inter-segment sales	—	—	4,555	—	—	—	(4,555)	—
Total sales	606,866	349,440	76,378	—	1,879	—	(4,555)	1,030,008
RESULTS								
Segment results	48,801	58,711	(6,420)	(18,234)	436	82		83,376
Finance costs	—	—	—	—	—	(298)		(298)
Share of results of associates	—	(67)	—	—	(9)	—		(76)
Share of results of joint ventures	—	—	—	—	(254)	—		(254)
Profit before taxation								82,748
Taxation								(10,372)
Profit for the period								72,376
Profit attributable to:								
Shareholders of the Company								74,764
Non-controlling interests								(2,388)
								72,376

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)
Operating segments (Continued)

Segment assets and liabilities as at 31st March, 2023

	Convenience store operation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Rice operation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Packaging materials operation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Securities investment <i>HK\$'000</i>	Property investment <i>HK\$'000</i>	Corporate and others <i>HK\$'000</i>	Consolidated <i>HK\$'000</i>
ASSETS							
Segment assets	584,300	193,623	144,662	10,570	360,142	552,871	1,846,168
Interests in associates	—	10,257	—	—	20,407	4,326	34,990
Interests in joint ventures	—	—	4	—	11,493	—	11,497
Unallocated corporate assets							<u>1,023</u>
Consolidated total assets							<u>1,893,678</u>
LIABILITIES							
Segment liabilities	460,664	53,141	103,828	—	985	7,970	626,588
Unallocated corporate liabilities							<u>1,365</u>
Consolidated total liabilities							<u>627,953</u>

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Geographical segments

The Group's operations are located in Vietnam, Hong Kong, PRC and other regions.

The following table provides an analysis of the Group's sales by location of markets, irrespective of the origin of the goods/services:

	Revenue by geographical markets	
	For the six months ended 30th September,	
	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Vietnam	589,408	606,866
Hong Kong	358,684	354,524
PRC and others	78,893	68,618
	1,026,985	1,030,008

4. NET OTHER INCOME

	For the six months ended 30th September,	
	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Interest revenue on:		
— Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,774	30
— Financial assets measured at amortised costs	5,053	2,013
	6,827	2,043
Dividend income from listed financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	11	16
Other income from convenience store operation	6,985	9,027
(Impairment loss)/reversal of impairment loss of right-of-use assets and equipment	(4,503)	10,947
Net realized gain/(loss) on disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9	(1,268)
Net foreign exchange loss	(10,449)	(937)
Effective interest income from rental deposits	1,244	1,052
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	121	(1,771)
Gain on partial disposal of an associate	4	—
COVID-19-related rent concessions	—	1,380
Government grants from Anti-Epidemic Fund	—	2,592
Sundry income	2,660	1,324
	2,909	24,405

5. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

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

	For the six months ended 30th September,	
	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Depreciation and amortisation of property, plant and equipment	24,864	22,590
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	56,994	44,872
Impairment loss/(reversal of impairment loss) of equipment	647	(4,472)
Impairment loss/(reversal of impairment loss) of right-of-use assets	3,856	(6,475)
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	255	258
Interest on lease liabilities	16,087	14,682
Interest on bank loans	236	298

6. TAXATION

	For the six months ended 30th September,	
	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Current tax:		
Hong Kong	6,222	10,496
Others	76	17
	6,298	10,513
Under-provision in prior years:		
Hong Kong	363	—
Deferred tax	23,826	(141)
Taxation attributable to the Company and its subsidiaries	30,487	10,372

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profit for both periods, except for the first HK\$2,000,000 of a qualified entity's assessable profit which is calculated at 8.25%, in accordance with the two-tiered profits tax rate regime.

Taxation arising in other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

7. DIVIDEND

(a) Dividend attributable to the interim period:

	For the six months ended 30th September,	
	2023	2022
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Interim dividend declared after the interim period end of HK 1.1 cents per share on 1,697,406,458 shares (2022: HK1.2 cents per share on 1,697,406,458 shares)	18,671	20,369

The interim dividend declared after the interim period end has not been recognised as a liability at the interim period end date.

(b) Dividend attributable to the previous financial year, approved and paid during the interim period:

	For the six months ended 30th September,	
	2023	2022
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Final dividend in respect of the previous financial year, approved and paid during the interim period, of HK1.45 cents per share on 1,697,406,458 shares (2022: HK1.2 cents per share on 1,697,406,458 shares)	24,612	20,369

8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings per share attributable to the shareholders of the Company is based on the following data:

	For the six months ended 30th September,	
	2023	2022
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Earnings for the purpose of basic earnings per share	82,337	74,764

There were no dilutive potential ordinary shares for both periods.

9. TRADE DEBTORS

The Group allows an average credit period of 30-60 days to its trade customers. The following is an aging analysis of trade debtors at the end of the reporting period according to the goods delivery date:

	30th September, 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31st March, 2023 (Audited) HK\$'000
Within 30 days	41,908	27,045
31-60 days	23,953	26,255
61-90 days	9,144	7,772
Over 90 days	5,124	4,364
	80,129	65,436

The Group assesses the credit status and imposes credit limits for potential new customers in accordance with the Group's credit policy. The credit limits are closely monitored and subject to periodic reviews.

For the six months ended 30th September, 2023, the Group has made allowance for expected credit losses of approximately HK\$488,000 for the trade debtor balances.

10. TRADE CREDITORS

The following is an aging analysis of trade creditors at the end of the reporting period according to the goods delivery date:

	30th September, 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31st March, 2023 (Audited) HK\$'000
Within 30 days	133,514	113,367
31-60 days	6,893	4,726
61-90 days	2,431	558
Over 90 days	526	606
	143,364	119,257

11. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Authorised		
At 1st April, 2022, 31st March, 2023 and 30th September, 2023	3,000,000,000	300,000
Issued and fully paid		
At 1st April, 2022, 31st March, 2023 and 30th September, 2023	1,697,406,458	169,741

There was no movement in share capital during the current period and last year.

12. ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES

On 31st May, 2023, Honorwood Limited (“Honorwood”), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Group has entered into a sale and purchase agreement with independent third parties to acquire the entire equity interest in NI Corporation (“NI”) at a consideration of JPY3,404,000,000 (the “Acquisition”). On 16th June, 2023, the Acquisition was completed pursuant to the fulfilment of all consideration as set out in sale and purchase agreement signed.

NI is principally engaged in investment holding and holds the entire issued share capital of the Izumikyo Co., Ltd. (“Izumikyo”). Izumikyo mainly engaged in holding the land and the properties in Japan.

Assets acquired and liabilities recognized at the date of the Acquisition:

	(Unaudited) HK\$'000
Land and buildings	151,636
Cash and cash equivalents	55,329
Other assets	14,536
Trade and other creditors	(14,017)
Other liabilities	(12,709)
	194,775

Net cash outflow arising on the Acquisition:

	(Unaudited) HK\$'000
Consideration paid in cash	189,969
Directly attributable costs of acquisition	4,806
	194,775
Less: cash and cash equivalents acquired	(55,329)
	139,446

CHAIRMAN STATEMENT

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of Golden Resources Development International Limited, I am pleased to present the business review of our Group for the six months ended 30th September, 2023 (“H1 2023/24”).

Although the global business environment has faced ongoing challenges including inflation, elevated interest rates, economic uncertainty and increasing geopolitical tensions, the Group again delivered positive results for H1 2023/24.

During the period, the Group recorded a net profit attributable to shareholders of approximately HK\$82.3 million compared to approximately HK\$74.8 million during the same period last year. Total Group revenue remained steady at approximately HK\$1,027.0 million (H1 2022/23: HK\$1,030.0 million).

Convenience Store Operation

Our convenience stores in Vietnam expanded to 434 stores by the end of September 2023, representing a net increase of 36 stores compared to the same period last year. Our revenue in H1 2023/24 came in at par compared with H1 2022/23, and the selling and distribution costs increased. It was mainly due to the relative softening in Vietnam’s economic growth and market sentiment, the impact of our store image refreshment programme and higher operating costs derived from our expanded operations. With signs of economic recovery in Vietnam towards the end of the period under review, the Group is confident that growth momentum will strengthen on the back of our expanded Circle K network.

Rice Operation

During the period under review, our rice operation remained the largest contributor of the Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) business of the Group. Despite the persistent competition in the rice market, the Group’s effort to develop the new distribution channels and marketing initiatives have led to the growth in the revenue and the market share of the rice business. Going forward, the Group will continue actively pursuing our new strategic direction to leverage our existing marketing and distribution platforms in developing new opportunities in the space of fast-moving consumer goods beyond rice.

Packaging Materials Operation

Our subsidiary company, Supreme Development Company Limited, recorded a rise in revenue during the period under review. This operation recorded a segment profit of approximately HK\$3.2 million, swinging from a loss during the same period last year, mainly due to a recovery in export markets as business activities of overseas customers revived after the global pandemic. In a boost for the business, our green packaging solutions emerged as one of the awardees of a three-year contract for the HKSAR Government Municipal Solid Waste Charging programme which will come into effect on 1st April, 2024.

CHAIRMAN STATEMENT (Continued)

Retailtainment Operation

In May 2023, we expanded our footprint in Japan by strategically acquiring NI Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiary Izumikyo Co., Ltd. This acquisition included some 326,000 square metres of land, 80% of which is near the heart of Hirafu (one of the four skiing hubs of Niseko United). We intend to transform the land into a “Retailtainment” destination.

For the period ended 30th September, 2023, our Retailtainment operation recorded a segment profit of approximately HK\$69.5 million. It was mainly due to the surplus on revaluation of investment properties.

Investments

As of 30th September, 2023, the Group had cash and bank balances of HK\$414.6 million. With our sound balance sheet and strong cashflow from core businesses, we are well positioned to pursue quality business investment opportunities to generate stable income streams to maximize the value for our shareholders.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, I would like to express my deep appreciation to all our staff for their tireless commitment in bringing quality products and services to the customers in markets in which we operate.

Laurent LAM Kwing Chee
Group Executive Chairman

Hong Kong, 29th November, 2023

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Group revenues remained steady at HK\$1,026,985,000 for the six months ended 30th September, 2023 (“H1 2023/24”). The profit attributable to shareholders was HK\$82,337,000, representing an increase of 10.1% as compared to the same period last year.

Convenience Store Operation

Our convenience store operation experienced the rapid growth last year, despite the relatively weak economic growth and market sentiment in the Vietnamese market in the first half of this year, achieved revenue of HK\$589,281,000 (H1 2022/23: HK\$606,866,000) and the segment profit of HK\$5,113,000 (H1 2022/23: HK\$48,801,000). The segment profit gap was HK\$43,688,000 compared to the same period last year, it was mainly due to growth in store numbers, store image restructuring, increased selling and distribution costs, and the change in impairment loss of right-of-use assets and equipment.

Rice Operation

During the period under review, the revenue of our rice operation increased by 1.7% compared to the same period last year, with the revenue rising from HK\$349,440,000 to HK\$355,378,000. However, due to the increased procurement and operating costs, as well as the investments in new distribution channels and the market initiatives, the segment profit of the rice operation dropped by 39.4% from HK\$58,711,000 in the first half of 2022/23 to HK\$35,583,000.

Packaging Materials Operation

For the period ended 30th September, 2023, the revenue of our packaging materials operation increased by 7.7% and achieved HK\$77,380,000 (H1 2022/23: HK\$71,823,000) and the segment profit was HK\$3,172,000 (H1 2022/23: loss HK\$6,420,000). The overall performance of this segment has shown significant improvement. It was benefited from the resumption of commercial activities by overseas clients after the pandemic and the strengthening of the cost control.

Retailtainment Operation

On 31st May, 2023, Honorwood Limited (“Honorwood”), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into agreement with the shareholders of NI Corporation to acquire the entire issued share capital of NI Corporation at the Consideration of JPY3,404,000,000. After the completion of the acquisition in June 2023, NI Corporation, a joint-stock company with limited liability established under the laws of Japan, and its wholly-owned subsidiary Izumikyō Co., Ltd., a joint-stock company with limited liability established under the laws of Japan, have officially become a new segment of our group, the Retailtainment operation.

Details of the acquisition were disclosed in the Discloseable Transaction Announcement of the Company dated 31st May, 2023.

We aim to expand our footprint through this strategic acquisition of NI Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiary Izumikyō Co., Ltd. This acquisition included some 326,000 square metres of land, 80% of which is near the heart of Hirafu (one of the four skiing hubs of Niseko United). We intend to transform the land into a new “Retailtainment” destination.

For the period ended 30th September, 2023, our Retailtainment operation recorded a segment profit of HK\$69,446,000. It was mainly due to the surplus on revaluation of investment properties.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Liquidity and Financial Resources

The Group's financial position remains sound and healthy with cash balance of HK\$414,557,000 as at 30th September, 2023.

As at 30th September, 2023, the Group's total current assets and total current liabilities amounted to HK\$805,577,000 (31st March, 2023: HK\$898,207,000) and HK\$451,313,000 (31st March, 2023: HK\$369,837,000) respectively.

The Group maintains sound liquidity ratio. The current ratio (defined as total current assets over total current liabilities) as at 30th September, 2023 was 1.8 times (31st March, 2023: 2.4 times). If excluding the current portion of lease liabilities of HK\$124,575,000 (31st March, 2023: HK\$117,232,000) recognized under HKFRS 16 "Leases", the current ratio was 2.5 times (31st March, 2023: 3.5 times). As at 30th September, 2023, the outstanding bank loan was HK\$6,005,000 (31st March, 2023: HK\$7,611,000) and shareholders' equity was HK\$1,266,466,000 (31st March, 2023: HK\$1,229,235,000).

With cash and other current assets of HK\$805,577,000 as at 30th September, 2023 as well as available banking facilities, the Group has sufficient financial resources to satisfy its commitments and working capital requirements.

Looking forward, the Group believes that the COVID-19 pandemic will be gradually mitigated and the global economy will recover at accelerated pace. We have laid solid foundation in our core businesses and will continue to preserve sound and healthy financial position to meet future opportunities and challenges ahead.

DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION

On 31st May, 2023, Honorwood Limited (“Honorwood”), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into agreement with the shareholders namely Yoshio Nishimura, Sachiko Nishimura, Urara Nishimura and Ayano Nishimura (the “Vendors”) of NI Corporation, pursuant to which Honorwood conditionally agreed to acquire, and the Vendors conditionally agreed to sell the entire issued share capital of NI Corporation at the Consideration of JPY3,404,000,000. Upon Completion, the Company will indirectly hold the entire issued share capital of NI Corporation, a joint-stock company with limited liability established under the laws of Japan, which will in turn hold Izumikyo Co., Ltd., a joint-stock company with limited liability established under the laws of Japan, collectively the Target Group.

Izumikyo Co., Ltd. holds 133 parcels of land with a total site area of 326,292.25 square metres in Niseko and its surrounding areas (the “Land”). Out of the Land, there are more than 80% of the total site area which are located in the Hirafu and nearby areas of Niseko, on which 11 properties with a total gross floor area of 2,311.87 square metres have been erected (the “Properties”).

The Target Group is principally engaged in the business of real estate transactions, leasing accommodations, operating restaurants, managing sports facilities and parking lots in Niseko and its surrounding areas through its ownership in the Land and the Properties.

Details of the acquisition of the entire issued share capital of NI Corporation are disclosed in the Discloseable Transaction Announcement of the Company dated 31st May, 2023.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of HK1.1 cents per share for the year ending 31st March, 2024 (2022/23: HK1.2 cents per share) to the shareholders on the Register of Members of the Company at the close of business on Thursday, 14th December, 2023.

It is expected that the interim dividend will be paid to the shareholders on or about Monday, 15th January, 2024.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 14th December, 2023 to Wednesday, 20th December, 2023, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and the appropriate transfer forms must be lodged with the Company’s Branch Share Registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Standard Limited, 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. (Hong Kong time) on Wednesday, 13th December, 2023.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

The total number of employees for the Group is about 4,371.

Remuneration packages are reviewed by the Group from time to time. In addition to salary payments, other fringe benefits for the staff include retirement benefits schemes and medical insurance scheme, as well as quarters and housing allowances for certain staff. The Group has taken out personal accident insurance for senior staff and the staff who frequently travel overseas on business trips.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company adopted all the code provisions in the Corporate Governance Code (the “Code”) as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules as its own code on corporate governance. The Company has complied with the Code throughout the six months ended 30th September, 2023.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “Model Code”) as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors of the Company. All Directors have confirmed, following specific enquiry by the Company, that they fully complied with the required standard as set out in the Model Code throughout the review period.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee comprising three Independent Non-executive Directors, Mr. Joseph LAM Yuen To, Mr. Michael YU Tat Chi and Mr. Ronald YAN Mou Keung, had reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, internal control and financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30th September, 2023.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY’S LISTED SHARES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company’s listed shares for the six months ended 30th September, 2023.

PUBLICATION OF THE INTERIM RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT

The interim results announcement is published on the website of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (www.hkex.com.hk) and the website of the Company (www.grdil.com). The 2023/2024 interim report will be dispatched to shareholders and will be published on the aforementioned websites in due course.

On behalf of the Board
Golden Resources Development International Limited
Laurent LAM Kwing Chee
Chairman

Hong Kong, 29th November, 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Laurent LAM Kwing Chee (Chairman and Group Executive Chairman), Mr. Anthony LAM Sai Ho (Vice Chairman and Group Chief Executive Officer), Madam LAM Sai Mann, Ms. Morna YUEN Mai-tong and Mr. TSANG Siu Hung. The non-executive director of the Company is Mr. Dennis LAM Saihong. The independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Joseph LAM Yuen To, Mr. Michael YU Tat Chi and Mr. Ronald YAN Mou Keung.